

**Redmond School District  
School Board Meeting  
April 27, 2011**

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**In Attendance:** Chair Jim Erickson, Vice-Chair Cathy Miller, Directors A. J. Losoya, Ric Little, Superintendent Shay Mikalson, RSD Staff-Mike McIntosh, Trish Huspek, Gina Blanchette, Doug Snyder, Brent Walsh, John Hartford, Sam Platt, Kathy Steinert, Lynn Evans, Mollie O'Brien, Linda Seeberg, Media-Trish Pinkerton (Spokesman), Association representatives, Judy Newman, Dru Carpenter.

Board Chair Jim Erickson called the Board meeting to order with a quorum of five at 5:30 p.m.

**Citizen Participation for Non-Agenda Items**

None

**PRESENTATION**

**Ridgeview High School – Student Mascot/Color Committee**

Jon Bullock introduced some of the members of the 30 member student committee that selected the Ridgeview High School mascot and colors. Those present from the committee were; Gatlin Cyrus from Obsidian Middle School; Katie Bullock, Hunter Slawosky, Andy Robles from Elton Gregory Middle School, and Kelly Ackerman from Redmond High School. Dr. Bullock thanked Brent Walsh for working on the design and logo for the tee shirts.

Students indicated they felt the process was very good and they wouldn't change anything. Their goal was to select a mascot they could be proud of and that would not be offensive to anyone. They felt a great sense of responsibility during the process because they didn't want to let the community down. The committee discussed all of the suggested mascots at great length, went through a process of elimination and finally came to the decision of the Ridgeview Ravens – purple and black.

Jim Erickson stated as a board they are very grateful to the committee for working so conscientiously and for making a great choice.

Superintendent Mikalson also expressed his appreciation to the student committee and stated they will always be able to say they were a part of the team that made those selections for Ridgeview High School. This will be something they can be very proud of for the rest of their lives.

Brent Walsh thanked Dr. Bullock for his leadership with the students.

Students from the committee and Mr. Walsh presented each Board and staff member with a Ridgeview High School tee shirt.

**Elton Gregory Middle School**

John Hartford, Principal at Elton Gregory Middle School welcomed everyone to the school. Mr. Hartford stated that he has an incredible staff that he is proud of. He is equally proud of the students who attend EGMS.

Mr. Hartford introduced Sam Platt who is a teacher and student council advisor at EGMS. With Mr. Platt were two student council members; Andy Robles, Student Body President and Hunter Slawosky, Secretary. Mr. Platt stated they are working on improving school wide attendance and have created a competition with the students. The students stated that good attendance helps to be better students. This is the second week of the competition and they will be excited to share data in the future.

Mr. Hartford provided the board with an overview of the framework that is used at Elton Gregory Middle School for organizing and coordinating the programs that are offered. Items on the systems model included initiatives they are current implementing, initiatives that have partially implemented and lastly initiatives that the school would like to implement in the future. Mr. Hartford stated that Indicators/Diagnostics determine tier placement for the students in the following categories; intensive support, extra support, whole school focus. Their goal is to be proactive for their students not reactive.

### **Redmond High School Future Business Leaders of America**

Andrew Layton and Elise Bowman appeared before the Board representing Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). FBLA is an organization that helps students gain leadership skills. Members in this club are involved in competitive events, community service projects, and social events. There are 50 students in their chapter this year. Recently 36 of the students competed in Portland at the State Leadership Conference. At the event, six of their members made the top two spots in their events and are eligible to compete at the national level in Orlando, Florida in June. Students must raise the funds to cover registration, airfare, hotel, and food. They have met with Mr. Lemos at the high school. Mr. Lemos has indicated that no funds are available at the high school to assist in this endeavor. In order to raise the required money the club has been actively participating in fundraisers. The registration fees of \$75.00 per person are due by this Friday. Andrew and Elise stated they are at the Board meeting to ask for assistance.

Cathy Miller told the students that she has two Alaska Airlines companion ticket coupons that she would be happy to donate.

Superintendent Mikalson invited the students to contact him at the district office on Thursday to further discuss the registration fees.

*Jim Erickson recessed the regular Board meeting at 6:20pm in order to convene the 2011-2012 Budget Committee meeting*

*Jim Erickson reconvened the regular Board meeting at 7:20pm.*

## **PRESENTATION**

During the initial presentation from the student mascot/color committee, Doug Snyder, Chief Operations Officer was not in the room. Upon Mr. Snyder's arrival, Superintendent Mikalson stated that during Doug's 10 year tenure with the district he has built four schools. Through conservative fiscal management of the bond dollars, he has set the stage to allow for the remodels of several of our schools. His service to the District over the years has been invaluable and very much appreciated.

