

GRESHAM-BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 JT.
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting / Business

May 4, 2017

The Gresham-Barlow School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, May 4, 2017, in the council chambers of the Public Safety and Schools building, 1331 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, Oregon.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by the chair, Carla Piluso. Other board members in attendance were Sharon Garner, Kris Howatt, Kathy Ruthruff, Matt O’Connell, and John Hartsock. Kent Zook was absent.

The following members of the superintendent’s cabinet were present:

Jim Schlachter.....	Superintendent
James Hiu.....	Deputy Superintendent of Secondary Education and Operations
Teresa Ketelsen.....	Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
Mike Schofield.....	Chief Financial Officer
Randy Bryant.....	Executive Director of Human Resources
Julie Evans.....	Executive Director of Elementary Education
Sara Huston.....	Executive Director of School Performance
John Koch.....	Executive Director of Student Support Services
Athena Vadnais.....	Director of Communications and Community Engagement

Dr. A. Katrise Perera, incoming superintendent (effective July 1, 2017), was in the audience and attended for a portion of the meeting.

The chair led board members, administrators and all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Note: All handouts provided at this session have been uploaded to the School Board page on the district’s web site: www.gresham.k12.or.us. Copies are also on file at the district office.

MOTION 82 MEETING AGENDA (7:05 p.m.)

It was moved by Matt O’Connell, seconded by Kris Howatt and carried 6 to 0 to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

MOTION 83 CONSENT AGENDA (7:06 p.m.)

The following items were included on the consent agenda:

1. Minutes from Regular Work Session..... April 6, 2017
Minutes from Regular Business Meeting..... April 6, 2017
Minutes from Special Work Session..... April 13, 2017
2. Financial Report
3. Policy Updates
4. Personnel: Superintendent Contract

It was moved by John Hartsock, seconded by Sharon Garner and carried 6 to 0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

RECOGNITIONS (7:07 p.m.)

Introduction of Incoming Superintendent: Kris Howatt, who served as a member of the superintendent search committee, introduced Dr. A. Katrice Perera who will serve as the district's superintendent of schools beginning July 1, 2017.

Dr. Perera is the former national director of urban markets division with McGraw Hill Education. Prior to that, she served as superintendent of the Isle of Wight County Schools in Smithfield, Virginia, for four years. In 2015, the National Association of School Superintendents named her "Superintendent of the Year." Her extensive experience as an educator includes classroom teacher, middle school principal, assessment director, and area/regional superintendent of the Houston School District.

State Acting Competition: Gresham High School, First Place: The board honored Gresham High School drama students who took first place at the State Acting Competition for the sixth year in a row. (Refer to the agenda packet for more information.)

Katie Card: OSAA State Speech Champion: Katie Card, a Sam Barlow High School sophomore, was recognized for being named the OSAA State Speech Champion for her expository speech entitled, "Salt." Katie's twin sister, Liz Card, qualified for the NSDA national competition with her expository/informative speech and will represent Sam Barlow High School this summer at the national event.

Tina Roberts: Celebrate Literacy Award Recipient: Tina Roberts, a Gresham High School teacher, was recognized for being named a recipient of the Celebrate Literacy Award for 2017. The International Literacy Association's Celebrate Literacy Award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions at the local level. Ms. Roberts will be recognized by the Portland Reading Council at a celebration in May.

District Earns Energy Star Award: The board honored Terry Taylor, director of facilities, and his team for receiving the 2017 Energy Star Partner of the Year Award for Sustained Excellence. Also acknowledged were Ken Yoder, Alan Crapser, and Eric Peterson, custodians who attended the meeting as representatives the facilities department.

Athena Vadnais Named OSPRA Communicator of the Year: Athena Vadnais was recognized for being named "Communicator of the Year" by the Oregon School Public Relations Association (OSPRA) at its spring conference. The Communicator of the Year award honors individuals who go above and beyond to serve their organizations, assist peers, serve as a resource for other school communicators, and innovate new ideas and projects. The award aims to honor the best of the profession.

GRESHAM-BARLOW EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT (7:33 p.m.)

Foundation reports are typically presented every-other-month. Accordingly, there was no Foundation report this month.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (7:33 p.m.)

