

**Redmond School District
School Board Meeting
January 28, 2015**

In Attendance: Chair AJ Losoya, Vice-Chair Rick Bailey and Directors Rhonda Etnire, Shane Nelson, and Bob Perry, Superintendent Mike McIntosh, RSD Staff; Trish Huspek, Kelly Richard, Kathy Steinert, Linda Seeberg, REA Representative, Lisa Sage, From the RPA, Sandy Cloud, Tayler, and Karissa.

Board Chair AJ Losoya called the meeting to order with a quorum of four at 5:30 p.m. After the Oath of Office is administered to Rhonda Etnire, the quorum will be five.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Oath of Office

Due to the resignation of Ron Munkres, the Board held interviews with four community members who applied for the open position. The Board selected Rhonda Etnire to fill the vacant spot on the Board during their January 7, 2015 Board meeting. Tonight, Mrs. Etnire will take the official Oath of Office for the term of January 28, 2015 to June 30, 2015. This position will be available on the May, 2015 ballot. The term will be the unexpired two years of the position that Ron Munkres was elected to in 2013.

AJ Losoya administered the Oath of Office to Rhonda Etnire. “We are extremely grateful to all of the candidates that applied for the vacant position on the school board. We were very impressed with all of the candidates.”

Citizen Participation for Non-Agenda Items

Randy Eckerman –Parent; He stated that he was in attendance tonight to reinforce the conversations he has been having with Superintendent McIntosh regarding the improvement of the district’s transportation services. “I have had recent encounters with that office that I would like to have avoided in the future. They have long standing policies and practices that have no written basis as to why they operate the way they do. That created frustration for me and my family. I have been having conversations with Mike to discuss ways to improve that. We had an instance where we had an exchange student and I was told that transportation wouldn’t be provided for that student.” He further reported that because of a disciplinary issue on the bus, the students were segregated between male and female. He reported the transportation office said that was appropriate when discipline issues warrant it. Mr. Eckerman is concerned that could be a violation of Title IV. He understands that Superintendent McIntosh has been investigating this and applying some kind of rules to guide the transportation staff including review of management training regarding student management. “This is a wonderful opportunity in having an in-house transportation department. I would like to see changes in the culture of management and I know that may take time to happen.” He also stated that he would like to see from the Board and district a written outline and plan on how to move forward in the future.

AJ Losoya expressed his appreciation to Mr. Eckerman for coming to the board tonight and that he has met with Superintendent McIntosh regarding this issue and they will be having further conversations.

Superintendent McIntosh thanked Mr. Eckerman and noted that during every conversation he has had with Mr. Eckerman his demeanor has been calm and supportive and genuinely interested in helping the Redmond School District.

Rick Bailey also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Eckerman and the way he has approached this situation.

Taylor, Brooke, and Karissa - RPA – Representatives from the Redmond Proficiency Academy (RPA)

- Celebrating recent completion of January term. The January term allows students to select condensed courses for study. Examples of classes that were offered were a snowboarding class, film making, and a class where students were able to make a Cajon box drum. January term allows students to focus on the things they are passionate about.
- The VERV, which means passion and excitement, talent show with staff and students will be held on February 28th.
- At the end of February 90-100 freshman students will take a field trip to OSU and U of O to participate in college tours.
- In honor of Board Appreciation month, the students presented each board member an expression of their appreciation and thanked them for supporting the RPA and for the work they do for the community.

PRESENTATIONS

Redmond High School Leadership Students – Board Appreciation

Nate Muñoz introduced Redmond High School leadership students, Jordyn Chase, Bryna O’Keefe, and Colin Leutschaft. The students were in attendance in honor of School Board Appreciation month. They thanked the Board for everything they do for the schools and community and presented them with an appreciation gift made by Redmond High School students.

