

GRESHAM-BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 JT.
Minutes of Special Board Meeting / Work Session

September 1, 2016

The Gresham-Barlow School District Board of Education held a special work session on Thursday, September 1, 2016, in the council chambers conference room of the Public Safety and Schools building, 1331 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, Oregon.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by the chair, Carla Piluso. Other board members in attendance were Sharon Garner, Kris Howatt, Kent Zook, Matt O'Connell, and John Hartsock. Kathy Ruthruff 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

FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS (6:10 p.m.)

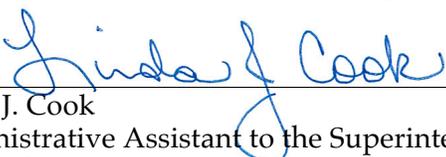
Board members discussed a recommendation to add [9] work sessions to the 2016-17 board meeting schedule; one to precede each regularly-scheduled business meeting. The proposal was to begin each of the new work sessions at 6 p.m., and adjourn at approximately 6:45 p.m. to allow transition time before convening the 7 p.m. business meetings.

Handouts included a draft of the 2016-17 board meeting schedule showing the additional work sessions, and a list of suggested protocols to help guide the process and maximize the benefits of the additional meetings. (Copies of the handouts have been filed with these minutes and are available upon request.)

Board members were supportive of the recommendation, and requested that a revised meeting schedule be included on the September 8, 2016, board meeting agenda for approval. It was noted that a list of topics for all work sessions is being developed, and a first-draft will be presented at the business meeting later this evening.

ADJOURNMENT (6:25 p.m.)

The work session was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The board's business meeting followed at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

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

Note: These minutes were approved by the board on October 6, 2016:lc

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

September 1, 2016

The Gresham-Barlow School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, September 1, 2016, in the council chambers of the Public Safety and Schools building, 1331 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, Oregon.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the chair, Carla Piluso. Other board members in attendance were Sharon Garner, Kris Howatt, Kent Zook, Matt O'Connell, and John Hartsock. Kathy Ruthruff 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

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

MOTION 13 MEETING AGENDA (7:03 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 14 CONSENT AGENDA (7:04 p.m.)

The following items were included on the consent agenda:

1. Minutes from Regular Business Meeting..... July 7, 2016
Minutes from Special Work Session..... July 19, 2016
Minutes from Special Business Meeting..... August 4, 2016
2. Financial Report
3. ~~Personnel Changes~~ (Removed from Consent Agenda; see Motion 14 below)
4. ~~Physical Restraint and Seclusion Review~~ (Removed from Consent Agenda; see Motion 15 below)
5. Board and Superintendent Working Agreements
6. Board Meeting Schedule Amendment

Director Hartsock asked to remove Personnel Changes, and Director Howatt asked to remove Physical Restraint and Seclusion Review from the consent agenda for discussion. (See notes below.)

It was moved by Kris Howatt, seconded by John Hartsock, and carried 6 to 0 to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION 15 PERSONNEL CHANGES (7:05 p.m.)

A concern was expressed regarding the rationale behind the board's practice of approving individual personnel changes, noting that the board provides for the employment of district staff when it approves collective bargaining agreements and the budget. The policy [GB] regarding the board's role in approving the "employment of candidates to fill positions" was referenced, with a recommendation that it be reviewed at a future date. In the interim, research will be continued to determine if the current practice is required, or if the approval of individual staff hires should be finalized by the superintendent without board action.

Kris Howatt moved to, in compliance with ORS 332.075(2)(3), approve the licensed employment contracts as presented to the board by the superintendent. Matt O'Connell seconded the motion.

In the discussion that followed, Mrs. Howatt declared a potential conflict of interest because her daughter's name was included in the list of recommended new hires. She explained that she was not involved with any part of the interview or placement process.

There being no further discussion, the chair called for the vote. The motion carried 5 to 0. John Hartsock abstained.

Chair Piluso acknowledged that a review of the policy pertaining to the board's role in hiring staff will be advanced to a future work session [as requested during the discussion above].

MOTION 16 PHYSICAL RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION REVIEW (7:09 p.m.)

It was moved by Kris Howatt and seconded by Matt O'Connell to accept the physical restraint and seclusion report as presented.

In the discussion that followed, it was noted that the report provides a "snapshot" without historical data, or information about trends, etc. It was requested that a more comprehensive report be considered for a future work session.

The motion carried 6 to 0.

RECOGNITIONS (7:11 p.m.)

Sam Barlow High School Theater Department Champions: The board recognized members of Sam Barlow High School's theatre department for winning first place in the Chapter Select One-Act Competition at the State Thespian Festival for their performance of "Bang, Bang You're Dead." In addition, 16 students from Sam Barlow won first Place in the nation for their performance at the NEIS Individual Events Competition with their group musical, "Stronger," from the Broadway musical, "Finding Neverland."

