



MEETING OVERVIEW: POLICY COMMITTEE

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the reports to and actions taken by the Committee of the Board of Education. In accordance with ORS 192.650, the official Meeting Minutes are maintained via video recording and may be viewed at <https://youtu.be/bc7hF2b9yA0?si=OfPUcUtZaIJTI0Y1>

The meeting came to order at 4:34 pm at the call of Committee Chair Julia Brim-Edwards. This meeting was held at the Dr. Matthew Prophet Education Center (Prophet Center) 501 N Dixon St. Portland, OR 97227 and streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/@ppsboardofeducation/live>

Attendance

There were present:

Committee Members

Directors Julia Brim-Edwards (Committee Chair), Michelle DePass, and Eddie Wang

District Student Council Representative(s)

Frankie Silverstein (Board Student Representative), Astrid Robin, Piper Stoeliting

Staff and Other Attendees

Kara Bradshaw – Executive Assistant, Board of Education

Margaret Calvert – Assistant Superintendent

Emily Courtnage – Director, Purchasing and Contracting

Jonathan Garcia – Chief of Staff

Janise Hansen – Senior Internal Auditor

Mary Kane – Senior Legal Counsel

Rachel Lent – Paralegal

Dr. Esther Omogbehin – Assistant Superintendent

Terry Proctor – Manager, Multimedia Services

Don Wolff – Chief Technology Officer

Agenda

<i>Time Started</i>	<i>Agenda Title</i>
4:34 pm	Introductions
4:37 pm	Religious and Cultural Observances Policy x.xx.xxx-P
4:48 pm	Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Policy x.xx.xxx-P
5:52 pm	Policies in the Public Comment Period
5:54 pm	School Initiation and School Closure Policy 6.10.030-P
5:59 pm	Student Enrollment and Transfer Policy 4.10.051-P
6:01 pm	District Performance Auditing Policy 1.60.040-P
6:05 pm	Equitable Private Funding
6:08 pm	Public Comment
6:18 pm	Adjourned

Committee Referrals

The Committee referred the following new policies to the full Board for a First Reading:

- Religious and Cultural Observances Policy x.xx.xxx-P

The Committee referred the following revised policies to the full Board for a First Reading:

- Student Enrollment and Transfer Policy 4.10.051-P
- District Performance Auditing Policy 1.60.040-P

Student and Public Comment

- Maya Pueo von Geldern – Foundation Fundraising Reform
- Peter Sachs – In Support of Foundation Fundraising
- Mike Westling – Foundation Fundraising Reform
- Elizabeth Doerr – Foundation Fundraising Reform

Committee Discussions

Religious and Cultural Observances Policy x.xx.xxx-P

Staff: Margaret Calvert and Mary Kane

Director Brim-Edwards provided an overview of the Religious and Cultural Observances policy, noting that it is an expansion of past work on the District calendar. Committee members asked questions and provided feedback regarding the proposed policy, touching on the absence rates for religious and cultural holidays, communication of dates through the district calendar, potential forms for requests, and the importance of non-punitive implementation, especially in terms of not requiring makeup work.

The Committee referred the policy for a first reading.

Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Policy x.xx.xxx-P

Staff: Mary Kane

Director Brim-Edwards provided historical context for the policy and noted that the policy includes definitions and state laws. The Committee considered the policy by section, addressing questions, discussing key points, and providing suggestions for language updates. The discussion covered the promotion and sale of educational materials by staff, the applicability of the policy to student representatives, conflicts of employees performing external work during regular hours, specifically whether while on paid vacation leave is considered a conflict, conflict disclosure practices, potential disciplinary measures, and the handling of complaints against board members.

Next steps include updating the policy with changes made during the discussion, with members of the committee then submitting any other questions or feedback in advance of the subsequent meeting.

Policies in the Public Comment Period

Director Brim-Edwards noted that the Class Size Policy will not advance to a second reading, and that it could potentially be looked at jointly with the Student Success Committee. No new public comment was received.

School Initiation and School Closure Policy 6.10.030-P

Director Brim-Edwards shared that there is interest in addressing the policy as a full Board. Director Brim-Edwards and DePass will draft language that addresses past harm using a racial equity lens.

Enrollment and Transfer

Director Brim-Edwards shared that the policy revisions are aimed at improving the lottery process efficiency, noting that there is a lengthy staff report detailing the revisions included in the meeting materials. The policy was referred for a first reading after eliminating unnecessary sections about policy implementation dates.

Audit Committee Policy

Staff: Janise Hansen

Staff noted that the suggested policy revisions include language regarding community members on the Audit Committee. The committee referred the language for a first reading.

Purchasing and Contracting Rules

Staff: Emily Courtnage

Before moving for a first reading, the Committee opted to have a broader conversation with the full board, considering the upcoming budget-related work.

Equitable Private funding

Director Brim-Edwards noted that staff are working on gathering more information, including a class size heat map and an overview of how the new PAT language might affect private fundraising.

Adjourn

Committee Chair Julia Brim-Edwards adjourned the meeting at 6:18 pm.

Submitted by:



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