

**Redmond School District  
School Board Meeting  
June 8, 2011**

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**In Attendance:** Chair Jim Erickson, Vice-Chair Cathy Miller, Directors Paul Rodby, A. J. Losoya, Ric Little, Superintendent Shay Mikalson, RSD Staff-Mike McIntosh, Trish Huspek, Gina Blanchette, Brent Walsh, Brent Walsh, six community members, Media-Leslie Pugmire-Hole (*Spokesman*), Eric Hidle (*Bend Bulletin*) Association Representatives, Karen Gray, 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**

*Kevin Stoltz, Parent and Community Member:*

Mr. Stoltz read a statement to the Board. In the statement he commented on the negative experiences that he, his family and friends have experienced at Redmond High School. Mr. Stoltz stated, in part, “The real problems at RHS have less to do with economics and more about a failed educational system, with failed policies as a result of promoting a culture that is subversive to the education of our children.”

Jim Erickson stated that it is clear that Mr. Stoltz is frustrated and can see the affect his concerns has had on his child. He commended Mr. Stoltz for speaking out of concern and frustration but with such respect to the Board. Mr. Erickson encouraged Mr. Stoltz to have a conversation with Superintendent Mikalson regarding the concerns he shared tonight.

*Jan Dorgan, Community Member:*

Mrs. Dorgan expressed her appreciation of district office staff for their prompt and professional responses to her requests and questions. She thanked everyone on the school board for their service. She stated that “The Redmond School District needs a fresh start. We need to adapt and work together. One simple change is the proximity of the union representatives to the school board members. The separation of union representatives from private citizens makes it more difficult for the school board to address us equally.” She expressed that having them sit separately from the rest of the meeting attendees does not provide effective communication to the whole room.

*Dennis Dorgan, Community Member:*

Mr. Dorgan stated that he has many questions regarding the curriculum in the district and would like the opportunity to discuss it in more detail. He requested that a public meeting be scheduled to discuss what curriculum is taught in the district, why it was selected, the effectiveness, and the costs associated. He has a concern about the wisdom of going beyond basic education and into areas that would be better addressed at the post-secondary level.

Jim Erickson stated that the district is bound by state mandated curriculum. The Board does not select curriculum. The selection of curriculum is an operational decision based on those mandates and state funding.

Cathy Miller indicated that this topic could be a possible agenda item in the future.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

### Public Comments Regarding 2011-12 Budget

None

### School Boundaries

None

## ACTION ITEM

### Resolution 11:042 – Adopting a Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11

In order to comply with local budget law, the Board must take action to increase the adopted budget to enable the district to spend revenue that was not anticipated or appropriated in the 2010-11 fiscal year budget. The unanticipated revenue has arisen as a result of; many federal and non-federal grant programs have an ending date that does not correspond with the district's fiscal year end, during FY 2010-11 the district received notice of several grants that were awarded, during 2010-11 the Redmond Education Foundation awarded several mini-grants to district programs, during 2010-11 the International School of the Cascades was closed which resulted in them having an ending fund balance in the amount of \$6,800.

*Paul Rodby moved that the Board approve Resolution 11:042 to adopt and appropriate a supplemental budget for 2010-11 in the amounts specified in the resolution. Ric Little seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

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

### Resolution 11:043 – Transfer Appropriations for the General Fund, Asset Replacement Fund, Grant Programs and Fee Supported Programs for Fiscal Year 2010-11

Resolution 11:043 allows for the appropriation transfers in the fiscal year 2010-11 budget to provide for the expenditure of funds not anticipated at the time the budget was adopted. The following expenditures facilitated the need for additional appropriations; early retirement incentive, utilities and other miscellaneous expenditures for the vacant Evergreen School building, costs of issuance for refinancing the 2007 Full Faith & Credit Obligation, payments to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grant will be less than anticipated at the time the expenditure was appropriated, available funds will be spent differently than anticipated in the original grant programs budget, and expenditure of funds from the Family Access Network emergency fund to community members will be greater than anticipated.

*AJ Losoya moved that the Board approve Resolution 11:043 to transfer appropriations in the general fund, asset replacement fund, grant programs and fee support programs for fiscal year 2010-11. Cathy Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

Discussion: AJ Losoya requested further clarification/explanation for various items within the resolution.

Jim Erickson asked for clarification from Mike McIntosh on the financial impact on the Early Retirement Incentive. Mr. McIntosh stated that by providing this incentive to potential retirees the district prevented 10 additional positions from being in the Reduction of Force (RIF) process.

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

### Resolution 11:044 – Adoption of Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12

Oregon Revised Statute 294.435 requires the School Board to enact proper resolutions to adopt the budget, make the appropriations, and determine/make and declare the ad valorem tax levy for each fund. This action must be taken prior to July 1 because these resolutions establish the authority for the District to expend funds for the next fiscal year.

