



BOARD APPROVED 8/26/2020
Redmond School District
Special Board Meeting and Executive Session
August 12, 2020

Board Members in Attendance: Board Chair Tim Carpenter, Vice Chair Shawn Hartfield, Directors Liz Goodrich, Rick Bailey, Travis Bennett

Vice Chair Hartfield called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and established a quorum.

No changes, additions, deletions or questions regarding the agenda. (Chair Carpenter joined the meeting.)

Citizen Comment

Stephanie Hunter, Parent – Concerns regarding a joint effort with the City of Redmond for an Equity Task Force. We need to be fully focused on equity in education.

Megan Garland, Parent – Shared the risks of prolonged distance learning and promotes returning to in person learning as soon as possible.

S. Highway 97 Urban Renewal Plan

Meghan Gassner presented the highlights of the City of Redmond's S. Highway 97 Urban Renewal Plan. The Board will have 45 days after receiving the plan to decide whether or not to provide their concurrence (specifically whether or not they concur with the inclusion of a public building in the Plan, in this case, a new fire station). The City hopes to have the plan to the Board in the next couple of weeks.

Sale Highlights – General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 – Kathy Steinert

The District successfully sold bonds to refinance its outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds saving the taxpayers more than \$7.4 million over the remaining term of the bonds. The interest rates was lowered from 3.86% to 1.77%, net of costs, and total present value savings were equal to more than 10% of proceeds.

Bond Discussion

Because of the savings to tax payers by refinancing our current bond, the District can place a \$27.5 million bond measure on the ballot without increasing the current tax rate. If the bond were to pass, there would be an additional \$7.6 million matching grant from the State of Oregon's OSCIM program. The four key areas of the bond include:

- Improve Health, Safety and Security
- Need to Create Future Capacity
- Modernize & Extend Life of Buildings
- Improve Energy Efficiency, Reduce Operating Costs

This is a two-step process, the District would use the 2020 bond for urgent maintenance, upgrades and capacity needs. Then, in 2024 (when the 2008 bonds are paid off) we would replace M.A. Lynch and update other older buildings. Neither of these bonds would increase tax payer's rates. This would represent a community investment of \$125 million over the next six years without raising taxes.

Jeremy Wright, Wright Public Affairs presented the survey results.

Pat Tellinghusen presented as a PAC member.

Director Bennett made a motion to adopt Resolution 20:145 calling a District measure election to submit to the electors of the District the question of contracting general obligation bonded indebtedness in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$27,500,000 to finance the costs of capital construction and capital improvements; declaring intent to reimburse expenditures; designating an authorized representative and delegating responsibilities; and related matters. Director Goodrich seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

Policy JOA – Directory Information – 1st Reading and OSBA Policy Updates – 2nd Reading

Director Goodrich made a motion to adopt the 2nd reading of policy updates as presented. Director Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

Operational Blueprints for School Re-Entry

These are required by ODE and an opportunity for each school to demonstrate to their community that they can operate in a manner that will assure the health and safety protocols are in place to keep students, staff and families safe. Each blueprint has required elements, but are tailored to and informed by local context. These blueprints will be shared with Local Health Authority for review, submitted to ODE and posted on our District website.

Small School Reopening Committee

Vice Chair Hartfield made a motion to form a committee to research getting Governor Brown's metrics changed from Deschutes County to include only Redmond. Director Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-1. Director Goodrich voted no.

Updates on Re-Entry – Superintendent Cline

The District is preparing a letter to go out to all families by Friday summarizing our current plans in place for starting school. Based on the guidance, we are planning to start the year with Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL). We are planning on starting on Sept 10th with RSD teachers. The platform will be Canvas and the curriculum will be through Florida Virtual School. Our teachers will be using the platform and curriculum all year long, whether we are in CDL or in person. Bus drivers will be available to deliver food and packets to students. There are team members who will be doing other duties, such as helping families with technology, etc. We can bring K-3 students back if we are less than 30 cases per 100,000 for three weeks. But we have decided as a District, that no matter what, we will start with all students in CDL the first three weeks. When we bring them back, we will bring them back using a three week period of bringing half of the students back at a time, somewhat of an A/B schedule so we have smaller, more manageable groups of kids to teach the protocols. All students will get Chromebooks to

use. Meals will still be provided through the drive-up outbuildings we have been using since closure. We are also exploring having bus drivers run routes to deliver meals as well. We are also negotiating with Champions regarding childcare on site.

Updated 2020-21 School Calendar for Comprehensive Distance Learning

Superintendent Cline explained that due to changing to Comprehensive Distance Learning, the District is going to need a few extra days for training our teachers. The District would like to take Sept 8 & 9 from the current 2020-21 School Calendar and change those to training days, with a start date for ALL students on Sept 10. The District has eliminated the School Improvement Wednesdays through the end of October.

Director Bailey made a motion to amend the 2020-21 School Calendar as presented. Director Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

Executive Session

Per ORS 192.660(2)(e) – To conduct deliberations to negotiate real property transactions.

Director Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. Director Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.



Tim Carpenter, Board of Directors, Chair



Gina Blanchette, Executive Assistant