

OFFICIAL MINUTES: MARCH 16, 2009 SPECIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION & WORKING SESSION



PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
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Special Executive & Working Session of the Parkrose Board of Education of School
District No. 3, Multnomah County, Oregon

Monday, March 16, 2009

MINUTES

THE EXECUTIVE
SESSION WAS
CONVENED

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS – 6:00 P.M.

The Parkrose Board of Education of School District No. 3, Multnomah County, Oregon, convened in an Executive Session at the Parkrose School District, Office of the Superintendent in the said District, County, and State at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on the date hereinabove shown and by common consent of the directors.

Chair Woods called the executive session to order at 6:05 p.m.

- a> Under ORS 192.660 (2)(b) “To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.”

Those present were the five (5) members of the Board: Chair James Woods, Vice-Chair Ed Grassel, Guy Crawford, Alesia Reese, and Katie Larsell.

Others in attendance were Superintendent Karen Fischer Gray, Director of Business Operations Mary Larson, Director of Student Resources Kathy Keim-Robinson, and Director of Human Resources Marian Young.

The Executive Session adjourned to the call of Chair Woods at 6:40 p.m.

THE WORKING
SESSION WAS
CONVENED

WORKING SESSION BOARD MEETING – CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 P.M.

The Parkrose Board of Education of School District No. 3, Multnomah County, Oregon, convened in working session at the Parkrose District Office in the Boardroom in the said District, County, and State at the hour of 6:45 p.m. on the date hereinabove shown and by common consent of the directors.

PRESENT: James Woods – Chair
Ed Grassel – Vice-Chair
Alesia Reese
Guy Crawford
Katie Larsell

Others in attendance: Superintendent Karen Fischer Gray, Business Operations Director Mary Larson, Director of Human Resources Marian Young, Director of Student Services Kathy Keim-Robinson, and Board Secretary April Jump.

a> **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Presentation:

Director of Business Services Mary Larson distributed several handouts through the meeting. The first handout involved budget principles staff wanted to use as a framework for budget dialogues with staff and the community. Ms. Larson and Chair Woods explained the rationale behind several bullets.

There was a question as to what fund transfers were and how they saved the district money. It was explained the district put money in funds that were transferred from general fund. That money was no longer placed in those funds. This process was described as a type of financial “shock absorber.”

There was conversation regarding budget dialog, district core beliefs, dealing with “sacred cows” and the subsequent difficult conversations about programs/staffing that were special or protected.

Ms. Larson ran through several programs to help the Board determine what, if any, items were to be considered non-negotiable. The list of programs included PLS Initiatives, Instructional Strategies,

BUDGET
DISCUSSION

Ending Fund Balance %, All Day Kindergarten, Outdoor School, ACE Charter School, Clark County Skills Center, Professional Development, 6-8 Athletic Program, 9-12 Athletic Program, Athletic Fees, Current FTE Administrative Staff, Elementary Buildings Open in Evenings, Community Center Fund (Pool), Waivers of Fees, Transportation, Food Service, and Day Care Program.

Ms. Larson also reviewed a budget fact sheet regarding the cost of programs/staffing. In addition, Ms. Larson reviewed information on expenditure changes that had already occurred for the current budget year.

The Board briefly had a conversation regarding which figure to use for the 2009-2010 budget. It was asked where in the budget was the risk. Ms. Larson noted a risk point would be which number to use. The advantage of using the more conservative number would be should the higher number be the actual number, additional funds would come in that could be used toward preserving existing programs/staff.

Director of Human Resources Marian Young handed out information regarding teachers and class sizes up against ADMw. She briefly explained the information.

Superintendent Gray stated the next steps involved additional information gathering and beginning several budget meetings with staff and the community. The first budget meeting would be at Shaver Elementary on March 17, 2009. The goal at the meetings was to provide information and receive feedback. Superintendent Gray asked the Board to participate when they were able and available to participate.

Lastly, Superintendent Gray distributed an informational sheet from the Superintendent and Board of David Douglas School District inviting the Boards to discuss the consolidation of districts. Superintendent Gray stated she was only obtaining a "pulse" from the School Board to determine whether it was interested in partaking in a dialogue regarding the idea. She asked Board members to contact her with their thoughts.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chair Woods adjourned the special working session of the Parkrose Board of Education at 8:12 p.m.