



BOARD APPROVED 9/23/2020

Redmond School District

Board Meeting

August 26, 2020

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

Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and established a quorum.

No changes, additions, deletions or questions regarding the agenda.

Citizen Comment

Trista Lampella, Parent and RSD Team Member - Concerns about CDL, hoping to return to in person schooling as soon as possible.

Ava Lampella, Student – Would like face-to-face instruction as soon as possible.

Cooper Garland, Student – Would like face-to-face instruction as soon as possible.

Sara Cochran, REA Representative – REA met and voted submitting a statement in response to some wanting to use Redmond Covid numbers for the metrics, and not Deschutes County. They presented data indicating Redmond's data is not better than Deschutes County.

Nolan Gorman, Student – Would like face-to-face instruction as soon as possible.

Chris Wolfe, Parent – Both parents work full-time and will be unable to support their kid's academic progress on a virtual platform.

Shana Whalen, Parent – Has collected 904 signature in support to appeal to Governor Brown to consider school district population, rather than the county as a whole.

Phil Chang, Candidate for Deschutes County Commissioner – Congratulating the district for figuring out how to make a \$35 million investment on kids and community and not raising taxes. He hopes the district is successful on the November bond measure.

Heather Kaisner, Deschutes County Public Health

Heather Kaisner presented a COVID-19 Public Health update for Deschutes County and the metrics for schools. The metrics for the past three weeks have not been met (8/2/20 – 8/16/20). Weekly updates can be found on the Oregon Department of Education's website:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Emerging%20Respiratory%20Infections/Weekly-County-Metrics.pdf>

Resolution 20:146 – Support for Property Tax Exemption for Bridge Meadows Redmond Limited Partnership Affordable Housing Development

Bridge Meadows, a Portland-based non-profit that builds intergenerational living communities that bring youth formerly in foster care, their adoptive families and elders together, is developing a Bridge Meadows site in Redmond that will be located within Maple Meadows, a single-family home

development built by Hayden Homes in NW Redmond. Bridge Meadows Redmond will be a 36 unit affordable housing development with ten townhomes for families adopting children out of foster care and twenty-six units for seniors. All of the units will be leased to families and seniors earning no more than 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

Bridge Meadows Redmond Limited Partnership (LP) has requested a property tax exemption under the City of Redmond's Ordinance No. 95-05, which was adopted in 1995 pursuant to ORS 307.515 to 307.523. Per ORS 307.519, the property tax exemption will not be effective for all taxing districts unless the City of Redmond, plus one or more of the taxing districts in which Bridge Meadows Redmond is located, agree to the exemption, such that the rate of taxation of the City of Redmond and the other taxing district(s) equal 51% or more of the total combined rate of taxation.

Director Goodrich made a motion to agree to the policy of the Exemption for Bridge Meadows Redmond Limited Partnership under Oregon Revised Statutes 307.515 to 307.537 and authorizes a property tax exemption for the Bridge Meadows Redmond Limited Partnership development per the terms of Redmond City Council Resolution 2020-15. Vice Chair Hartfield seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Budget Update – Kathy Steinert

On August 10, 2020, the Oregon Legislature met for a one-day special session focused on balancing the state's budget. The special session resulted in the following outcomes for funding K-12 education in Oregon for 2020-21:

- The Legislature used a combination of one time resources, budget reductions and the Education Stability Fund to balance ODE's budget.
- Specifically, \$400 million, or about 50%, of the Education Stability Fund was used to backfill lost General Fund and Lottery Funds dedicated to the State School Fund, which resulted in maintaining the \$9.0 billion biennial allocation.
- The High School Success Grant's (Measure 98) funding was maintained at the biennially budgeted amount.
- The Student Investment Account Grant was reduced by \$321.9 million, or 68%, to \$150.0 million.
- There were several reductions to state-funded grant programs such as the Chronic Absenteeism Grants and the CTE Career Pathways Funds, both programs from which the District had planned to receive funding in 2020-21.

Kathy reports joining with her colleagues statewide in declaring this a "best case" outcome for 2020-21 school district budgets. Nonetheless, we have been cautioned that ODE is expecting budget reductions for the 2021-2023 biennium. The economic forecast that will be released September 23, 2020 is expected to show further declines from the May forecast and it will be a very important forecast for planning purposes.

The state funded the Comprehensive Distance Learning Grant with a combination of GEER, ESSER and Coronavirus Relief Funds. Redmond School District was allocated \$174,300 of which \$146,200 will be available to the District after allocating funds to Redmond Proficiency Academy and private schools.

The revised 2020-21 budget includes an increase in assumed 2020-21 beginning fund balance based on the revised projection for the 2019-20 fiscal year as of August 20, 2020. The 2019-20 ending fund balance increase is primarily the result of reduced expenditures due to the springtime school closures from Covid-19.

Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Hartfield made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Goodrich seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Superintendent and Board Updates

Superintendent Cline

- In-service begins next week and teachers will be trained in Canvas and Florida Virtual School
- School will begin in Comprehensive Distance Learning for all levels on September 10
- OSAA activities and athletics will begin which will include band and choir
- Childcare will be available through Champions in four buildings
- K-3 is on track to return October 5, we will continue to monitor metrics for 4-12
- 544 students have signed up for Full Time Online (all year commitment), we have moved seven teachers to FTO teaching
- Equity Task Force applications are available and a strategy document has been created
- Continuing to inform community leaders and staff members about the bond package

Director Goodrich

- Very busy with the bond, thanked all the community for letters of support
- Thanked Phil Chang for working with Deschutes County regarding mental health care

Vice Chair Hartfield

- Apprehensive about the fall

Chair Carpenter

- Attended the first Facilities Committee Meeting – A big thank you to Tony Pupo and his entire crew for all the work they have been doing to prepare buildings, moving spaces, etc. Huge lift and very much appreciated.

Vice Chair Hartfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. Director Goodrich seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.



Tim Carpenter, Board of Directors, Chair



Gina Blanchette, Executive Assistant