

**Portland Public Schools District 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
Board of Education's
Policy and Governance Special Committee**

**February 16, 2018
Informal Minutes**

The meeting of the Board's Policy and Governance Special Committee convened on the above date at 4:30pm at the call of Chair Julia Brim-Edwards in the Mazama Conference Room of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St., Portland, OR 97227.

There were present:

Board Committee Members

Julia Brim-Edwards-Chair
Rita Moore
Mike Rosen

Staff

Liz Large, Interim General Counsel
Mary Kane, Senior Legal Counsel
Jonathan Garcia, Senior Director of Partnerships
Ryan Vandehey, Public Records Officer
Harry Esteve, Director of Strategic Communications
Dave Northfield, Director of Media Relations

Naming of School District Property Policy

Chair Brim-Edwards walked the Committee through the red-lined Naming Policy document. Committee members made minor changes to the proposed Policy language, adding that the words "focus options" should be deleted throughout the document and perhaps replaced with the word "programs". The question came up about the naming of Charter Schools, with Ms. Large stating that naming Charter Schools would be outside the scope of the Board. Ms. Large added that legal would take care of numbering the Policy correctly.

Public Records Policy

The Committee reviewed the red-lined changes to the Public Access to District Records Policy. Director Moore commented that prior to serving on the Board, individuals in positions of authority were not upholding the highest standards of transparency. Their decisions felt random and arbitrary. A member of the Society of Professional Journalists' Oregon Territory Chapter questioned the language around "time limits" in obtaining public records. Ms. Large responded that she would consider what language should be included in the policy.

Director Moore suggested that a Statement of Intent be included in the Policy.

Chair Brim-Edwards adjourned the meeting at 5:50pm.

Submitted by:

Caren Huson Quiniones, Board Clerk