

Gresham-Barlow



School District

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting / Work Session

AGENDA

December 11, 2014

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**Partnership Room
Center for Advanced Learning (CAL)
1484 NW Civic Drive, Gresham, OR**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

_____	Matt O’Connell, Chair	_____	Kathy Ruthruff, Director
_____	Carla Piluso, Vice-Chair	_____	Kent Zook, Director
_____	Sharon Garner, Director		
_____	Dan Christenson, Director	_____	Jim Schlachter, Superintendent
_____	Kris Howatt, Director	_____	Mike Schofield, Chief Financial Officer

III. FIRST READING

None

IV. DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Common Core / Smarter
Balanced Assessments Update.....Teresa Ketelsen / Tim Drilling / Athena Vadnais
2. Athletic Facilities NeedsMike Schofield
3. Multnomah County Partnership for Education Research.....Teresa Ketelsen

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan. 8: Regular Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
Council Chambers
Public Safety and Schools Building

VI. ADJOURN

GRESHAM-BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT
1331 NW Eastman Parkway
Gresham, OR 97030-3825

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jim Schlachter
Teresa Ketelsen
Tim Drilling
Athena Vadnais

DATE: December 11, 2014

RE: No. 1 – Common Core / Smarter Balanced Assessments Update

EXPLANATION: The Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) measure mastery of the Common Core State Standards, and are designed to determine whether students are on track to be college and career ready. The transition to SBA means higher grade-level performance standards, and initially, a lower percentage of students who meet these standards.

Over the last year, the district has been working to understand what the Smarter Balanced Assessments will require of students and staff, and prepare both groups to meet the challenge. Tonight, district administration will present a brief overview of district efforts to successfully implement the SBA, including professional development for teachers, and a plan to communicate with teachers and families.

PRESENTERS: Teresa Ketelsen, Tim Drilling, and Athena Vadnais

SUPPLEMENTARY
MATERIALS: Power Point Presentation

RECOMMENDATION: This is an information item.

REQUESTED ACTION: No formal action is required.

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jim Schlachter
Mike Schofield

DATE: December 11, 2014

RE: No. 2 – Athletic Facilities Needs

EXPLANATION: Athletic facility needs and options will be presented and discussed at the board work session.

PRESENTER: Mike Schofield

SUPPLEMENTARY: Additional and specific information will be presented at the
MATERIALS: meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: The administration recommends that board members review and discuss athletic facility needs.

REQUESTED ACTION: No action required at this time.

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jim Schlachter
Teresa Ketelsen

DATE: December 11, 2014

RE: No. 3 – Multnomah County Partnership for Education Research

EXPLANATION: A year ago, the University of Portland and Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) partnered to provide educational research for six Multnomah County school districts. This partnership provides high-quality, district-driven research and support with a focus on learning, equity, and results.

Research projects completed during this first year for our district included an analysis of college readiness of our graduates, a program review of the Freshman Academy at Gresham High School, and an analysis comparing student performance in the full-day kindergarten class and half-day kindergarten classes at Highland Elementary. Highlights of the findings for these three research projects will be presented during the meeting.

PRESENTER: Teresa Ketelsen

SUPPLEMENTARY
MATERIALS: None

RECOMMENDATION: This report is being provided as information only.

REQUESTED ACTION: No action is required.

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