Superintendent Report

- Lynn Evans, Director of Human Resources and Superintendent McIntosh met with Barry Branaugh and Kelly Hicks, representatives from the certified bargaining group and they have outlined the bargaining process for this year. This year the full contract will be negotiated. That process will begin after spring break. During those conversations, they agreed they would like to continue the model that has been used for the last two years. That model includes not having Board, legal or OEA representation involved in the discussions. Superintendent McIntosh stated, “I think there is value in that. The culture in the room changes when we bring in the “big guns.” The Board would be updated during the process. Both the Board and the certified association members would need to ratify what is decided upon. The classified will be bargaining around fiscal issues and not contract language.
- Budget and Budget Process – Met this week with the Budget Taskforce. They spoke about potential revenues coming out of the legislature. Hoping that the \$7.23 billion is the low-mark. Pressure is being put on the legislature to encourage a \$7.5 billion budget. That is still a status-quo budget. The District’s intention is to add back the two days we are short. It would be advantageous for us to expand that to \$7.8 billion which would create a trajectory to serious school improvement. Anything less than that would be maintaining what we are doing now.

Association Report

Lisa Sage - REA

- Excited because we have all levels on the bargaining team. Unanimous decision to continue with the same process.
- Mid-year- point. The high school and middle schools are getting ready for conferences.
- Schools are getting ready for Smarter Balanced. Looking at practice tests, materials and technology they will need. “There is a little bit of excitement and trepidation. Overall, we are moving forward with it.”
- Hearing from all of our buildings the appreciation for our administrative support regarding curriculum changes.
- Working with the district in supporting our students and staff regarding behaviors. This is still a concern of staff but conversations are moving forward. The biggest thing is determining what can and can’t be done in protecting themselves and kids.

Lisa Sage spoke to the supports that staffs are receiving from their building administrators. “The open communication with our administrators has been great. It is more of team effort with increased collaboration.”

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 15:082 – Special Purpose Revenue

Kathy Steinert, Director of Fiscal Services reviewed with the Board the following information.

The Redmond School District School Board has adopted a policy related to Budget Implementation to comply with Local Budget Law (ORS 294.305 through ORS 294.565). In accordance with that policy the following additional revenue has been received by the District and needs to be recognized and appropriated in the amounts specified:

1. The District received notice of \$34,000 in grant funds through the AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) grant. This grant is intended to train educators to use proven practices to help prepare students for success in high school, college and career.
2. The District received notice of \$10,000 in grant funds through the Kindergarten Readiness grant. The program is intended to promote school and community partnerships that result in measurable increases in children's readiness for kindergarten.
3. The District received notice of \$4,400 in additional grant funds through the McKinney Vento grant. The grant supports enrollment and educational stability for homeless children and youth and supports district programs that serve homeless students.
4. The District received notice of \$2,900 in additional grant funds through the Youth Transition Program. The grant is a partnership with Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation services intended to prepare youth with disabilities for employment or career-related education or training to increase positive postsecondary outcomes.
5. The District received notice of a grant award of \$10,000 from the St. Charles Health System. The grant is intended to support programs that increase community health in a sustainable, cost-effective manner. The grant will be utilized by John Tuck Elementary to support a school-wide wellness program to benefit students, parents and community.
6. The District received notice of a supplemental grant award of \$4,600 from the Oregon Community Foundation. The grant is intended to implement financial education classes and will be used to support BizKids after school program at Vern Patrick Elementary School.
7. The District received notice of a supplemental state funded grant award of \$39,500 from the Oregon Department of Education. The sub-grant is designed to support activities related to meeting the physical education instructional requirements for students in kindergarten through grade 8, and is a pass-through grant award to be utilized by the Redmond Proficiency Academy in support of staffing their physical education program.

Rick Bailey moved to approve Resolution 15:082, Specific Purpose Revenue as presented. Shane Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Local Contract Review Board

The Redmond School District's Board, acting as the Local Contract Review Board, has previously adopted its own rules of procedure for public contracting which are based on the Oregon Attorney General's Model Public Contract Rules. The Attorney General (AG) has recently adopted revised Model Public Contract Rules which must be incorporated in the Redmond School District's public contracting rules.

