

**School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
Board Committee Meeting on September 20, 2018**

INFORMAL MINUTES

A meeting of the Board's Policy and Governance Committee meeting came to order at 3:10 pm at the call of Chair Brim-Edwards in the Mazama Conference Room at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon, 97227.

There were present:

Board

Julia Brim-Edwards-Chair
Paul Anthony
Rita Moore
Mike Rosen

Staff

Mary Kane-Senior Legal Counsel
Liz Large-Interim General Counsel
Rosanne Powell-Board Manager
Sharon Reese-Interim Chief of Human Resources
Stephanie Soden-Chief of Staff

DRAFT AMENDED PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE, AND DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY
POLICY: 8.70.040-P AND RESCISSION OF 8.70.041-P

Chair Brim-Edwards stated that currently there are two policies that pertain to real property and the goal is to have one policy, by rescinding one and revising the other. This process began in the Finance, Audit and Operations Committee which ended in June. Staff is proposing to continue to allow District Administration authority to do real estate transactions under a contract value of \$150,000. Director Moore is concerned about leases that are under that threshold. Director Anthony agreed. Liz Large shared some examples of transactions that would fall under the Board authority threshold. Director Rosen and Chair Brim-Edwards both thought that for certain transactions, like negotiating a property right of way, staff should have the ability to act without Board authority. Staff will forward suggested language to allow for access or entry onto property. Director Anthony did not agree and Director Moore expressed doubt that systems could ensure that no future unintended consequences. The committee decided to continue the discussion when Sara King and Kirsten Cowden could be present. Chair Brim-Edwards stated she would like to propose that language requiring the city and county to be notified of the sale of unused property be removed from the policy, and the city or county should not be provided a first right of refusal to properties the District sells. She also recommended no longer using the word "surplus". The revised proposal and rescission will have a first reading at the October 2nd Board meeting.

STUDENT-ADULT BOUNDARIES DRAFT POLICY

Mary Kane shared this was a revision to the draft the committee reviewed in May after meeting with a variety of stakeholders. The Portland Association of Teachers has not yet offered comment, although she has asked. Sharon Reese said she would check back with the Portland Association of Public School Administrators and the Portland Federation of School Professionals to see if they have comment. The Multiple Pathways to Graduation Department had some strong views on texting and the role it has in teachers keeping students in that program connected. Mary Kane shared some of the considerations that went into the draft policy and the concern with not only protecting students, but providing guidance to adults, and recognizing that strong relationships are essential for strong teaching.

The committee agreed that volunteers and contractors should have the same training requirements. The committee discussed various means of communication with students like social media and texting. The committee agreed to move the proposed policy forward for a first reading at the October 2nd Board meeting.

PROPOSED POLICY RESCISSIONS

Staff brought forward four additional policies for rescission: Non-contractual Grievance Procedure, Public Information Program, Teacher Transfers, and Administrative Recommendations on Employment of Relatives. Sharon Reese stated that the Non-contractual Grievance Procedure Policy is not effective as the biggest employment actions are excluded in it. The committee agreed to move the rescissions forward for a first reading at the October 2nd Board meeting.

UPDATE: 2017-18 POLICY ADOPTION ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVES AND COMMUNICATIONS

An update will be sent out later.

Chair Brim-Edwards adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by:

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