

Redmond School District
School Board Meeting
March 20, 2013

In Attendance: Chair Cathy Miller, Vice-Chair AJ Losoya, and Directors-Ric Little, Bob Perry, Pat Reck, Superintendent Mike McIntosh, RSD Staff: Trish Huspek, Kelly Richard, Linda Seeberg, City Councilman, Tory Allman, REA Vice-President, Josh Davis, RPA students; Kaitlyn Monchamp, and Nick Aschenbrenner, RHS students; Zak Hatchell, Zachary Gover, Brennen Yates, Natalia Menshova, Joshua Suran, Community Members; Lance Brandt, Tim Stevens, Bob Dent, Mandi Puckett, Ron Munkres, Rick Bailey.

Chair Cathy Miller called the meeting to order with a quorum of five at 5:30 p.m.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Additions, Deletions and Corrections to the Regular Agenda

None

Citizen Participation for Non-Agenda Items

Nick Aschenbrenner and Kaitlyn Monchamp – RPA Students

- The RPA recently had an open mic fundraiser for one of their classmates who was in a sledding accident and was injured.
- The RPA has conducted three open houses in the past month for open enrollment. They have recruited enough students to warrant having a lottery to see which students will be able to attend.
- The RPA prom will be held on April 20th. The past couple of years they have gone to Portland to the Portland Spirit. This year they decided to include the local community so they are holding their prom at Broken Top. This year's theme is The Great Gatsby.
- They expressed their appreciation to the board for allowing the RPA to exist. It is a great opportunity

Bob Perry stated that he was very impressed with the RPA, the students and staff, specifically Sandy Cloud, during a recent tour of the program.

Zack Gover, Brennen Yates, Natalia Menshova, Joshua Suran, Luis Espinosa – RHS Students

The students were present to speak to the board on behalf of their teacher Mr. Prince. The students reported that Mr. Prince is their automotive teacher and they have received information that he is in jeopardy of not getting his contract renewed next year.

Zak – “We don’t want to see him leave. Kids love him – he is a great teacher. Classes are overfilled with students every day because everyone wants to take his class. He makes the whole room light up with smiles. He welcomes the students into his classroom. The importance of him at our school is huge. He has helped students understand that all of their school work is important. He has given me motivation to join the military to have a career. He has taught me almost everything I know about vehicles. He is a great teacher. There are a lot of other students who wanted to come tonight but because of conflicts they were not able to come to speak with the board.”

Brandon – “Mr. Prince is a teacher who compromises for students even when you are not in school. I had a friend whose truck wouldn’t start. We called Mr. Prince and he came out before school, fixed the truck and got us to school. He has helped me realize what I want to do in life. I want to join the Marine Corp as a diesel mechanic. I know that a lot of people were disappointed by the way he was running his class but those people weren’t even in his class. I stand behind Mr. Prince 100%.”

Natalia – “Mr. Prince is a great teacher. I came to class with no understanding about cars other than how to drive them. I am one of the two girls in the class. I was impressed by the way he taught. I didn’t think I would learn anything but he has helped me a lot. I now know how to do a lot of things on a car. I felt very welcome in class. The problem is the kids who take the class just want to mess around. It isn’t that Mr. Prince isn’t doing his job. It is the students who take the class who don’t really want to do anything.”

Joshua – “I only knew minimal things about a car. After taking his class I am now able to do many things on a car. Mr. Prince helped to provide direction for me in identifying a career. After taking this class I would like to pursue mechanical engineering. I hope he is still at the high school for future generations. He has inspired me. Because I took his class I was able to trouble-shoot my car and I can honestly say that I wouldn’t have been able to do that if it hadn’t been for what I learned in Mr. Prince’s class.”

Luis – “I respect Mr. Prince because he has taught me how to go through things. He helps me solve problems and he won’t give up on you. He has been talking with me about going into the Air Force.”

