

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

December 14, 2017

The Gresham-Barlow School District Board of Education held a regular work session on Thursday, December 14, 2017, in the Partnership Room at the Center for Advanced Learning, 1484 NW Civic Drive, Gresham, Oregon.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the chair, Kris Howatt. Other board members in attendance were Sharon Garner, John Hartsock, Matt O’Connell, Blake Petersen, and Kathy Ruthruff. Carla Piluso was absent.

The following members of the superintendent’s district leadership team were present:

A. Katrise Perera	Superintendent
James Hiu	Deputy Superintendent of Human Resources
Teresa Ketelsen	Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
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
Bill DeWitz	Director of Technology Services

Mike Schofield, Chief Financial Officer, was absent.

Stacy Michaelson, Government Affairs Specialist for Multnomah ESD, was also present.

MOTION 59 MEETING AGENDA (6:00 p.m.)

It was moved by John Hartsock, seconded by Blake Petersen, and carried 6 to 0 to approve the meeting agenda with the removal of the Bond Update.

BOND UPDATE (6:00 p.m.)

There was not a bond update. This item was removed from the agenda.

POLICY REVIEW (6:01 p.m.)

The Policy Review Committee met on November 28, 2017 and reviewed six policies for updates. Teresa Ketelsen shared the recommended policy changes with the board and asked for input regarding the revisions.

There was additional discussion on Policy CCG, Evaluation of Administrators.

NEW WEBSITE OVERVIEW (6:24 p.m.)

The district is in the process of converting to a new content management system (website). The transition will take place at the end of December 2017. Bill DeWitz and Athena Vadnais provided an overview of the new website design and layout.

Website improvements include:

- Simplified design to make information easier to find
- Designed for easy use on mobile devices such as smartphones, tablets
- Improved calendar integration
- Easier to use interface for staff

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (6:48 p.m.)

Stacy Michaelson, the Government Affairs Administrator for Multnomah ESD, was hired to represent all east Multnomah County Schools. She works both at the state legislative level and also assists with issues at the local level.

Ms. Michaelson led a discussion on issues that are likely to come up in the legislative session and get a sense of what issues would be priorities for the board.

RECESS/RECONVENE (7:13 p.m.)

The meeting was recessed at 7:13 p.m. and reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

EVALUATION UPDATE (7:18 p.m.)

John Hartsock provided an update on the superintendent evaluation process. Board members will complete a survey for fact-finding purposes. Once survey responses are received, the board may meet in Executive Session to review the responses and complete the evaluation.

The superintendent's transition plan may be used to review goal progress. The format of the evaluation was developed using the OSBA guideline standards and the Virginia Department of Education Standards.

There was further discussion of the evaluation process following Director Hartsock's update.

GOOD TO GREAT DISCUSSION - VALUES (7:46 p.m.)

The Board of Directors and District Leadership Team have continued the Good to Great discussion by having conversations around district values. James Hiu, Sharon Garner, and Blake Petersen provided a presentation that helps to identify shared goals.

Director Petersen shared key questions to assist the board and administration in identifying values and adopting simple words that convey a comprehensive scope. They would like to focus on stewardship, community, and integrity.

Following the presentation, there was further discussion regarding the mission, vision, and values for the district.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (8:15 p.m.)

Dec. 20, 2017 – Jan 2, 2018: Winter Break
No Board Meetings

Jan. 4, 2018: Board Work Session - 6 p.m.
Council Chambers Conference Room
Public Safety and Schools Building

Jan. 4, 2018: Regular Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
Council Chambers
Public Safety and Schools Building

ADJOURNMENT (8:18 p.m.)

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by: 
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Note: These minutes were approved by the board on January 4, 2018:sa