In honor of Mr. Snyder's contributions in the construction of Ridgeview High School, Superintendent Mikalson presented him with a Ridgeview High School tee shirt and a thank you card from the student committee members.

### **Capital Projects Report/Transition**

Doug Snyder, Chief Operations Officer stated that "It has been an honor to be the conductor of the Redmond Symphonic Band. You need everyone to play their part, in unison, at the right time. Over the last year I have had the pleasure of passing the baton to a new conductor."

Mike McIntosh expressed his appreciation to Doug for his mentorship and friendship. Mike and Doug presented a document to the board that provided an overview of the transition plans and how staff will be allocated to cover various responsibilities.

Mike also reviewed the function of the Finance/Bond Oversight Committee. They are proposing to change the meeting schedule to reflect the needs of the Board and the fiscal department. "It is important to have the Finance/Bond Oversight Committee review the monthly financials and to vet various proposals that ultimately go to the board level for action." The Finance/Bond Oversight Committee will meet on the Monday prior to the second board meeting each month.

Doug Snyder reviewed a summary of the 2008 bond allocations for the \$110 million bond savings. The document included all RSD board approved 2008 bond projects, the original 2008 bond allocation, the dollars spent against the 2008 bond as of 4/22/11, final cost/projected actual costs, and the completion date for each project. Mike stated that he will be making this form a part of the monthly financial reports.

Also provided was a Capital Projects Duties/Tasks/Leadership Options document. The document provided a summary of the key tasks, timelines and duties for the planned capital project activities that will need to be considered in light of his retirement.

Cathy Miller asked if there are impact issues that will need to be addressed. Doug stated that we have an obligation to keep the community informed about the status of the projects.

Jim Erickson asked for clarification regarding the RHS remodel. Doug stated that the remodel of RHS should be a staff driven process. It needs to have a clear educational vision in order determine what that remodel should be. Jon Bullock, Brian Lemos and the team of teachers who will be assigned to Ridgeview will be developing that vision. Superintendent Mikalson stated that this work has already begun.

### **ACTION ITEM**

Brent Walsh, RHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director spoke to the Board regarding the lack of Type 20 vehicles owned by the district for athletic activities. The benefits of these type of vehicles will be increased class time, less cancellations of athletic/activity events due to lack of buses, will save the coaches time, easier to schedule events, and cost savings. By renting smaller vehicles they were able to decrease their costs this year.

Superintendent Mikalson stated that Mr. Walsh has done an incredible job in working to eliminate athletic transportation costs from the General Fund.

Cathy Miller asked for clarification on who will be able to use these vehicles. Mr. Walsh stated they would not be adding additional travel. They would be using these vehicles to address their current transportation needs. Under this model they will be able to fund transportation expenses for two years instead of one.

All drivers will need to go through ODE training for type 20 vehicles. It is a four hour course that includes a practical driving test and background check.

#### **Resolution 11:040 – Authorization for Inter-Fund Loan**

ORS 294.460 allows a governing body to authorize, by official resolution, an interfund loan within certain parameters.

This resolution is asking the Board to approve a \$141,000 interfund loan from the Insurance Reserve Fund to the General Fund to provide for the capital purchase of three Type 20, 14 passenger buses. The loan will be for a term of five years and will bear interest of 1%. It is anticipated that the Insurance Reserve Fund will have over \$1.2 million planned reserve next year. Mollie O'Brien, Business Manager stated that a five year loan, in that amount from those reserves should not place any undue risk of a shortfall on that fund.

The staff recommendation is to approve the interfund loan in the amount of \$141,000 at 1% interest for a term of five years.

Ric Little asked if this type of loan would need to occur a year from now when Ridgeview is opened. Brent Walsh stated that when that school opens, it would be advantageous to purchase three more Type 20 vehicles for Ridgeview.

Jim Erickson stated that he wanted to confirm that using the funds from the Insurance Reserve Fund does not have any impact on the General Fund. Mollie O'Brien confirmed this reserve fund has no bearing on the General Fund.

Brent Walsh confirmed the usage of these vehicles would be based on the size of the group needing transportation; band, cheerleaders, etc.