It is the responsibility of the District to regularly review changes to the Code and the AG's Model Public Contract Rules to ensure that the District's public contracting rules are consistent with current law. The 2013 legislature passed several bills that impacted public purchasing and most went into effect January 1, 2014. The AG rewrote the Model Public Contracting Rules and issued temporary rules which were effective July 1, 2014. Final rules were adopted effective January 1, 2015. This has prompted the District to rewrite our public contract rules and procedures.

The Board was provided a red-line document that indicated the changes in the Model Public Contracting Rules.

Resolution 15:083 – Amended Public Contracting Rules

Kathy Steinert, Director of Fiscal Services reviewed the changes in the Contracting Rules. In reviewing the changes Jerry Milstead was consulted. Mr. Milstead sat on the attorney general's Model Public Contract Rules Advisory Committee.

Board members noted errors in the document. Jerry Milstead will provide clarification of the language to Trish Huspek and the changes will be made on the final Contracting Rules document. The errors noted do not change the meaning or intent of the document.

Rick Bailey moved that the Board of Directors of the Redmond School District acting as the Local Contract Review Board approve Resolution 15:083 adopting amended public contracting rules and procedures and adopting class special procurements and exemptions to the Public Contracting Code as corrected. Shane Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2015-16 Budget Calendar Adoption

The Budget Committee is charged with holding one or more meetings to:

1. Receive the budget message and the budget document;
2. Provide members of the public an opportunity to ask questions about and comment upon the budget document;
3. Approve the budget document as submitted by the budget officer or as revised and prepared by the Budget Committee.

Prior to Budget Committee meetings being held, a schedule listing the proposed meeting dates must be approved by the Board.

Shane Nelson moved to approve the 2015-2016 Budget Calendar as presented. Rhonda Etnire seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

- Finance Reports (Have been reviewed by Finance Committee)
- Personnel Report
- Board Work Session Minutes from December 15, 2014
- Board Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2014
- Board Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2015
- Board Work Session Minutes from January 21, 2015
- Out-of-State Field Trip
- Gift to the District
- Policy Revisions: EBB, EEA, EFAA, EFAA-AR, GBC, GBE, GBEDA, GBEDA-AR, GBN/JBA, GBNA/JFCF, IGAI, IIA, IIBGA, IIBGA-AR, IK, JBA/GBN, JFCF, JHCD, JHCDA, LBE

Bob Perry asked for clarification on policy revision IGAI regarding the language in the policy that requires local school boards to approve the plan of instruction. Administration will consult with the district legal counsel to see if that paragraph needs to be in the policy by statute.

Rhonda Etnire spoke to the communication that is coming home regarding the instruction that students will receive regarding age appropriate human sexuality education. She stated that the communication needs to align with what the students are actually being taught so that parents can make an informed decision on whether to remove their students out of that instruction.

Rick Bailey moved and Bob Perry seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended to exclude approval of policy IGAI. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board Member Updates and Requests for Agenda Items

Bob Perry

- One of state representatives intends to put a bill before the legislature to make it easy for parents to opt out of Common Core testing. “Regardless of how I feel about Common Core it could have a tremendous impact if too many kids opt out.”

Linda Seeberg, Executive Director of Academic Programs reported the district anticipates receiving requests for students to opt out. “The district will ensure that we are following policy and will work with parents. Her team has created a system where if a request for exemption comes in, they have a flow-chart of protocols to follow.

Shane Nelson

- Attended the “Ho Down” at Sage Elementary and had a great time.
- Went to the Ridgeview game last night. “They have an impressive athletic team.”

Rick Bailey

- Visited the after-school program at Lynch – “These are some of the cutest kids you have ever seen.”
- Reported that while visiting with principals it has struck him how excited they are. “ I hope that is making it down to the teachers and staff.”

AJ Losoya

- Attended the annual Chamber banquet out at Eagle Crest. Citizen of the Year went to a former music teacher in Redmond. The Business of the Year went to Eberhard’s.

ADJOURN

Rick Bailey moved and Shane Nelson seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

AJ Losoya, School Board Chair

Trish Huspek, Executive Assistant