

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday November 12, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
Washougal School District Office

PRESENT: Ron Dinius, Board Director; Teresa Lees, Board Director; Elaine Pfeifer, Board Director; Karen Rubino, Board Director; and Dawn Tarzian, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ron Dinius called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and Elaine Pfeifer and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. AGENDA REVISIONS (none)

3. WORK SESSION

Dawn Tarzian explained that this meeting was designed as a work session for the board to obtain information from the presenters, share opinions and concerns, and discuss these with each other, in order to reach consensus around details of a potential bond run. She introduced the panel of presenters: Jim McNeill, Bond Counsel with Foster Pepper PLLC; Mark Prussing, Financial Advisor; Brian Wallace, Washougal School District (WSD) Business Manager; Joe Steinbrenner, WSD Director of Operations; and Casey Wyckoff and Vaughn Lein, architects from LSW who have conducted an in-depth study of the recommendations from the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee.

Brian Wallace began the discussion by sharing five-year average projected enrollment data for the district. Using these projections, he compared future enrollment numbers with each school's building capacity. He continued with projections beginning in 2018 that included the proposed new K-5 and 6-8 schools, showing room for the projected growth.

Brian shared financial estimates related to two scenarios of bond projects that the board has been considering. Scenario 1 includes new schools at the Jemtegaard Middle School (JMS) site, including a K-5 building with capacity for 400 students and a 6-8 building for 600 students; safety upgrades at all of the district's schools; a new Excelsior High School (EHS) building with capacity for 90 students; construction of a Transportation Services facility at the Kerr property; and HVAC and roofing upgrades at Gause and Hathaway Elementary Schools for a total of \$57,683,255. Scenario 2 would eliminate two of the projects (HVAC/roofing and the Transportation facility) for a total of \$53,688,994.

Ron Dinius asked for and received clarification about the size and content of the proposed new Transportation facility. The board discussed the possibility of selling the current facility if a new one was built. The board agreed by consensus their support for the new Transportation facility project as a line item in the proposed bond.

Hathaway and Gause roofing and HVAC upgrades were discussed. In response to Karen Rubino's questioning, Joe Steinbrenner explained that the HVAC improvements would include the addition of air conditioning to both schools' gymnasiums, as well as the Hathaway work room and staff room. All of the individual heating units at these schools are residential units past their life cycle. These would be upgraded to energy-efficient commercial units in the proposal. Casey Wyckoff provided a breakdown of projected costs for each project in the HVAC and roofing proposals. The board asked to hear about the funding models, ballot language and draft resolution language before returning to the HVAC and roofing discussion.

A. Bond Funding Models

Brian Wallace and Mark Prussing shared a bond authorization summary for the two different scenario amounts. They also shared actual and projected total tax rates, including the current maintenance and operations levy, the current technology levy and the addition of the proposed bond. Mark explained a bar graph of historic and projected total property tax rates, designed to keep rates as consistent as possible for patrons throughout upcoming years.

B. Bond Counsel & Ballot Language

C. Review and Discuss Draft Resolution

Jim McNeill walked the board through the draft resolution language, explaining the legal necessities for each section. He highlighted the portion of the resolution that includes the proposed ballot language. The resolution was designed to summarize the projects of the proposed bond with language describing “a proposition to relieve overcrowding and improve safety and infrastructure.”

The board thanked Jim and Mark for their time and information.

The board continued with discussions about roofing and HVAC proposals. The board agreed by consensus to support these projects, resulting in support of Scenario 1 as presented.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (none specifically discussed)

5. BOARD EVALUATION

Ron Dinius collected the board’s self-evaluation forms from each board member. The results are attached.

6. ADJOURN

Karen Rubino moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2014

President

Secretary to the Board

BOARD MEETING EVALUATION SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2014

Instructions for 1: S = Satisfactory I = Needs Improvement U = Unsatisfactory

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| 1. I was prepared for the meeting. | 4 |
| | <u>YES</u> <u>NO</u> |
| 2. Our agenda was designed to meet our obligations and objectives (district governance, future planning, board goals) | 4 |
| 3. Meeting Elements: | |
| a. The Board President facilitated management of the meeting time and agenda | 4 |
| b. Ample time was given to discuss agenda topics | 4 |
| c. Each board member was given the opportunity to speak | 4 |
| d. Directors, presenters and the public were treated in a dignified and respectful manner | 4 |
| e. Adherence to policy leadership vs administrative detail | 4 |
| 4. The board demonstrated a sense of responsibility for excellence in governing the district. | 4 |

Comments (If you answered “no” to any of the above, please provide comments):