Mike McIntosh, Kathy Steinert spoke to the board about the approval of the 2011-12 budget. They are presenting to the Board a balanced budget proposal and would ask the Board to adopt. Since the Budget Committee

approval process, a number of things have changed on the revenue side. Since approved, there was approximately \$1 million in changes that the resolution reflects. The main change in this budget is that it is built on a 50/50 split as opposed to the original proposal of a 49/51% distribution in the biennium.

Cathy Miller asked what the ending fund balance will be. Mr. McIntosh stated that it will be approximately \$4 million for fiscal year 2010-11. He expects to end the 2011-12 fiscal year with a \$2.5 million, the required 5%. By using part of that \$4 million ending fund balance it will help to mitigate additional staffing reductions for the 2011-12 school year.

It was noted that a typographical error was made on the issue brief provided on Resolution 11:044. The addition of 1.38 FTE for Educational Assistant positions in the Independent Living Skills program should have been listed as \$49,900 not 449,900.

*Paul Rodby moved that Resolution 11:044 be approved to adopt and appropriate the 2011-12 budget and to levy and categorize taxes for the fiscal year 2011-12 as presented. Ric Little seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

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

Cathy Miller requested that the public be continually advised of the increased tax levy rate.

Jim expressed his appreciation to everyone who worked diligently on the 2011-12 budget. “It has never been presented so transparently as it was this year.”

Note: Paul Rodby and Mike McIntosh left the meeting at 6:25pm to attend graduation activities.

### **Board Calendar**

Superintendent Mikalson provided the Board with three draft calendars for setting the board calendar for next year. The staff’s recommendation would be to approve the first option of meeting every three weeks. Adoption of this schedule would not preclude the ability to schedule work sessions and executive sessions when needed. Superintendent Mikalson noted that since becoming the superintendent \$600,000 in positions has been eliminated from the district office. Due to those decreases in staff everyone has taken on additional responsibilities. Having board meetings every three weeks will assist district staff in their workload but still allow the Board to fulfill their duties.

*Cathy Miller moved to approve the every three week meeting schedule for the Redmond School Board meetings as recommended by staff. AJ Losoya seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

On July 13, newly elected Board members; Jim Erickson, AJ Losoya and Bob Perry will be given the Oath of Office.

### **Alternative Learning Option Annual Report**

Superintendent Mikalson reviewed that two weeks ago Peter Miller presented to the Board the annual report on all Alternative Learning Options (ALO’s) in the district. Superintendent Mikalson is currently adjusting the administrative rule on ALO’s to add the requirement that they will be required to align their program with the Redmond School District Performance Plan and applicable indicator targets.

*Cathy Miller moved to approve the 2010-11 Contract and Charter School Evaluation report as presented. Ric Little seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0*

### **Consent Agenda**

- Personnel Changes
- School Board Minutes from May 25, 2011
- Gifts to the District

*AJ Losoya moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Cathy Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Superintendent Report**

- ✓ Continued conversations with REA to work together to find a solution. The next negotiation meeting will be on Monday.
- ✓ Superintendent Mikalson reviewed the school start times for 2011-12. In order to facilitate the move to School Improvement Wednesdays there was a need to adjust the time school starts next year; elementary students will begin 5 minutes earlier than this year and secondary students will start 10 minutes earlier. On Wednesday's students will be released one hour early to allow for job embedded professional growth.
- ✓ Regardless of the financial situation we are in, we need to celebrate what is good in RSD. Superintendent Mikalson encouraged everyone to attend the various graduation ceremonies in the district. These ceremonies are a shared accomplishment for not only the students but the parents, teachers and community.

### **Association Reports**

Karen Gray

- ✓ Last meeting last night, did vote to move forward to draft a MOU TIF (Teacher Incentive Fund) grant. The deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>. Need to take it to the full membership and with a 2/3 majority approval they will move forward. There will be summer work to craft that MOU that will allow creativity in the implementation of the funds.
- ✓ Met Monday night for negotiations and are awaiting to hear back on their latest proposal. "We have gotten very bogged down in philosophy. At some point we will need to agree to disagree."
- ✓ Judy Newman and Ike Maness are going over the RIF lists

Dru Carpenter

- ✓ Last Tuesday held a ratification vote on budget concessions – passed 79% yes and 21% No. Will work this year for what they worked this year. Last chapter meeting next Monday.

Shay Mikalson thanked Dru for her leadership.

### **Request for Agenda Items**

- ✓ Curriculum Conversation
- ✓ Focus of Board Meetings – Continue format or revise? Increase communication
  - Seating issues
  - Communication Strategy
- ✓ Roles and Functions of Board Members – Boardsmanship 101
- ✓ Principal Standards

## **ADJOURN**

*Cathy Miller moved and Ric Little seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:55pm. Motion carried 4-0.*

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Cathy Miller, School Board Vice-Chair

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Trish Huspek, Executive Assistant