*Cathy Miller moved to approve Resolution 11:040, interfund loan in the amount of \$141,000 from the Insurance Reserve Fund to the General Fund, bearing interest at 1% for a term of five years. Ric Little seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

AJ asked if they are financing the entire amount or if there would be a down payment. Mr. Walsh stated that because the interest rate is so low he is asking to finance the entire amount to leverage their current resources.

*Roll Call Vote – Cathy Miller, Yes – AJ Losoya, Yes – Ric Little, Yes – Jim Erickson, Yes*

### **Resolution 11:041 – Refinance Real Estate Loan**

Mollie O'Brien and Mike McIntosh presented a resolution for the refinance of the NW property that the district purchased in 2007. This refinancing will save the district over \$300,000 in annual payments.

Mollie O'Brien reviewed the information regarding the various refinance options that had previously been presented to the Board. This resolution gives authority to district staff to proceed with the refinance under the stated conditions.

Under this proposal there is not an option for prepayment on the principal of the loan. To set up the refinance with the ability to prepay would cost the district a significant amount of money. All loan fees are wrapped into the total loan amount and will extend the loan out eight years.

The savings to the general fund, over the life of the loan, \$750,000 annual premium currently, under this refinance and restructure with no option to prepay is \$410,000 - \$340,000 savings to the general fund. The fees and generation is all wrapped into the total loan amount. Extends the loan out eight years

*Cathy Miller moved to approve Resolution 11:041, to provide the terms under which the District may enter into the financing documents; to provide the terms of the execution and delivery and private placement of the financing agreement; and to authorize certain officials of the District to execute and deliver the financing documents and to take action on the District's behalf. AJ Losoya seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

*Roll Call Vote – Cathy Miller, Yes – AJ Losoya, Yes – Ric Little, Yes – Jim Erickson, Yes*

### **2011-2012 School Calendar**

Superintendent Mikalson stated there are many groups to thank in the development of the calendar. The CLASS project design team put a great deal of work into developing this calendar in order to provide professional time for staff, to reflect changes at the secondary level in schedules, and to honor contract language. This calendar has been vetted by various stakeholder groups.

The main adjustments to the calendar are the school improvement days and schedule changes at the secondary level. It reflects a full school year calendar but it is important to note that it does not take into consideration any changes that would need to be made based on negotiations with associations.

*Cathy Miller moved to approve the proposed 2011-2012 school calendar as presented. Ric Little seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

### **Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation**

Superintendent Mikalson stated that it goes without saying that as a district we are facing unprecedented times. "As we are forced to find new ways of doing business, we need to remember that we do make a difference to the lives that we serve." He expressed his appreciation to the District's teaching staff who are dedicated to changing the lives of children. Superintendent Mikalson provided the Board with a formal proclamation to adopt in recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6.

AJ Losoya moved to acknowledge and declare May 2-6 as Teacher Appreciation Week. Ric Little seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Consent Agenda**

- Personnel Changes
- School Board Minutes from April 13, 2011
- School Board Work Session Minutes from April 13, 2011

Cathy Miller moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ric Little seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Superintendent Report**

- ✓ Reported that negotiations are continuing and they are still engaged in good faith conversations with associations. Negotiations will continue in May with the certified group. Superintendent Mikalson thanked both associations for their continued participation in the process.
- ✓ The reception for staff members who are retiring will be on Friday, May 13 at Juniper Golf Course. Superintendent Mikalson encourages everyone to attend to recognize those people who have done great things for the students of the district.

Jim Erickson stated that while a proposed budget has been given to the Budget Committee he acknowledges that conversations are continuing between the associations and the district. He wanted to stress that “There are no good guys and no bad guys in these conversations.”

### **Association Reports**

Judy Newman

- ✓ Encourages the district to not use language that would infer that the REA is holding up the process. “This sets a tone in the district that is not positive.”

Superintendent Mikalson stated that communications are proceeding and while doing that it is important to provide accurate information as it becomes available.

Dru Carpenter

- ✓ Elections were held last night. The new officers are: Denise Belsher - Vice President, Kendall Frickey - Secretary, Tamera Peter, Director 1, John Swires, Director 2

### **Request for Agenda Items**

- ✓ ALO Evals – Work Session
- ✓ Boundary Process – It is scheduled for Jon Bullock to come to the board in May
  - Communication to the public – public hearings

## **ADJOURN**

Cathy Miller moved and AJ Losoya seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:32pm

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Jim Erickson, School Board Chair

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Trish Huspek, Executive Assistant