Superintendent Schlachter reported on the following:

- The board meeting agenda was filled with items highlighting the district's successes. For example, the district has award-winning students and staff members, is in the process of implementing a school bond construction program, is working on goals related to equity, it adopting new curriculum, and much more.
- Challenges face the district, especially in the area of funding. The proposed budget and accompanying budget message will be released on May 11. It will be built on a K-12 statewide funding level of \$8.1 Billion for the 2017-19 biennium. (The legislature is still in the process of determining the funding level for schools.) This level of funding will result in a budget shortfall for school districts throughout Oregon. It is fortunate that Gresham-Barlow can reduce spending in the area of capital construction costs due to the passage of the 2016 school bond measure; however, additional reductions and savings are necessary. The district will balance its budget by making staff reductions in all areas (administrative, licensed, and classified), suspending curriculum adoptions, and spending down the district's ending fund balance. Staff and community members are encouraged to contact state lawmakers and share with them how reduced funding for schools would impact the district's educational program.

DEEP CREEK-DAMASCUS K-8 AWARDED GREEN SCHOOL PREMIER LEVEL (7:40 p.m.)

Principal Lori Walter and students from Deep Creek-Damascus K-8 shared information about their recycling history and practices. Deep Creek-Damascus K-8 School was awarded the Oregon Green School Premier Level 2017 by the Oregon Green Schools Association.

COLLABORATION GRANT UPDATE: (7:45 p.m.)

Grant Managers Mark Kim and Regina Norris reported about a \$1,025,000 collaboration grant that was awarded to the district by the Oregon Department of Education for the 2016-17 school year.

BOND UPDATE: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECTS: (7:58 p.m.)

Principal Kimberly Miles and representatives from the DLR Group provided an update on bond projects at East Gresham Elementary School. Principal Tracy Klinger and representatives from BBT Architects reviewed the work completed for North Gresham.

BOND UPDATE: WEBSITE: (8:25 p.m.)

The board reviewed a new website designed to keep students, staff, parents, and community members informed about progress on the district's bond projects.

DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL EQUITY POLICY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE
(8:30 p.m.)

Members of the District Equity Team reported on the first year of implementation of Policy JBB, Educational Equity. They summarized the district's equity professional learning focus and integration of equity throughout the district.

RECESS/RECONVENE (8:42 p.m.)

The meeting was recessed at 8:42 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND/OR REPORTS (8:55 p.m.)

It was noted that minutes from recent meetings of the following committees were provided in the board's agenda packet: Superintendent Search Selection Committee, Policy Review Committee, and District Advisory Council (DAC).

BOARD REPORTS (8:56 p.m.)

Board members summarized various meetings and other activities they participated in during the month.

CABINET REPORTS (9:04 p.m.)

There were no cabinet reports this evening.

ASSOCIATIONS REPORTS (9:04 p.m.)

Rhett Hyman, a teacher at East Orient Elementary School, reported on behalf of the Gresham-Barlow Education Association (GBEA).

Judy Hardy, an educational assistant at Hogan Cedars Elementary School, reported on behalf of Oregon School Education Association (OSEA) Chapter 8 employees.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS OF THE BOARD (9:06 p.m.)

Chair Piluso noted that Michelle DeParrie of Gresham submitted a written request encouraging the board consider changes to the district's dress code policy, specifically for middle school students. Ms. DeParrie needed to leave the meeting and was unable to address the board in person.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS (9:07 p.m.)

Board members reviewed a list of alternative education programs being provided for first reading. Action to approve the list will be requested at a subsequent meeting.

PAID LUNCH EQUITY (9:09 p.m.)

Board members reviewed a recommendation to increase lunch prices by \$0.10 effective July 1, 2017. It was explained that the United States Department of Agriculture requires all local education agencies (LEAs), regardless of current lunch prices, to annually review paid lunch prices to ensure that USDA funds are not subsidizing paid lunch amounts. An LEA is considered noncompliant when the average paid lunch price is less than the difference between the free and paid federal reimbursement rates, currently \$2.86. If the weighted average paid lunch price is less than that amount, LEAs must take corrective action to meet the requirement.

The board will vote on this recommendation at a subsequent meeting.

MOTION 85 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MATHEMATICS TEXTBOOK ADOPTION (9:12 p.m.)

It was moved by Kris Howatt, seconded by Matt O'Connell, and carried 6 to 0 to approve *Ready Common Core* and *iReady* by Curriculum Associates as the elementary math adoption, kindergarten through fifth grades, to begin with the 2017-18 school year, in the amount of \$812,000.

MOTION 86 HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS TEXTBOOK ADOPTION (9:14 p.m.)

Matt O'Connell moved to approve *Big Ideas* by HMH, *Pre Calculus with Limits* by Cengage, *Baccalaureate Standard Level* by Pearson, *IB Math Studies SL* by Oxford, and *Calculus for AP* by Cengage as the high school math textbook adoptions, to begin with the 2017-18 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000. Kris Howatt seconded the motion.

Following discussion, the motion carried 6 to 0.

