



BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1J, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

duplicated in another building. He asked the Board to not waste money on another retrofit upgrade of a different site.

Gabrielle Mercedes-Bolivar: spoke to the collaborate efforts of key staff working to support the Ockley Green Middle School Community and specifically their students receiving special education services. Hers is a Jefferson Cluster family and after years of inequities, they are finally getting glimmers of hope. Middle schools are being restored, efforts to provide culturally responsive inclusive student practices are being pushed, and student success at Jefferson is to be celebrated.

#### Comments from Portland Federation of School Professionals (PFSP)

Belinda Reagan, President of PFSP, reported that she had met with Pioneer staff and was disheartened to hear their stories. She feels the students should remain together. What she heard from Pioneer staff was that they were made to feel second class, along with their students; ACCESS parents were louder and stronger and more heard than those from students who are coming from foster care or are homeless. There is a feeling in the Pioneer community that they should not be treated differently than ACCESS. If you divide up the Pioneer group, she did not think they would thrive. We need to honor the wonderful results coming out of Pioneer. Personally, she has felt unheard by PPS for many years. We have requested, year after year, of having Board members go out and sit with a principal, go out and stand in the shoes of the Pioneer community. Sit in the classrooms and see what happens in special education classrooms in a day.

#### Comments from the Portland Association of Teachers (PAT)

Suzanne Cohen, President of PAT, stated that she had visited with the Pioneer staff and heard their concerns and needs. When decisions get made behind closed doors, then those decisions are not going to be successful. The Board and Superintendent need to listen to the people who know best because they are at the school every day. Please talk directly with the educators. Safety needs are not being met within several schools, and no one is properly trained to do restraints in general education settings. When systems like that exist, why do you want to push more students into it? You never consult with those who know best. This flies in the face of teachers who have been negotiating for so long. Ms. Cohen provided the Superintendent with a box of postcards that had messages on them from teachers.

#### Action Items

##### Level 3 Complaint Consideration

##### Public Comment:

Jill Castrina: spoke of the previous Lincoln/Wilson boundary change and that only 23 out of 300 students were affected in each grade, and the Board had been concerned that those students not be disenfranchised. Her daughter, Mia, could attend Lincoln tomorrow. The confusion is that there does not seem to be language about sports and extra-curricular activities in District policy. She feels sports should also have been grandfathered. Her daughter is caught in the gray area and is caught in the consequences. Staff understands their dilemma. OSAA just needs something in writing from PPS that states Mia's school would be Lincoln. There was no dance program at Wilson.

Mia Castrina: stated that she has been dancing since 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Her decided to attend St. Mary's instead of Lincoln was very difficult, as her friends are attending Lincoln. She had previously been told that she could participate on the Lincoln Dance T. She has known the Dance Team members since 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and dancing was the one sport she really enjoys and works hard for. She asked the Board to please allow her to continue dancing with her team members.

##### Third Party Sales: waiver of Board Policy 3.30.020-P

##### Public Comment:

None

Reports

Director Bailey provided a report on the Enrollment and Forecasting Committee  
Director Anthony provided a report on the Health and Welfare Trust

The Board Approved the Following Items

Resolution 5545: Step 3 Complaint Consideration  
Resolution 5546 Authorizing Third Party Sales through February 1, 2018  
Business Agenda