

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

October 5, 2017

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The Gresham-Barlow School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, October 5, 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 7:00 p.m. by the chair, Kris Howatt. Other board members in attendance were Sharon Garner, Carla Piluso, Blake Petersen, Matt O’Connell, Kathy Ruthruff, and John Hartsock.

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 Secondary Teaching and Learning
Athena Vadnais	.....	Director of Communications and Community Engagement
Bill DeWitz	.....	Director of Technology Services
Karina Bruzzese	.....	ELL Director

The following members of the superintendent’s district leadership team were absent:

John Koch	.....	Executive Director of Student Support Services
Angie Kautz	.....	Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning
April Olson	.....	Director of Federal Programs

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](http://www.gresham.k12.or.us). Copies are also on file at the district office.

**MOTION 35 MEETING AGENDA (7:01 p.m.)**

It was moved by Matt O’Connell, seconded by John Hartsock and carried 7 to 0 to approve the meeting agenda as modified per Kris’ instructions.

**MOTION 36 CONSENT AGENDA (7:02 p.m.)**

The following items were included on the consent agenda:

1. Minutes from Regular Work Session..... September 7, 2017
- Minutes from Regular Business Meeting..... September 7, 2017
- Minutes from Regular Work Session..... September 14, 2017
- Minutes from Local Contract Review Board Meeting..... September 28, 2017
- Minutes from Regular Work Session..... September 28, 2017
- 1a. Board and Superintendent Working Agreements
2. Financial Report
3. Personnel Report: Employment Contracts
4. BH / BHA Policy Revision

It was moved by John Hartsock, seconded by Blake Petersen and carried 7 to 0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**RECOGNITIONS** (7:02 p.m.)

**GBSD Doctoral Staff:**

James Hiu recognized Gresham-Barlow School District staff that has earned their doctoral degree in the past two years. Mr. Hiu also recognized district staff members who have doctoral degrees but may have earned their degrees a few years ago, or prior to coming to the district.

**Community Care Day Honorees:**

Athena Vadnais recognized the churches that took the lead in coordinating this year's "Community Care Day." This year more than 450 volunteers lent a hand and donated 1,900 volunteer hours. Ms. Vadnais shared a video of the various volunteers that participated.

**Community Schools Appreciation Week, September 25-29, 2017:**

Julie Evans recognized eight SUN Community School Site Managers in honor of the Community Schools Appreciation Week, which took place September 25-29, 2017. In addition to after-school and summer programming, SUN Site Managers coordinate social services for families, work tirelessly to provide food support for families, and cultivate rich community partnerships.

**MOTION 37** Sharon Garner moved to recognize the SUN School Community Site Managers for the Community School Appreciation Week of September the 25<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. Matt O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0.

**GRESHAM-BARLOW EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT** (7:23 p.m.)

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** (7:27 p.m.)

Superintendent Perera reported on her involvement with Rotary events including the well-attended Steak Fry. She shared that in the last month she has spoken at the Gresham Chamber of Commerce as well as giving a presentation on Equity at the AASA Women's Leadership Forum. She spent time on Capitol Hill October 1-3, 2017, with the staff of Senators Wyden and Merkley and communicated that Gresham-Barlow School District is opposed to any cuts to the education budget.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS** (7:30 p.m.)

The district's high schools offer a variety of programs allowing students to increase their depth of knowledge in specific content areas and provide opportunities to demonstrate their understanding and skills. Bruce Schmidt, Sam Barlow High School Principal, Ryan Blaszak, Springwater Trail High School

Principal, and Jason Bhear, Gresham High School Assistant Principal provided a presentation highlighting last years participation in the following programs:

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Dual Credit College Courses
- Middle College

Please note, slides from this presentation have been included in the Agenda Packet available on the district website, <http://www.gresham.k12.or.us/>.

Following the presentation there were questions and a discussion on the data points presented. The board would like to review AP versus IB at an upcoming work session.

#### **RECESS/RECONVENE** (7:58 p.m.)

The meeting was recessed at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND/OR REPORTS** (8:07 p.m.)

##### Policy Review Committee:

The committee met on September 26, 2017. They have a slate of policies to bring to the next board work session. Blake Petersen was to the committee.

#### **ASSOCIATIONS REPORTS** (8:07 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 the Oregon School Education Association (OSEA) Chapter 8 employees.

#### **CITIZENS' REQUESTS OF THE BOARD** (8:09 p.m.)

There was one citizens' request of the board submitted. It was not a school related concern. Chair Howatt handed the request over to Superintendent Perera for follow-up.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **MOTION 38 East Gresham Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Donation** (8:10 p.m.)

The East Gresham Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has motioned to dissolve. They will continue to support the school through the school's fundraising efforts. Their members voted in favor of transferring all physical assets directly to East Gresham Elementary School. The account balance will be deposited into the East Gresham Student Body Account and funds will be designated for student field trips and activities.

It was moved by Blake Petersen and seconded by Sharon Garner to accept the approximate donation of \$10,320 from the East Gresham Parent Teacher Organization.

Following discussion on what precipitated this dissolution, the motion carried 7 to 0.

**BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS** (8:14 p.m.)

Board members summarized various meetings and activities they have participated in over the past month. Comments were focused on topics such as the Gresham Chamber of Commerce luncheon, the Teddy Bear Parade, the Mayor’s Breakfast, and the OSBA Fall Regional Dinner.

**DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM (DLT) REPORTS** (8:30 p.m.)

There were no District Leadership Team reports this evening.

**INFORMATION ITEMS** (8:30 p.m.)

**Opening of School Enrollment and Class Size Report**

Teresa Ketelsen and Julie Evans provided the board with a general overview of K-12 enrollment during the initial opening of school. They reviewed enrollment data that provided specific information, including class size averages and other staffing and enrollment information. There was discussion focused on why some of the enrollment numbers have decreased.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (8:38 p.m.)

- Oct. 19, 2017: Board Work Session - 6 p.m.  
Partnership Room  
Center for Advanced Learning
- Oct. 20, 2017: Football Social Event (not a meeting) - 6 p.m.  
Football Field  
Sam Barlow High School
- Nov. 2, 2017: Board Work Session - 6 p.m.  
Council Chambers Conference Room  
Public Safety and Schools Building
- Nov. 2, 2017: Board Business Meeting - 7 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
Public Safety and Schools Building

**ADJOURNMENT** (8:39 p.m.)

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Submitted by: *Sarah Avery*  
Sarah Avery  
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and  
Board of Directors

Note: These minutes were approved by the board on November 2, 2017:sa