National School Public Relations Association Award: The board recognized Athena Vadnais for her work that resulted in the district's "Award of Merit" received from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA). The award was given for the district's Spring/Summer 2015 edition of its newsletter, "Gresham-Barlow Schools Today," during NSPRA's 2016 Publications and Electronic Media Contest.

GRESHAM-BARLOW EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT (7:24 p.m.)

Vicki Moen, manager of the Gresham-Barlow Education Foundation, reported on foundation activities which included a successful school supply drive, and upcoming events such as the annual "Scramble for Students" golf tournament, and "Authors for Education."

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

Superintendent Schlachter reported that several events took place over the past month as the district prepared for the opening of school; for example, the new teacher academy was held in August, and the district's All-Staff Convocation took place on August 31. Also during August, Superintendent Schlachter met with Gresham's mayor, Shane Bemis, and each of the city councilors to review partnerships the district has with the city in variety of areas. They also discussed possibilities for future partnerships.

K-3 TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION PROJECT (7:31 p.m.)

Angie Kautz, director of teaching and learning, and Elizabeth Rossmiller, instructional technology coach, provided an update regarding the four-year, \$1.37 million grant the district received from the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission (MHCR) in April. Their report included information regarding the purchase and installation of technology bundles for the two elementary schools participating in the grant: Kelly Creek and North Gresham.

SCHOOL DISTRICT COLLABORATION GRANT (7:37 p.m.)

Grant managers, Mark Kim and Regina Norris, summarized the focus of their work as they begin leading the school district collaboration grant project. In July, the school district was awarded a \$1,025,000 collaboration grant from the Oregon Department of Education for the 2016-17 school year.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND/OR REPORTS (7:41 p.m.)

District Advisory Council (DAC): Athena Vadnais referenced the 2016-17 DAC meeting schedule that was provided in the board's agenda packet, and reminded board members that the first meeting of the new school year will be held on September 15 at North Gresham Elementary School. She also announced that she will soon be meeting with the DAC chair to identify a list of topics for 2016-17 meetings.

BOARD REPORTS (7:42 p.m.)

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

CABINET REPORTS (7:59 p.m.)

James Hiu provided a brief overview of the 2016 Community Care Day, which was held on August 27, 2016. A full report and recognition of the participants has been scheduled for the October 6, 2016, board meeting.

ASSOCIATIONS REPORTS (8:04 p.m.)

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

Erika Fuller, a secretary at West Gresham Elementary School, reported on behalf of Oregon School Education Association (OSEA) Chapter 8 employees.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS OF THE BOARD (8:07 p.m.)

There were no citizens' requests of the board.

MOTION 17 ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION: GRAY FAMILY FOUNDATION (8:07 p.m.)

It was moved by Matt O'Connell and seconded by Kent Zook to accept the \$19,500 donation from the Gray Family Foundation to support costs associated with Outdoor School.

Following discussion, the motion carried 6 to 0.

BOND PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATION, RESOLUTION, NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION, AND EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (8:12 p.m.)

Mike Schofield reviewed minor edits that were made to the Notice of Bond Election after it was approved by the board on August 4, 2016. The district's bond counsel has advised that no board action is required because the edits are not substantial; therefore, this update was provided as information only.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS (8:14 p.m.)

A preliminary list of topics for 2016-17 board work sessions was introduced. The board will discuss the inclusion of additional topics at its next work session on September 8, 2016. There will be periodic updates to the list as the school year progresses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (8:16 p.m.)

Sept. 8, 2016: Board Work Session - 6 p.m.
Partnership Room
Center for Advanced Learning

Sept. 12, 2016: Gresham-Barlow Education Foundation
"Scramble for Students" Golf Tournament – 10 a.m.
Persimmon Country Club, Gresham, OR

Sept. 15, 2016: DAC Meeting - 7 p.m.
North Gresham Elementary School
Board Representatives: All

Sept. 22, 2016: Board Work Session - 6 p.m.
Partnership Room
Center for Advanced Learning

Oct. 3, 2016: OSBA Fall Regional Dinner Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
Embassy Suites Portland Airport
7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Portland, OR

Oct. 6, 2016: Regular Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
Council Chambers
Public Safety and Schools Building

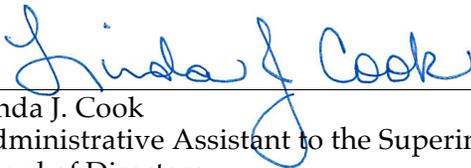
Kris Howatt announced that a “Yes for Student Success” kick-off event has been scheduled for September 13, 2016, at 7 p.m. It will be held at 238 NE Roberts in Gresham.

MOTION 18 ADJOURNMENT (8:17 p.m.)

Kris Howatt moved to adjourn the meeting. Kent Zook seconded the motion, and it carried 6 to 0.

Chair Piluso adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

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