



BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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María Hinojos Pressey, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
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Christy Perry, Superintendent

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING (Work Session)

6 p.m.

July 19, 2022

Location: Miller Elementary School, 1650 46<sup>th</sup> Place, SE, Salem, OR 97317

Public Access is also available live-stream:

English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MSlvKlKCaA>

Spanish: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRJgA6y83qk>

The meeting was also broadcast on CC:Media, channel 21. Closed caption in English available through CC:Media television and YouTube.

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

a. Board Attendance

All board members were present except Director Bethell.

b. Diverse Welcome Message

Director Chandragiri read a diverse welcome message, noting we will strive to be inclusive, respectful, and welcoming to our students, staff, educators, administrators, board members, and all community members.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

d. Agenda Modifications

There were no agenda modifications.

#### 2. **BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING 2022-23**

Chair Carson Cottingham led the board through a work session on strategic planning for the 2022-23 school year and moving forward. To start the process, board members were asked to come up with three priorities with a focus on purpose, outcome, and process.

Board members shared their priorities:

a. Director Heyen: (1) safety and behavior, (2) transparency and inclusion, and (3) return to real education; Director Heyen noted Director Bethell (who was absent) expressed some of these topics as priorities as well.

b. Director Avila: (1) INS-P029 expulsion policies, (2) Board Results Policy No. 2 Academic Achievement, and (3) climate justice resolution.

c. Director Chandragiri: (1) school safety and positive school climate, (2) well-rounded, high-quality learning and closing achievement gap, and (3) engagement, transparency, and inclusion.

d. Student Advisor Brennan: (1) quality, equitableness, and sustainability of food, (2) equitable grading, and (3) creating opportunities for life-skill learning.

e. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Guzmán Ortiz: (1) revision and alignment of board policies, especially equity policy, (2) safety of

students, staff, and families, (3) mental health and behavior supports in schools, and (4) expulsion and suspension practices.

- f. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Hinojos Pressey: (1) board policies committee, board assessment and reflection.
- g. Chair Carson Cottingham: (1) parent/student/community listening sessions, (2) exploration school-based health centers, (3) needs of students with disabilities, and (4) educating legislators on fully funding schools.

Chair Carson Cottingham led discussion, and provided an example, asking board members to extrapolate on each suggested priority to explain the purpose, desired outcomes, and process for each of their priorities.

At the suggestion of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Hinojos Pressey, board members took turns sharing what each means by “improving student safety,” which is important to all of them.

Chair Carson Cottingham provided a brief recap and thanked the Superintendent and her team for all they do. She noted tonight’s meeting was not a criticism of the district but a time for board members to share issues of importance to them so the board can find a path forward within governing policies and in collaboration with the superintendent and district. She also reminded the board about harmful effects of bringing rumors into a public meeting. Chair Carson Cottingham noted the next step will be to group ideas into themes and create draft goals for the board to consider.

**3. ADJOURNMENT: 8:01 p.m.**