Cathy Miller reported that the students are here on Mr. Prince’s behalf and he didn’t know the students were coming. It was self initiated due to their concern for Mr. Prince.

Superintendent McIntosh stated that these are the tough things about running a school district. “I appreciate the student’s remarks and will take them and share them with my staff.”

Mandi Puckett, parent of two students in RHS

- Was present to check on the status of school safety in the district
- She has grant information that she would like to share with the board members and Superintendent McIntosh. She further reported that she has completed a grant writing course.
- She has researched different Pacific NW foundations that might possibly fund a school safety grant. She provided a list of those foundations that she believes would fit the district’s needs. In her research she has discovered that most of the organizations would like to see the district make application to multiple foundations.
- She received a copy of the Portland School District’s grant that they received for school safety initiatives
- She made a presentation to the Safe Schools Alliance and has agreed to be a parent representative. However, she has been told that those meetings are not open to the public.
- Asked what assistance she can provide to the district and what the next steps are for the district in regard to student safety.

Bob Perry asked Superintendent McIntosh why the School Safety Alliance meetings are closed to the public.

Superintendent McIntosh stated that due to confidentiality issues, the meetings are not designed for public attendance.

Cathy Miller stated that the board is waiting to find out what the funding will be from the State. “The Budget Committee will meet on April 24th and at that time there will be a discussion on what we believe the State will be giving us. Prior to that, it wouldn’t be prudent to take a lot of man hours making proposals. Staff will be making recommendations to the board. If we are actually going to make financial resources available for these expenses, we must go through the budget committee steps.

PRESENTATIONS

Ridgeview High School Booster Club

Lance Brandt and Tim Stevens were in attendance to update the board on the formation of the Ridgeview High School Booster Club. It was reported that they applied for their tax exempt status in December. Their board and executive teams have been established and they are working on their goals, mission, membership drive and funding.

Lance Brandt stated, "The booster club is not about just sports. It is about all of the activities. Any program that keeps a kid active in school is our main goal. We also want to get community into the schools."

Booster Club Mission Statement:

"To support the arts, athletics, activities and clubs at Ridgeview High School, in pursuit of a full and enriching academic experience for every student."

Tim Stevens reported that Ridgeview High School has had a significant economical impact to the community. There were many businesses in the community who experienced a significant increase in business during the OSAA state volleyball championship. They will continue to bring events to Ridgeview High School and the community.

Tim Stevens further reported the booster club is also providing awards to students for good grades and perfect attendance to keep them motivated and to support the school wide PBIS system. They have awarded Kindle Fires, and \$50 gift cards. "Every time I walk into school students stop me to see if we will be doing it again."

AJ Losoya expressed appreciation for everything the booster club is doing to support the students at Ridgeview High School. "We want both of our booster clubs to be successful and I believe in healthy competition. However, I want to make sure we don't saturate our local businesses."

Tim Stevens reported that he is trying to coordinate with the athletic directors to set up a system where the booster clubs are responsible for going out and fundraising. "As far as Redmond's program, I talk with them all the time to let them know how we are going to proceed and we try to not target businesses that they are going to."

Josh Davis stated, "As a teacher and coach I would like to express my appreciation to Lance and Tim for all of their work. I appreciate the focus on academics and the fact that they are looking at all activities that keep kids connected to school."

Superintendent Report

- Would recommend canceling the work session that was scheduled for April 10. The budget message and document will be presented at the April 24th Budget Committee meeting. "My staff is working very hard in marrying the proposed budget with the Strategic Plan. Both of those documents will be presented at the same meeting. If we do something on the 10th then that will deter Kathy Steinert and her team from having the documents ready for the 24th."
- OSAA – went to Wilsonville to testify in front of the OSAA committee. The topic was on redistricting. Made a pitch that RHS and Ridgeview play 4A in 2015 and beyond. It will be difficult due to the established numbers.
- Reported that he was a part of the annual signing party with the Safe Schools Alliance. All of the superintendents in the region, the chief of police, and Deschutes County Health have agreed to continue the partnership. Superintendent McIntosh stated that he is convinced that grants are the only way we are going to fund some of the school safety issues that we want to address.
- Superintendent McIntosh reported that he received an email from Debbie Laszlo, Benefits and Risk Specialist, who says PACE will not cover our school district if anyone other than SRO's are carrying

guns in the schools. “Those are the types of things that we are considering every day. We are hammering away to do what we can to ensure our schools are safe.”

