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World News Briefs

Manafort's Plan to 'Greatly Benefit the Putin Government'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Associated Press has learned that President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, secretly worked for a Russian billionaire to advance the interests of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Manafort wrote a 2005 strategy plan that he said "can greatly benefit the Putin Government." At the time, U.S.-Russia relations under Republican President George W. Bush were growing worse.

Manafort's arrangement was with Russian aluminum magnate Oleg Deripaska (DARE-uh-poss-kuh), a close Putin ally. Manafort signed a \$10 million annual contract beginning in 2006 and maintained a business relationship until at least 2009. The work was described in interviews with people familiar with it and confidential business records obtained by the AP.

Manafort confirmed to the AP that he worked for Deripaska but said the work was being unfairly cast as inappropriate.

GOP Leaders Boost Pressure as Health Bill Crunch Time Nears

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump and House leaders are revving up pressure on balky conservatives and other Republican lawmakers as crunch time approaches on the party's health care overhaul bill, a drive GOP leaders concede they can't afford to lose.

A day before the House planned votes on the measure, Trump was expected to continue hunting support for what would be a significant achievement for his young presidency. But under-



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scoring the bill's uncertain fate, a senior administration official said that 20 to 25 House Republicans remained opposed or undecided. That's a grave figure since united Democratic opposition means the measure crashes if 22 GOP lawmakers vote "no."

"If we keep our promise, people will reward us," House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., told reporters Tuesday of GOP vows to demolish former President Barack Obama's health care law that the GOP has assailed since its enactment in 2010. "If we don't keep our promise, it will be very hard to manage this," the speaker said.

"Honestly, a loss is not acceptable, folks," Trump told lawmakers at a closed-door Capitol meeting with House Republicans. He warned they'd face widespread defeats in next year's elections and possible loss of control of the chamber if the measure failed.

Trump's remarks and the White House nose count of votes were each described by Republicans who provided inside information on condition of anonymity.

Confirmed Candidates Running for Portland Public Schools Board



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Current PPS Board, clockwise from far left: Mike Rosen, Tom Koehler (Chair), Amy Kohnstamm (Vice Chair), Steve Buel, Julie Esparza Brown, Pam Knowles and Paul Anthony. Koehler, Buel and Knowles will not be running for re-election.

The Skanner News

On May 16, three out of seven seats on the Portland Public School board will be up for grabs. The confirmed candidates are as follows:

ZONE 4 CANDIDATES, to replace Steve Buel

- **Rita Moore:** Portland Public Schools activist, advocate and parent; former university professor; policy analyst in the Office of Health Analytics of the Oregon Health Authority.
- **Jamila Singleton Munson:** Former teacher and principal for KIPP; current Senior Managing Director at Teach for America; co-founder of Community for Equity PDX.

ZONE 5 CANDIDATES, to replace Pam Knowles

- **Scott Bailey:** School activist and volunteer; co-founder of Community & Parents for Public Schools; economics teacher at Clark College.
- **Virginia La Forte:** Served as a school representative and member of the Portland Public Schools Talented and Gifted Advisory Council; current member of the Portland

Public Schools Bond Stakeholder Advisory Group.

- **Traci Flitcraft:** Marketing consultant at Salesforce marketing cloud.
- #### ZONE 6 CANDIDATES, to replace board chairman Tom Koehler
- **Trisha Parks:** Middle school teacher in Beaverton; former Beaverton teachers' union leader; Portland Public Schools parent; involved in Parent Teacher Association, community organizing and volunteering.
 - **Julia Brim-Edwards:** Former Portland Public Schools board member (2001 - 2005); Nike senior director of global operations and public affairs; co-founder of a parent group.
 - **Zach Babb:** Principle mobile engineer at moovel North America, a transit technology company.
 - **Ed Bos:** Executive at Cascade Pacific Council of the Boy Scouts of America; staff sergeant in the Oregon National Guard.
 - **Joseph L. Simonis (Josie, they/them):** Data scientist and instructor; board member of Cornell Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association; chair of Rose City Rollers Training Committee.

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