

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

September 28, 2017

The Gresham-Barlow School District Board of Education held a regular work session on Thursday, September 28, 2017, in the Partnership Room at the Center for Advanced Learning, 1484 NW Civic Drive, Gresham, Oregon.

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. by the chair, Kris Howatt. Other board members in attendance were Sharon Garner, Carla Piluso, Matt O’Connell, Blake Petersen, John Hartsock, and Kathy Ruthruff.

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

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

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

A. Katrise Perera	.....	Superintendent
John Koch	.....	Executive Director of Student Support Services

Karina Bruzzese and Rick Rainone were also present.

MOTION 32 MEETING AGENDA (6:18 p.m.)

It was moved by Kathy Ruthruff, seconded by Matt O’Connell and carried unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER (ELL) ANNUAL REPORT (6:18 p.m.)

ORS 327.016 requires the publication of an annual Oregon English Language Learner (ELL) Report. Karina Bruzzese provided background information on the ELL Annual Report. The report looks at active and monitored English language learners across the state in various districts. Ms. Bruzzese provided the board with comparative data between Gresham-Barlow School District and neighboring districts in east Multnomah County. There was discussion focused on the data presented.

RECESS/RECONVENE (6:45 p.m.)

The meeting was recessed at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

MOTION 33 SPECIAL PROCUREMENTS AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC PRODUCT SPECIFICATION (6:50 p.m.)

Mike Schofield referenced the Local Contract Review Board hearing that preceded the work session this evening. The purpose of the hearing was to discuss sole source procurement of two items: fire alarm systems and public address systems. The administration is requesting board authorization to specify particular products or systems for select projects identified in the findings of fact and included in the 2016 capital improvement bond approved by voters.

Discussion followed regarding cost savings, efficiencies, consistencies, and standardization throughout the district. It was noted that there was a protest submitted by Convirgent Technologies, September 20, 2017.

Matt O'Connell moved that BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors acting in the capacity of the Local Contract Review Board adopts the Findings of Fact reviewed at the September 28, 2017 Local Contract Review Board Hearing and grants a specific exemption from competitive bidding requirements as allowed under ORS 279C.345 to specify particular products or systems including fire alarm systems and public address systems for these procurement items identified by the administration to be in the best interest of the Gresham-Barlow School District and deny the protest dated September 20, 2017 regarding Gamewell-FCI protest.

John Hartsock seconded the motion. The motion carried 7 to 0.

BOND: 2017 PROJECT STATUS UPDATES (7:00 p.m.)

Mike Schofield presented a review of the bond projects that have been completed and of those that are near completion. Some of these projects included track replacement, heating and cooling in classrooms, and furniture installation.

Discussion followed regarding vandalism during these projects and over the summer. It was noted that coverage for vandalism/theft are factored into the budget. For larger projects, specific insurance coverage is purchased.

THURSDAY EVENING EVENTS (7:12 p.m.)

Teresa Ketelsen led a discussion on the topic of holding school events on Thursday evenings. The administration has been guided the past 15 years to avoid scheduling events on Thursday evenings so as not to conflict with board meetings. It is becoming more difficult to avoid Thursday evenings when scheduling school events.

After some discussion, the board agreed that the administration could move forward with using Thursday nights to schedule evening events. They would prefer the first Thursday be avoided if possible.

MISCELLANEOUS (7:21 p.m.)

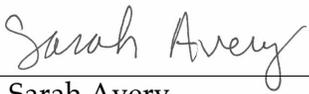
There was discussion regarding a parent who is concerned about online security. It was noted when the website was down this week the board was not notified. Discussion followed regarding types of notifications and tech alerts.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS (7:31 p.m.)

Chair Howatt and vice-chair Garner will review the future agenda topics list that was shared via Google Docs with board and district leadership team (DLT). There was discussion on possible agenda topics for future sessions.

ADJOURNMENT (7:48 p.m.)

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Submitted by: 
Sarah Avery
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Board of Directors

Note: These minutes were approved by the board on October 5, 2017:sa