- Continuing to plan for a school safety retreat in June for administrative staff.

Association Reports

Josh Davis, REA Vice-President

- At last week’s REA meeting they approved the shared leadership model

MaryAnne Agee, OSEA President – Was not able to make the meeting so she emailed Trish Huspek her report as follows:

- Elections are open for all board positions with the exception of president. Nominations will close April 9th with voting to follow the week after. The exact time and date is still to be determined.

LOCAL CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

Adoption of Additions to Class Special Procurements of Public Contracting Code

Jerry Milstead, Project Manager and Mike McIntosh provided the Board information regarding a proposed change to the district’s Class Special Procurements to the Public Contracting Code. Last year the board adopted the model contracting rules with some exceptions. It has been identified that two additional exceptions should have been added to those exceptions at that time. Those two exceptions are for legal assistance and district auditor. Jerry Milstead reviewed Exhibits A and B with the board. In order to proceed with those exemptions the district must have certain findings to justify those exemptions. Those findings were reviewed with the board. It was further reported that our district ESD legal counsel have reviewed the documents.

Superintendent McIntosh stated, “As an example, we just finished an extensive project on the EGMS roof with a law firm in Bend. Under the current contracting rules if we had another event, we would need to go out for competitive bids for legal services. This exemption allows the district to select a firm based on need, merit, and competence. However, it doesn’t prevent us from going out for an RFP. The same would be true for an auditing firm. Any selection of a firm would need to be approved by the Board.”

PUBLIC HEARING - LOCAL CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

The public hearing was opened at 7:13pm.

Adoption of Additions to Class Special Procurements of Public Contracting Code

A public notice was placed in the Bend Bulletin on February 24, 2013 notifying the public of the district’s intention to approve findings in support of adding certain exemptions and class special procurements to the districts adopted Public Contracting Code. It is the public’s right to appear before the board to comment on the proposed additions.

There was no public input on the exemptions. The public hearing closed at 7:14pm.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 13:068 – Adoption of Additions to Class Special Procurements of Public Contracting Code

ORS 279B.085 authorizes a local contract review board, upon adoption of appropriate findings, to establish special selection, evaluation and award procedures for, or exempt from competition, the award of a specific contract or classes of contracts.

AJ Losoya moved and Bob Perry seconded a motion to adopt the findings as presented and to establish special selection, evaluation and award procedures for, or exempt from competition, the award of a specific contract or classes of contracts as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Bob Perry stated that the code of ethics that we all have to abide by makes him feel much better about this whole thing. Superintendent McIntosh stated that this just makes it easier for the district to get the right people for the job.

Resolution 13:069 – Strong Schools, Strong State Campaign

Cathy Miller reviewed the proposed resolution in support of the Strong Schools, Strong State Campaign. “The reason for this resolution is that there are some that believe that school boards are a part of the problem; that they are ineffective. The OSBA wants to send a message that school boards are important especially during a time when they are receiving more state direction. OSBA is asking for a collaborative effort of all school boards. The OSBA wants to support local school board control. The intent is to provide OSBA more power to go to the legislature to tell them more funding for the K-12 education system is needed.”

After discussing and making language changes to the draft resolution the board reviewed the final document that they will vote on.

