

**School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
Board Work Session of August 13, 2018**

INFORMAL MINUTES

A Work Session of the Board of Directors came to order at 3:00pm at the call of Chair Rita Moore in the Mazama Conference Room at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon, 97227.

There were present:

Board of Directors:

Rita Moore, Chair
Julie Esparza Brown, Vice-Chair
Julia Brim-Edwards
Am Kohnstamm
Paul Anthony
Scott Bailey
Mike Rosen - *absent*

Staff:

Guadalupe Guerrero, Superintendent
Yvonne Curtis, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction and School Communities
Claire Hertz, Deputy Superintendent Business and Operations
Stephanie Soden, Chief of Staff
Kregg Cueller, Chief of Schools
Dan Jung, Senior Director School Modernization
Marshall Haskins, Athletic Director
Harry Esteve, Director of Strategic Communications
Carol Campbell, Grant High School Principal
Korinna Wolfe, Multiple Pathways Area Director
Rosanne Powell, Board Office Manager
Caren Huson-Quiniones, Board Clerk

Grant Softball Field Options

Mr. Jung noted the memo from Portland Parks and Recreation which states that they prefer Option 3 for the Grant Softball Field. Mr. Jung explained that there were four options to consider for the softball field: Option 1 – North Field; Option 2 – Grant Bowl; Option 3- South Field; and, Option 4 – Wilshire Park.

Mr. Jung reported that after researching the options, staff determined two options that were more favorable: Option 3 – implementation of this option would not require any additional funding and could be achieved within the current schedule for opening in August 2019. This will provide PPS and Grant High School administration flexibility to use a shared field scenario at any time or keep it in a configuration for baseball. Option 1 - continue to look at solutions to mitigate the challenges of a softball facility in the North Field. Pros and cons were provided to the Board on all four options.

Director Kohnstamm asked if the improvements in Option 4 would be totally paid by PPS or with partners. Mr. Jung responded that there could be possible partners, but the price range was \$3-\$5 million for Wilshire Park. Director Bailey stated that one con was the consistent rain-out as Wilshire Park is natural turf. Carol Campbell, Grant High School Principal, mentioned that you could be looking at a Title IX issue as one turf would be natural and the other baseball field would be turf. Mr. Jung mentioned that staff does not have a cohesive recommendation. Mr. Haskins recommended, based on Title IX and access, either Option 2 or 4 as they would give athletics the most use. Director Bailey noted that he did not see how Option 2 could work for kids. Director Brim-Edwards stated that it was always the girl's teams that were moved offsite. Director Anthony stated that he did not think we should build a boys baseball field before a girls softball

field at Grant. Director Bailey asked for a spreadsheet on baseball and softball for each school including practice and play areas. Staff mentioned that if Option 1 were chosen, we would lose the full size field at Grant Park. Fernhill has enough space to build a field with improvements.

Chair Moore commented that the Board was not near making a decision. She found it hard to visualize and she did not know how to balance all the conflicting concerns and demands. Chair Moore appointed Directors Bailey and Brim-Edwards to work with staff and Parks and Recreation to nail down some viable solution that could be brought back and recommended to the full Board. Mr. Jung suggested that the Work Group develop criteria together. Director Brim-Edwards mentioned that one criteria should be Title IX. Director Bailey added that for due diligence, the Work Group should vet Option 1.

Lincoln Masterplan

BORA Architects walked the Board through the current Master Plan for Lincoln High School, adding that the cost estimate is based upon District standards. A decision was needed by the Board by August 28th in order to meet the 2022 fall opening. The Master Plan and budget were not in alignment. The Board desires equity between all of the high schools. There was a request for additional space for construction CTE (shop space), and that is currently not included in the cost estimate. The building would have to be made larger to accommodate additional CTE space. Director Brim-Edwards stated that the Ed Specs indicate that if you want to add something, that you have to take something away. Mr. Jung explained that CTE staff and the school requested the extra space. Currently, 289,261 square feet was proposed for Lincoln.

Chair Moore asked for a comparison of what is happening at Lincoln and the other high schools. The current cost estimate is \$242 million, with \$4.5 million of that being City requirements and \$11 million for geotechnical issues. Director Brim-Edwards requested a chart which shows how the increases occurred and took us over \$190 million.

Mr. Jung commented that the Lincoln Master Plan contains the input received from stakeholders. If there is direction to go another route, staff needs that clear direction. Was there something that the Board specifically wanted to change? City regulations have added \$6.5 million to construction in addition to the \$2 million in permit fees.

Three suggested options for cost reduction include: delete spaces/program above the minimum; combine the choir and wrestling rooms; and, delete specifications that do no impact curriculum or capacity, or delete technical and construction standards.

Ms. Wolfe walked the Board through a memo from Brenda Martinek regarding School Based Health Center Utilization. Chair Moore requested the data on supply and demand for Teen Parent Centers and School Based Health Centers.

Director Brim-Edwards suggested that all reductions on the list of Reduction Options (page 41 of BORA Report) be reduced except for the grandstand, technical standards, turf to grass, health center, and teen center. Also, no more program additions. Taking the choir room out would be a significant change, and taking the Teen Center and Health Center out would be a significant change. Director Brim-Edwards acknowledged that these would all be reductions from minimum requirements of the Education Specifications. Director Kohnstamm requested a comparison with Madison and the new items the Board approved for them.

Chair Moore adjourned the Work Session at 5:35pm.

Submitted by:

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PPS Board of Education