

Redmond School District
School Board Work Session
July 28, 2010

In Attendance: Board Chair Jim Erickson, Vice-Chair Cathy Miller, Directors Paul Rodby, Ric Little, Superintendent Shay Mikalson, District Staff - Doug Snyder, Jon Bullock, Mike McIntosh, Trish Huspek, Stephanie Curtis, Brent Walsh, Brian Lemos, Councilman Ed Boero. Media: Leslie Pugmire-Hole (*Spokesman*)

New High School Planning

Jon Bullock addressed the Board to update them on the planning that is being done to open the new high school. He provided a packet of information that will be reviewed during the presentation. The presentation will provide the timelines for the development of a second high school. Included in the presentation is the plan to include the fiscal viability of a two high school system, a plan to include the building of athletic facilities at the new school, and a plan to remodel the existing high school. The history of the bond campaign was reviewed by Ed Boero. He reported to the Board that the rumor in the community that there is a possibility that the District won't be able to afford to open the new school. Mr. Boero expressed his strong belief that the district must open the new high school.

Jim Erickson thanked Mr. Boero for letting the Board know of the rumors in the community and assures everyone neither the Board nor the district have considered the possibility of not opening the new high school. The question at hand is what steps will need to be taken to get the new high school open.

Doug Snyder reminded the Board they have already voted on the issue of opening a new high school by approving the Bond. There are two other components of the bond campaign that will be discussed today; the construction of an athletic field at the new high school and the remodeling of the existing high school. Doug reviewed the reasons why it will be important to remodel the existing high school. "It is a unique opportunity to use funds to update Redmond High School into a 21st Century high school."

Jon Bullock stated that their intent is to clearly share with the Board what it will cost to open the new high school and what funding streams will be used to cover the costs. The estimated funds required will be \$4,746,995. Jon reviewed each line item; personnel, athletics and activities, utilities, instructional materials, technology, and a contingency fund to cover any items that were missed or for increases in costs over the next two years. The estimated revenue funding was reviewed. They include money that has already been set aside from the general fund, state facility grants from Sage Elementary and Terrebonne Community School as well as a new high school state facility grant. Their goal is to find a way to open the high school without using general fund dollars. There is a plan in place to be able to open the school with minimal impact to the general fund.

Bullock stated that because we will be a multi-high school town we have to take a different approach to secondary education that provides personalized offerings that are proficiency based. "We will need to work to create a focused system to educate our students. It is our job to create an education system that

will serve all high school age students.” Jon reviewed estimated enrollment numbers beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. These numbers are based on our current enrollment numbers and rolling them up to the high school level. Jon also reviewed the number of students who could potentially attend a Redmond high school that are currently being educated through either home schooling, inter-district transfers or charter schools.

Doug Snyder stated the current stadium was built in the early 1970’s when there were no building codes or ADA compliances. “As we look at the current stadium, it is serving the public but is inadequate. If we try to use this facility as a central athletic field, there will be significant upgrades that will need to be made. From a facilities standpoint the current stadium will need to be upgraded.” It is estimated that the district will have a savings of approximately \$15 million dollars in the bond that will need to be allocated. Doug reviewed the potential projects the money could be used for.

Brent Walsh stated that having a stadium at the new high school will help create an identity for the students and will help them establish themselves in the community. The proposed stadium would have a 1400 seat grandstand and a 400 seat area for visitors. Various seating arrangements are being priced out. Brent reported that with a new stadium, there would be the possibility of hosting district athletic championships which would be a good revenue producing opportunity for the Redmond area.

Doug presented the Board with a draft schedule for the new high school stadium, remodel of the existing Redmond High School building, and the opening of the new high school. He believes we need to follow through with the promises that were made to the voters in building a stadium for the new high school.

Paul Rodby reminded everyone that during the bond campaign they had promised the community that there would be a public process to decide how any excess money would be spent. He wants to make sure that still happens. Paul feels strongly that the public process needs to happen prior to spending any money on the new stadium. He would suggest that a stadium committee be put together to lead everyone through the process.

Ric Little said that the stadium at the new high school is essential to have.

The Board members were unanimous in wanting to make sure that everyone understands they have every intention of opening the new high school and that they have never considered any other option.

The Board would like to see a facility task force put together to explore design concepts for the remodel of the existing high school. Any action item brought to the Board would include the retention of an architect to move through a conceptual design process. Jon Bullock, Doug Snyder and Mike McIntosh would be the core instructional team to lead the process.

Paul requested a comprehensive plan and time line be presented to the Board to keep them updated on the progress in opening the new high school. Cathy requested an analysis of all programs offered at the high school and how those will compare at the new high school. Cathy also asked that a financial back-up plan be created in case the state facility grants don’t come through.

Jon Bullock stated that the costs provided for start-up is “worse-case scenario” and they are confident that they can find ways of decreasing those costs.

*Cathy Miller moved and Paul Rodby seconded a motion to adjourn the work session at 5:30pm.
Motion carried 5-0.*

Jim Erickson, School Board Chair

Trish Huspek, Executive Assistant