Bob Perry made a motion to approve and submit resolution 13:069 as revised by the Redmond School District Board of Directors. Ric Little seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

- Personnel Report
- Board Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2013
- Board Meeting/Work Session Minutes from March 6, 2013
- Gifts to the District

Pat Reck moved and Bob Perry seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board Member Updates

AJ Losoya

- Filing deadline for the election is at 5:00pm tomorrow. Appreciates the candidates that are in attendance tonight.
- Encourages everyone to participate in Stars in the Sagebrush that will be held on April 12th. He attended last year and it was by far the best event that he and his wife has attended in Central Oregon.

Kelly Richards reported that Stars in the Sagebrush is being sponsored by Home Federal Bank. Tickets can be purchased online. 10 honorees that will have been chosen. This year the event is a fundraiser for the Community School Programs in the district.

Bob Perry

- Enjoyed the visit to John Tuck Elementary. Wondering if the parents are being subjected to too many acronyms and would it be possible to put a key on the website. The other thing he noticed in the document that is handed out is that nowhere in the document does it identify what we are trying to do in educating these students. “We need to teach all of these kids to be life-time learners. That should be part of what we mold into our thoughts on success.”

- Have some constituents who have a lot of concern regarding Common Core Standards. Some want to opt out of those requirements. If you receive one of those requests what do we do about it? Superintendent McIntosh stated that occasionally we have curriculum content where parents have the option of excluding their students from that instruction. We provide those students alternative learning options. The district hasn't ever had someone want to opt out of everything.

Cathy Miller

- She is currently on the ESD board but her position will be terminating as of June 30, 2013. Right now RSD is the only district who has a sitting board member, all others are appointed or elected at large. She encourages a board member to apply because of the critical relationship piece and it gives you an overview of what is happening regionally. Time commitment is once a month unless you want to volunteer for committee work. Deadline to apply for the position is April 5.

Pat Reck

- Would concur that the April 10 meeting should not be held because of all of the unknowns between April 10 and April 24.

AJ Losoya

- Stated that he is mindful that both Kathy and Mike have a lot on their plate. The strategic Plan needs to be something that should be seen prior to the first budget meeting. Not sure what to expect from the strategic plan. "I think it is a lot to take in on one night."

Superintendent McIntosh stated that he doesn't want to make any excuses. "The piece that I am set in is that the Strategic Plan and the budget need to be married up. I have a binder full of pieces of the Strategic Plan that I can provide you at any time. I am struggling with the presentation because the audiences are varied. I am confident that we will have a valuable Strategic Plan. The intent of the first budget meeting is to deliver the budget message and the actual document. It would be my hope that review of both of those documents would happen and then discussed at the next meeting. I need as much time as I can have to get all of those pieces in place. I can have something together by the 10th but it wouldn't be what I wanted."

Ric Little stated that what he doesn't want to see is the Budget Committee's input overlooked. "We need to have time to digest it to make sure the priorities are fully discussed."

There was a lengthy discussion about the timing of the delivery of the Strategic Plan. Cathy Miller stated that she feels strongly that the board needs to know what is in the Strategic Plan that will be blended with the budget that will help students achieve.

Superintendent McIntosh stated, "There isn't a ton of latitude in what we are proposing or what we will cut. It is still people and salary. We haven't received anything since the last presentation that would inform us that we were not on the right track. We won't know a lot of answers until we get closer to June. Some of the things we could share can be misconstrued as bargaining during an open session. We want to play by the rules, represent the board, and work hard to provide an accurate document. I was pleased with the outcome of the first two meetings with the Budget Committee. We have never done it that way before. We are in the middle of information gathering from all of the departments and schools regarding their projected budget needs for next year.

Superintendent McIntosh will provide the Strategic Plan to the board on April 19th. The board members will email any questions they might have. At the April 24th meeting there will be a presentation blending the Strategic Plan and Budget presentation.

ADJOURN

AJ Losoya moved and Pat Reck seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Cathy Miller, Board Chair

Trish Huspek, Executive Assistant