

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

June 1, 2017

The Gresham-Barlow School District Board of Education held a work session on Thursday, June 1, 2017, in the Forum Room at the Center for Advanced Learning, 1484 NW Civic Drive, Gresham, Oregon.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by the chair, Carla Piluso. Other board members in attendance were Matt O'Connell, Sharon Garner, Kris Howatt, Kathy Ruthruff, Kent Zook, and John Hartsock.

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

Jim Schlachter.....	Superintendent
James Hiu.....	Deputy Superintendent of Secondary Education and Operations
Teresa Ketelsen.....	Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
Mike Schofield.....	Chief Financial Officer
Randy Bryant.....	Executive Director of Human Resources
Julie Evans.....	Executive Director of Elementary Education
Sara Huston.....	Executive Director of School Performance
John Koch.....	Executive Director of Student Support Services
Athena Vadnais.....	Director of Communications and Community Engagement

There were approximately 13 people in the audience.

MOTION 90 MEETING AGENDA (6:02 p.m.)

It was moved by Kris Howatt, seconded by Kathy Ruthruff, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

MOTION 91 CONSENT AGENDA (6:03 p.m.)

The following item was included in the consent agenda:

1. Temporary Employment Agreement Between Dr. A. Katrise Perera and Gresham-Barlow School District

It was moved by Kathy Ruthruff, seconded by Kris Howatt, and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

BOND: GRESHAM HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT / RENOVATION PROJECT (6:04 p.m.)

Board members received an update from Michael Schaefer, Gresham High School principal, Rick Rainone of Cornerstone Management Group, and representatives from BLRB Architects regarding the Gresham High School renovation and replacement project. The report also included a summary of input from community members and the City of Gresham Design Commission, and an analysis of options to consider.

RECESS / RECONVENE (7:24 p.m.)

The meeting was recessed at 7:24 p.m. and reconvened at 7:42 p.m. During the recess, attendees viewed Gresham High School design schematics that were displayed on various easels around the room.

BOND: GRESHAM HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT / RENOVATION PROJECT (Continued) (7:42 p.m.)

Options regarding the merits, opportunities, risks and costs of retaining the Gresham High School façade were discussed. In addition, challenges and possible solutions regarding the gymnasium were reviewed.

CITIZENS REQUESTS OF THE BOARD (7:54 p.m.)

Kendra Maddox explained that she was born and raised in Gresham, graduated from Gresham High School, and she worked at the school for 11 years. She encouraged the board to carefully consider the safety, education, and technology needs of students who will attend Gresham High School in the future. Although she is sentimental about the preservation of the school façade, there are more important needs that should be addressed for our students.

Olivia Green stated that as a long-time resident, parent, teacher, and avid bond campaigner in the district, and a member of the Gresham High School bond planning team, she has never heard anyone identify retention of the Gresham High School façade as a priority. Instead, the focus has been on what's best for current and future students, and how can the school continue to serve well as a community center. Saving the façade would be at the expense of other things that can be offered for students and, as a taxpayer, it really concerns her.

Doug Henkle, a Gresham High School parent who canvassed for the bond, explained that he would not have supported the bond measure if he knew that part of it would be used to retain the façade.

David Baumann, president of the Gresham Historical Society and Gresham resident since 1970, expressed concern about maintaining the integrity of Gresham High School; residents recognize the building as part of Gresham's history. It should be preserved for future generations.

Mike McKeel, a long-time Gresham resident, former school board member, developer, local dentist, and member of the design commission for the City of Gresham, questioned the district's \$16 million estimated cost for preserving the Gresham High School façade, and referenced a 2013 estimate that he remembered to be less than \$1 million. He explained that he would not spend the money to keep the façade in place as it is, but supports keeping its artistic elements, building the façade back to new standards, and keeping the auditorium and gym separate because they both need to have a presence on the street. He provided handouts supporting the preservation of old buildings, and encouraged the board to do more work on the design before making a decision.

Shane Bemis, Mayor of Gresham, a Gresham High School alumnus, and parent of a GHS student, encouraged the board to maintain the unique and historical presence of the school; it's a bookend for the entire city of Gresham. He

suggested that the board slow down the design process, allow more opportunity for public input, identify an accurate estimate for preserving the facade, and carefully consider options that meet the needs of all stakeholders.

POLICY REVIEW (8:20 p.m.)

Board members reviewed proposed revisions to policies EFA, Local Wellness Program, and GCBDA / GDBDA, Family Medical Leave, as presented for first reading. Approval of the revisions will be requested at a subsequent meeting.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF 2017-18 BOARD MEETINGS (8:32 p.m.)

It was noted that a 2017-18 calendar listing proposed school board meetings was included in the agenda packet for review in advance of the next board meeting. The schedule will be presented for first reading on June 8, 2017. Adoption will be requested at "the next regular meeting following July 1," as required by board policy [BC/BCA].

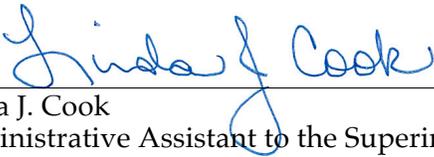
ANNOUNCEMENTS (8:33 p.m.)

- June 5: District-wide Retirement Reception 4-6 p.m.
Council Chambers
Public Safety and Schools Building
- June 8: Board Work Session - 6 p.m.
Council Chambers Conference Room
Public Safety and Schools Building
- June 8: Budget Hearing – 6:45 p.m.
Council Chambers
Public Safety and Schools Building
- June 8: Regular Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
Council Chambers
Public Safety and Schools Building

ADJOURNMENT (8:34 p.m.)

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Note: These minutes were approved by the board on July 6, 2017:lc

Submitted by: 

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 Board of Directors