

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

September 7, 2017

The Gresham-Barlow School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, September 7, 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 7:06 p.m. by the chair, Kris Howatt. Other board members in attendance were Sharon Garner, Carla Piluso, Blake Petersen, Matt O’Connell, and John Hartsock. Kathy Ruthruff was absent.

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

Katrise Perera	Superintendent
James Hiu	Deputy Superintendent of Human Resources
Teresa Ketelsen	Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
Mike Schofield	Chief Financial Officer
Julie Evans	Executive Director of Elementary Education
Sara Hahn-Huston	Executive Director of School Performance
John Koch	Executive Director of Student Support Services
Athena Vadnais	Director of Communications and Community Engagement
Angie Kautz	Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning
April Olson	Director of Federal Programs
Bill DeWitz	Director of Technology Services
Karina Bruzzese	ELL Director

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 23 MEETING AGENDA (7:07 p.m.)

It was moved by Matt O’Connell, seconded by John Hartsock and carried 6 to 0 to approve the meeting agenda with item number 15 pulled (see below).

MOTION 24 CONSENT AGENDA (7:08 p.m.)

The following items were included on the consent agenda:

1. Minutes from Local Contracts Review Board Hearing..... July 6, 2017
Minutes from Regular Business Meeting..... July 6, 2017
Minutes from Board Planning Retreat..... August 25, 2017
2. Financial Report
3. Personnel Report: Employment Contracts
4. Annual Physical Restraint and Seclusion Review

It was moved by Matt O’Connell, seconded by Sharon Garner and carried 6 to 0 to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

RECOGNITIONS (7:09 p.m.)

National School Public Relations Association Awards: The board honored Athena Vadnais for her achievements that led to the Gresham-Barlow School District receiving several awards in NSPRA's 2017 Publications and Electronic Media Contest.

Junior Olympic National Racquetball Champion: The board honored Sam Barlow High School sophomore, Annie Roberts, for her athletic achievement. She won her three matches to claim the 14U bracket at the Junior Olympic National Racquetball Championship, and has earned a spot on Team USA to compete at the World Championship held in Minnesota this November.

GRESHAM-BARLOW EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT (7:13 p.m.)

Steve Lewis, a foundation board member of the Gresham-Barlow Education Foundation, reported on foundation activities.

When a member of the Gresham-Barlow Education Foundation is not present, John Hartsock will act as a liaison to the foundation and offer a report.

MOTION 25 EDUCATION FOUNDATION DONATION FOR EBOOKS K-12 (7:20 p.m.)

It was moved by Matt O'Connell, seconded by Blake Petersen and carried unanimously 6 to 0 to accept the Gresham-Barlow Education Foundation donation of \$11,000 to purchase eBooks.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (7:23 p.m.)

Superintendent Perera reported on the school year kick-off and convocation. She has visited each school during the first week that classes have been back in session.

On behalf of the City of Gresham, the Gresham-Barlow Education Foundation, and the Gresham Chamber of Commerce, Superintendent Perera was given a gift basket to welcome her to the community and school district.

PRESENTATIONS

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN UPDATE (7:27 p.m.)

John Koch shared the changes that were implemented in the program this year. The goal of the changes was to provide a more inclusive program for all students, more focused work in the building on teaching and learning rather than process, and a more efficient method for meeting requirements by ODE for compliance.

Mr. Koch gave an overview of the program schematic, which included examples of how students receive services and the different service levels. The hub was eliminated with this continuum of services. A team of five certified teachers, the IEP Specialist Team, will become the compliance experts.

There is also an assessment and evaluation team who will conduct the initial evaluation process of students. The initial evaluation process includes interventions and a comprehensive, cognitive, academic, and behavioral assessment of a student to see what needs to be done to support that student in the classroom. Lastly, there is a data entry team of four secretaries in charge of scheduling meetings and master calendaring. Collapsing this work into a central position enables teachers in the building to focus much more on teaching and learning.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND/OR REPORTS (xxxxxx p.m.)

