

**Redmond School District
School Board Meeting
July 28, 2010**

In Attendance: Chair Jim Erickson, Vice-Chair Cathy Miller, Directors Paul Rodby, Ric Little, Dan Murphy, Superintendent Shay Mikalson, RSD Staff Doug Snyder, Mike Schofield, Stephanie Curtis, Jon Bullock, Mike McIntosh, Media Leslie Pugmire-Hole (*Redmond Spokesman*), association representative Judy Newman

Board Chair Jim Erickson called the meeting to order with a quorum of five at 5:42 p.m.

Amendment to the Agenda: Jim Erickson proposed that a discussion item be added to the agenda:

- First steps on bond fund savings

PRESENTATIONS

2010-11 Calendar Update – Kindergarten Dates

Brian Putnam and Mike McIntosh gave an update on the kindergarten calendar for the 2010-11 school year. In the past substitutes were hired for kindergarten teachers to allow them additional time for conferences. There have been adjustments to the calendar that will eliminate the need to hire those substitutes. Conferences will now typically be Wednesday-Friday and no kindergarten session on the Wednesday. Parents will be notified by the teachers at the beginning of the year. The conferences will occur in October and February. No contractual changes will need to be made with the teaching staff.

Construction Update

Doug Snyder gave an overview of all construction projects currently in process.

- ✓ New high school – waterproofing is going on the walls, gym trusses are being set tomorrow
- ✓ Redmond High School – all work is proceeding on schedule
- ✓ Terrebonne Remodel– August 20th is the completion date

Cathy Miller wanted to express her appreciation to both Doug Snyder and Mike McIntosh for the personal contact that they had with each of the land owners that were affected by the water rights issue in Terrebonne.

- ✓ Sage Elementary – we are behind schedule for completion. They are going to miss the August 1st move in date. Doug doesn't believe the delay will affect the scheduled opening of the school.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 10:033 – US Bank Depository Services

Mike Schofield presented a resolution to update the US Bank Depository Services Agreement. The administrative staff changes that took place as of July 1, 2010 need to be reflected in the bank signature authority as required by US Bank.

Dan Murphy moved and Cathy Miller seconded a motion to approve Resolution 10:033 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Roll call vote: Paul Rodby-Yes, Dan Murphy-Yes, Cathy Miller-Yes, Ric Little-Yes, Jim Erickson-Yes

Resolution 10:034 – Establish an Unappropriated Fund Balance

Mike Schofield presented a resolution to establish a target budget amount for the General Fund Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance. Staff recommends approval of the resolution in order to establish the intent of the Board and set the level of the Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance budget amount for the General Fund to 5% of the General Fund operating revenue. The resolution would be implemented in the budget development process for the 2011-12 year.

Cathy Miller moved and Dan Murphy seconded a motion to approve Resolution 10:034 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Roll call vote: Paul Rodby-Yes, Dan Murphy-Yes, Cathy Miller-Yes, Ric Little-Yes, Jim Erickson-Yes

Consent Agenda

- Personnel Changes
- School Board Minutes from July 7, 2010
- School Board Work Session Minutes from July 7, 2010

Paul Rodby moved and Dan Murphy seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**Association Reports**

Judy Newman stated that the recall of laid off staff members has been progressing smoothly.

The following questions were asked:

- Q. With the district looking at the consolidation of services with the HDESD, will the implementation be department by department and will certified staff be affected?
- A. Regional consolidation through ESD – The district is looking at any way we can put money back into the classroom. As an example, Debbie Adams, the district's Benefits/Risk Specialist will be providing some services to surrounding school districts during the next school year. Her time will be billed back to the districts she assists. There will be other opportunities to share services like the one mentioned above but no certified staff will be affected.
- Q. What is the protocol for her participation in the board meetings?
- A. Jim Erickson indicated that there are times when the board will need to work out its position on a particular policy decision and then there are times when the board is seeking input on those decisions. During the information collecting processes it would be desired to hear the association representative's opinions. He feels that the Board makes the best decision when we all participate in the process.

