

**Redmond School District
School Board Meeting
July 7, 2010**

In Attendance: Board Chair Paul Rodby, Vice-Chair Jim Erickson, Directors Ric Little, Cathy Miller, Dan Murphy, Superintendent Shay Mikalson, RSD Staff; Mike Schofield, Doug Snyder, Stephanie Curtis, Trish Huspek, Mike McIntosh, Media, Leslie Pugmire-Hole (*Redmond Spokesman*), Patrick Cliff (*Bend Bulletin*,) association representatives Judy Newman, Dru Carpenter, and Barry Branaugh

Board Chair Paul Rodby called the meeting to order with a quorum of five at 5:31p.m.

Citizen Participation

Johnny Corbin addressed the Board representing the Central Oregon Tribute to Heroes 2010 Steering Committee. In recognition of the military combat veterans the largest traveling Vietnam Wall in the United States will be installed and displayed at Redmond High School during an event on August 12, 2010 at 6:00pm. Mr. Corbin encouraged board members and staff to attend the event. The wall is an 80% replica of the wall in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Corbin expressed appreciation to the Board for the use of the high school. He also expressed appreciation to Paul Rodby for the contributions that he has made in support of this event. He appreciates the Redmond High School technology department for creating public service announcements that are currently being shown on Good Morning Central Oregon.

Presentations

Cathy Miller and the rest of the Board members wanted to take the time to thank Barry Branaugh, outgoing REA association representative, for his service to the district, certified staff, and the students. Cathy acknowledged that Barry's dedication to his role as association president is to be commended. The core of what has been accomplished in the district is monumental. The Board presented Barry with a plaque of appreciation.

Barry thanked the Board and stated that the plaque means a great deal to him. He expressed appreciation to the Board and their ability to work together as well as their dedication in building relationships. He expressed appreciation to the Board for volunteering their time to better the community.

Construction Update

Doug Snyder provided the Board with a pictorial document of each project currently under construction. The roof on Sage Elementary is quickly being installed. The completion date is now August 1. The gym/commons area will be the last part of the building to be finished. The proximity of the school to the cemetery will require sensitivity by the staff of Sage Elementary when funeral services are being held.

Terrebonne Community School – Doug expressed appreciation to Sun West for their progress on the remodel.

Elton Gregory Middle School Roof – The district is procuring the professional services of Schaber Roof Consultants, Inc., for the purpose of identifying the roof leak sources at Elton Gregory Middle School. The contract is being executed as an emergency situation due to the collaboration with the original contractor not being successful. It is urgent that the process to determine the causes begin immediately in order to be repaired by the start of school in the fall.

The contract is two stages– phase I is to determine the cause(s) with an estimated cost of \$4000 - \$6200. Phase II will be billed out as time and materials.

Cathy Miller moved to approve the procurement of professional services of Schaber Roof Consultants, Inc. for the purpose of identifying the roof leak sources at Elton Gregory Middle School. Dan Murphy seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Election of Board Officers for the 2010-11 School Year

Cathy Miller proposed that as the board moves forward with nominations of a chair and vice-chair she believes there needs to be clarity on the roles of those two positions. Paul reviewed the various strengths that are represented on the Board. As those subjects come up the person who has that expertise can speak to the issue.

The following areas were identified and board members were assigned as the primary board representative: Finance - Ric Little, Real Estate - Paul Rodby, Proficiency - Jim Erickson, Dan Murphy - Health and Community Schools, and Communications would be the chair and superintendent with delegation to the vice-chair and communications director. The chair would be the primary spokesperson and the vice-chair and the communications director would be the primary marketing advocate of the district. The board representative for the city planning committee will be Paul Rodby.

Cathy Miller nominated Jim Erickson for the position of chair, Paul Rodby seconded the nomination. Jim expressed that he has both the time and interest in becoming the chair. He sees the duties of the chair in facilitating collaborative meetings. Nomination carried 5-0.

Paul Rodby nominated Cathy Miller for the position of vice-chair. Dan Murphy seconded the nomination. Nomination carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

- School Board Minutes from June 23, 2010
- Personnel Changes
- Corrected GMP Document from June

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bond Revenue

Mike Schofield presented the Board a letter from the bond council regarding the use of the proceeds of the Redmond School District General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008A and Series 2008B. Upon completion of construction, capital repairs, and improving student safety projects, any remaining bond proceeds may be used for any capital project or deposited into the Debt Service Account to pay down bond debt on the 2008 bonds. Any distribution cannot be done until all of the projects have been completed.

Cathy asked if we should consider applying for a waiver on not being able to use the funds to pay down district debt. Doug indicated that if the Board wants to proceed with the waiver request, he would highly recommend professional legal advice.

Doug Snyder expressed concern about the need for restroom facilities at the sports field at the new high school.

Jim Erickson stated that in tight budget years it is important to look at what the most important improvements that should be made. He would need a clear financial impact to be able to make those decisions.

Doug stated that prices are beginning to increase and therefore he anticipates that any additional projects will not enjoy the same savings that been realized in the last year.

Board Meeting Format

Jim Erickson led a discussion around the format that could be implemented in future board meetings.

- School Visitations
 - Board members, by choice, could arrive one hour before dismissal to have in-classroom experiences
 - Board members would need to let Trish know the Thursday before if they will be in attendance so that she can make sure that a quorum won't be present and if so, the proper public notification can be made.
- Listening sessions
 - The sessions will be informal
 - Talking points should be provided
 - Any issues that come up would be answered by the superintendent and then posted on the website
 - Not all board members will need to be present at the sessions
- Presentations
 - Could ask for specific presentations from the schools
 - Presentations could be selected by the principals
 - Stephanie to pursue the production of a school showcase
- Hot Topics
 - Should be pre-advertised so that parents and staff know that a discussion will take place during a meeting
 - Have pro-active discussion vs. reactive discussions
- Update from Association Representatives
 - Would appear as a specific agenda item prior to the superintendent report

Superintendent Report

- ✓ Provided a document that reviewed the new graduation requirements. The current juniors at the high school will be the first class to be required to pass a proficiency test in reading. The requirements increase for the sophomores the following year. This needs to be a K-12 approach so that when the students reach these requirements they are ready to pass and graduate.
- ✓ Tap Root - How can we use these resources to help our students and also free up the teachers to obtain professional development and collaboration time.
- ✓ ESD Funding – Through their concessions there will be an approximately \$60,000 decrease in services to the RSD.

Cathy thanked Paul Rodby for his chairmanship. Dan expressed that Paul has done an incredible job and even though there were disagreements, when you know the person that you are disagreeing with has a deep level of integrity, it is much easier to work through problems.

ADJOURN

Cathy Miller moved and Dan Murphy seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Paul Rodby, School Board Chair

Trish Huspek, Executive Assistant