District Advisory Council (DAC): It is the recommendation of the board to reconstitute this meeting into a different format allowing for a different way for the board to engage with parents, and a different way for parents to engage with district activities and opportunities. The meeting calendar that is listed is void.

Bond Oversight Committee Minutes, August 16, 2017: Mike Schofield gave an overview of this meeting. Being the first meeting, there was a lot of data and information shared on the status of projects, budgets, the bond management plan and their roles and responsibilities. The committee will meet quarterly. For additional information visit <https://www.gresham-barlowbond.org/bond-oversight/>

CITIZENS' REQUESTS OF THE BOARD (7:46 p.m.)

There were no citizens' requests of the board.

RECESS/RECONVENE (7:46 p.m.)

The meeting was recessed at 7:46 p.m. and reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION 26 **Nominations for OSBA Board of Directors** (7:54 p.m.)

Chair Howatt gave an overview of who currently serves in positions on the OSBA Board of Directors and the two positions available. She also provided information on the positions open for the Legislative Policy Committee.

It was moved by Matt O'Connell, seconded by Sharon Garner and carried unanimously 6 to 0 to nominate Kris Howatt for Position 18 on the OSBA Board of Directors.

Chair Howatt nominated John Hartsock for Position 18 of the Legislative Policy Committee.

MOTION 27 It was moved by Chair Howatt, seconded by Vice-Chair Garner and carried unanimously 6 to 0 to nominate John Hartsock for Position 18 for the Legislative Policy Committee.

MOTION 28 **Verizon Cell Tower Lease** (8:00 p.m.)

Mr. Schofield gave an overview of the discussions with Verizon regarding placement of a cell tower at Sam Barlow High School. There was discussion by the board on lease options.

It was moved by John Hartsock and seconded by Matt O'Connell to approve the lease agreement with Verizon pending successful contract negotiations. The motion carried 4 to 2. Matt O'Connell and Chair Howatt cast the dissenting votes.

MOTION 29 Budget Committee Appointment Process (8:07 p.m.)

Mr. Schofield reviewed the three open positions on the Budget Committee and reminded the board that Position 4, held by Darrell Buell, was a one-year appointment.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Garner and seconded by Carla Piluso to declare positions 1 and 3 on the Gresham-Barlow School District Budget Committee as vacant and approve the appointment process as outlined. The motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

MOTION 30 It was moved by Vice-Chair Garner, seconded by Matt O'Connell and carried unanimously 6 to 0 to reappoint Darrell Buell to position 4 on the Gresham-Barlow School District Budget Committee.

MOTION 23 Board and Superintendent Working Agreements (7:07 p.m.)

This item is in draft form and was pulled from the agenda by Chair Howatt (see above).

BOARD REPORTS (8:12 p.m.)

Board members summarized various meetings and other activities they participated in during the summer. Comments were focused around convocation and the efforts of first responders to the Eagle Creek fire.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM (DLT) REPORTS (8:24 p.m.)

There were no District Leadership Team reports this evening.

ASSOCIATIONS REPORTS (8:24 p.m.)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (8:27 p.m.)

Sept. 14, 2017: Board Work Session - 6 p.m.
Partnership Room
Center for Advanced Learning

Sept. 18, 2017: Gresham-Barlow Education Foundation
"Scramble for Students" Golf Tournament – 10 a.m.
Persimmon Country Club, Gresham, OR

Sept. 21, 2017: ~~DAC Meeting - 7 p.m. CANCELLED
Highland Elementary School
Board Representatives: All~~

Sept. 28, 2017: Board Work Session - 6 p.m.
Partnership Room
Center for Advanced Learning

Oct. 4, 2017: OSBA Fall Regional Dinner Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
Colwood Golf Center
7313 NE Columbia Blvd.
Portland, OR

Oct. 5, 2017: Regular Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
Council Chambers
Public Safety and Schools Building

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Submitted by: 
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Board of Directors

Note: These minutes were approved by the board on October 5, 2017:sa