MOTION 87 CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL: METRO EAST WEB ACADEMY (9:16 p.m.)

It was moved by John Hartsock, seconded by Kris Howatt and carried 6 to 0 to approve the Metro East Web Academy charter renewal for six years (2017-18 to 2022-23), subject to the negotiation of a contract to address the following recommendations:

- Conduct PSU (Portland State University) evaluations in even-numbered years, and the National Association of Charter School Authorizers evaluation in odd-numbered years
- Expand the range from grades 6-12 to kindergarten-12
- Increase total enrolment cap of 500 incrementally by adding 100 in 2017-18; 100 in 2018-19, and reassess for subsequent years
- Negotiate indirect costs
- Allow MEWA to establish its school year, school day, and hours of operation in accordance with state law

MOTION 88 CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL: GRESHAM ARTHUR ACADEMY
(9:18 p.m.)

A motion was made by Matt O’Connell and seconded by Kris Howatt to approve the Gresham Arthur Academy Public Charter School renewal for six years (2017-18 to 2022-23), subject to the negotiation of a contract to address the following recommendations:

- Conduct PSU (Portland State University) evaluations every odd-numbered year
- Maintain a local governing board as stated in the contract
- Waive ORS 338.025(s) that requires the public charter school to select students through an equitable lottery selection process; the waived students would not exceed 5% of the school’s annual student enrollment
- Replace references to highly-qualified (NCLBA) status with a requirement to provide a list of all licensed (teaching) staff, and their licensure status with the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission per Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- Maintain current language that states: “Oregon Statewide Assessments – of all students in each grade, regardless of time in attendance, the total percentage in that grade who meet or exceed state standards in tested content areas will be at least as high as the total percentage of the district’s students in the same grades who meet or exceed state standards.”
- Approve the use of Easy DBM, summative nationally normed standardized test, as the method of measuring student achievement in grades K, 1 and 2, and testing in the spring for all students in grades K, 1 and 2, and in the fall for new students in those grades
- Eliminate the requirement for a \$5,000 corporate savings to be on deposit with the Gresham-Barlow School District.

Following discussion, the motion carried 6 to 0.

MOTION 89 CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL: LEWIS & CLARK MONTESSORI
(9:24 p.m.)

It was moved by Kris Howatt, seconded by Kathy Ruthruff and carried 6 to 0 to approve the Lewis and Clark Montessori charter renewal for five years (2017-18 to 2021-22), subject to the negotiation of a contract to address the following recommendations:

- Maintain the funding rate at 80% ADMw
- Increase the enrollment cap to 375
- Review the services necessary for currently-enrolled students and assess staffing needs / provisions of special education services
- Provide monthly financial statements to the chief financial officer

- Replace references to highly-qualified (NCLBA) status with a requirement to provide a list of all licensed (teaching) staff, and their licensure status with the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission per Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

STRATEGIC PLANNING: QUARTER 3 REPORT (9:28 p.m.)

Superintendent Schlachter presented the Quarter 3 report, which outlined progress toward targets identified in the 2020 Strategic Plan. The report also summarized the volume of work completed, characteristics of the work, and the extent to which it is making a difference.

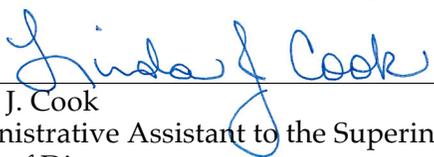
ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:31 p.m.)

- May 9: Policy Review Committee – 8 a.m.
Business Office Conference Room
Public Safety and Schools Building
- May 11: Budget Committee Meeting 1 of 2 - 7 p.m.
Forum Room (220)
Center for Advanced Learning
- May 22: Budget Committee Meeting 2 of 2 - 7 p.m.
Forum Room (220)
Center for Advanced Learning
- May 25: DAC End-of-Year BBQ and Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Kelly Creek Elementary School
Board Representatives: All
- May 29: Memorial Day Holiday
Schools and Offices Closed
- June 1: Board Work Session - 6 p.m.
Partnership Room
Center for Advanced Learning (CAL)
- June 5: District-wide Retirement Reception 4-6 p.m.
Council Chambers
Public Safety and Schools Building
- June 8: Board Work Session - 6 p.m.
Council Chambers Conference Room
Public Safety and Schools Building
- June 8: Budget Hearing – 6:45 p.m.
Council Chambers
Public Safety and Schools Building
- June 8: Regular Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
Council Chambers
Public Safety and Schools Building

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Note: These minutes were approved by the Gresham-Barlow School District Board of Directors on June 8, 2017.

Submitted by: 
Linda J. Cook
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and
Board of Directors