

GRESHAM-BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 JT.
Minutes of Regular Board Work Session

October 19, 2017

The Gresham-Barlow School District Board of Education held a regular work session on Thursday, October 19, 2017, in the Partnership Room at the Center for Advanced Learning, 1484 NW Civic Drive, Gresham, Oregon.

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by the chair, Kris Howatt. Other board members in attendance were Sharon Garner, Carla Piluso, Matt O’Connell, and John Hartsock. Kathy Ruthruff and Blake Petersen were absent. (Note: A quorum was present.)

The following members of the superintendent’s cabinet were present:

A. Katrise Perera	.....	Superintendent
Teresa Ketelsen	.....	Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
James Hiu	.....	Deputy Superintendent / Human Resources
Mike Schofield	.....	Chief Financial Officer
Julie Evans	.....	Executive Director of Elementary Education
Sara Hahn-Huston	.....	Executive Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning
John Koch	.....	Executive Director of Student Support Services
Athena Vadnais	.....	Director of Communications and Community Engagement

Michael Schaefer, Gresham High School Principal, and Audrea Lotman, FranklinCovey, The Leader in Me program were also present.

MOTION 39 MEETING AGENDA (6:12 p.m.)

It was moved by John Hartsock and seconded by Matt O’Connell to approve the agenda with the addition of the bond update. The motion carried 5 to 0.

BOND UPDATE (6:12 p.m.)

Mike Schofield provided a bond update. The Design Commission Hearing scheduled for October 18, 2017 was rescheduled to November 1, 2017 because there was not a quorum present.

Tax rates were posted on the Multnomah County website. The rate came in under the original district estimate published in the voter’s pamphlet. Mr. Schofield noted that the district may still receive phone calls from the public because with the old bond tax rate and the new bond tax rate it appears as though the bond tax line item has tripled. Mr. Schofield will provide the board with talking points in case they encounter tax rate questions.

Mr. Schofield shared information on the strategy for communications around the bond. This includes the “Honoring the Past” story for Gresham High School, the North Gresham architect story, and the Sam Barlow High School CTE renovation. This week newsletters will go out to the community.

PRESENTATION

THE LEADER IN ME (6:23 p.m.)

Audrea Lotman of FranklinCovey Education shared a presentation with the board on The Leader in Me program. This is a whole-school transformation model, developed in partnership with educators, that empowers students with the skills they need to thrive in the 21st century.

RECESS/RECONVENE (7:14 p.m.)

The meeting was recessed at 7:14 p.m. and reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

FUNDRAISED OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIPS (7:24 p.m.)

Teresa Ketelsen and Mike Schaefer led a discussion regarding fundraised out of state field trips and the expectation that these out of state trips occur every other year. This expectation was put in place about ten years ago out of concern over the burden being placed on families having to fund these field trips. Fundraised field trips occurring every other year is not always consistently applied.

Discussion followed concerning putting a plan in place that would have equity of application, a consistent set of guidelines, and factored in student's ability to participate. Mr. Schaefer shared a possible plan with a tiered structure. The board would like to look at data on field trips that have been taken over the last ten years. Time has been reserved on a future agenda for further discussion.

GOOD TO GREAT DISCUSSION (7:44 p.m.)

Board members and District Leadership Team (DLT) members formed two groups. Using Venn diagram charts, each group discussed the following three areas: A passion for excellent educational opportunities for all students; A belief that the district can be the best at delivering the most equitable, quality educational opportunities in the state; The district's resource engine of people who give of themselves and their time to help make goals a reality.

The purpose of this activity was to work on creating a "Big Hairy Audacious Goal (BHAG)" for the district. Each group listed items under the three categories and came together to share out their lists. James Hiu will work on merging the two lists. Time will be reserved on a future work session agenda to address this item again.

ACTION ITEMS – FIRST READING

POLICY REVIEW (8:19 p.m.)

Teresa Ketelsen led a discussion on the thirteen revised policies with recommended changes. Many of the revisions are due to the change from No Child Left Behind (NCLB) to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). There was also discussion on wording choice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (8:44 p.m.)

Items for the November 2 work session will include data on fundraised out of state field trips, rank order of schools, and a negotiations update in executive session.

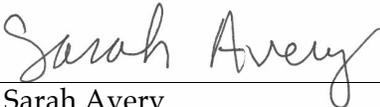
Oct. 20, 2017: Football Social Event (not a meeting) - 6 p.m.
Football Field Endzone
Sam Barlow High School

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 (8:46 p.m.)

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Submitted by: 
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Board of Directors

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