First Steps on Bond Fund Savings

Jim Erickson presented a recap of the conversation that occurred in the work session prior to the board meeting. There will be an estimated savings of approximately \$15 million dollars of bond funds once all dedicated projects are completed. There has been public discussion of what might happen with those funds. Staff had presented a comprehensive recommendation during the work session on how those funds could be used. There was discussion that during the bond campaign if there were funds left after all construction projects were completed, it could be used to construct a stadium at the new high school. After that the board would have several options on what to do with the balance of the funds. Jim stated that we need to take first steps on the process of how to determine the best use of this money. It has been suggested that we need public discussion around the \$2 million for the stadium prior to a decision being made. It was requested that a public discussion should be held at the next board meeting on August 18th.

Doug Snyder indicated a delay until the August 18th meeting could have a potential impact of the stadium not being ready for the opening of the new high school. However, a three week delay in the decision wouldn't be fatal to the project.

Paul restated that we had promised to have a public process to determine what to do with any savings from the bond. To make a decision about spending the funds tonight would be wrong timing and detrimental to public relations.

Dan Murphy stated that he doesn't feel that a stadium is necessary at this time. While he does support the idea of a community stadium, he is opposed to the use of educational dollars to build it. "If there are savings from the bond, I would like to look at things that would benefit students such as building labs, vocational centers, making opportunities available to students. By using bond funds to make those improvements it frees up general fund dollars that can be put back into the classroom." Dan feels strongly that it is essential to provide citizens with a list of possibilities on what the money could be used for. "The days of schools building sports stadiums as community centers are over."

Ric Little reported that he is in favor of building a stadium. He feels if you get the information out to the public they would support the project.

Paul Rodby indicated that he is concerned that most athletic stadiums are used a small percentage of the time. The reality is that he doesn't mind having a stadium but feels strongly there could be community opinion that would express something different.

Jim Erickson is a proponent of collaboration but he believes that in the end, the Board will need to make the final decision on what to do with the savings because to get consensus is not possible. We will need to make a decision on the long term educational benefits for the students. "Part of what a school board needs to do sometimes is to look at the options and make the best possible decision for the students."

Cathy Miller indicated that it is imperative that the public be given the opportunity to express their opinions and then the Board would need to determine if any compelling information is presented to help in the decision making process. She also expressed that staff members spent a great deal of time in making a recommendation to the Board. We need to make sure that they feel as though they have been heard.

Paul requested a taskforce be convened to implement a community process to determine what the savings should be spent on. He realizes that it could take a month or two but the process is important.

- Taskforce made up of members of the facilities taskforce and design team
- Taskforce would look at all issues and make recommendations about how to utilize the money to the Board
- Those recommendations would then be provided to the public for consideration during a community forum
- The Board would then make a decision

Dan Murphy requested that the taskforce be guided by the following question; "How do we achieve the goals that we have stated?"

Cathy Miller would like the communications director to come to the August 18th meeting with a plan for communicating the process to the public.

First Reading of Policy Revision – BHC, Board Communications

Superintendent Mikalson provided a copy of Board policy BHC with suggested modifications to the Board for their review. This is a first reading of the policy. Board members will review the policy and report any suggested changes at the next meeting.

Finance and Investment Reports

Mike Schofield reviewed the financial reports including the investment report, the appropriations report and a projection report reflecting the estimated revenue expenditures for the current year and the resulting fund balance.

Superintendent Report

- ✓ Superintendent Mikalson presented the Board with a recommended tool to use for the evaluation process of his superintendence. He requested that the Board members review the document and provide him with input
- ✓ Cathy Miller stated that if the Board will be doing an evaluation at the end of September, then the discussion to determine if there is a need for a superintendent search could take place then.
- ✓ Also provided to the Board was a draft agenda for future Board meetings. He asked Board members to review the document and provide feedback at the next meeting.
- ✓ A communication plan on how the strategic goals will be met was provided to Board members.
- ✓ The next work session will be on August 18th and will focus on Proficiency

ADJOURN

Cathy Miller moved and Ric Little seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Jim Erickson, School Board Chair

Trish Huspek, Executive Assistant