

**School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
Board Work Session of December 19, 2016**

INFORMAL MINUTES

A Work Session of the Board of Directors came to order at 5:31pm at the call of Chair Tom Koehler in the Mazama Conference Room of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon, 97227.

There were present:

Board of Directors:

Tom Koehler, Chair
Amy Kohnstamm, Vice-Chair
Paul Anthony
Steve Buel
Julie Esparza Brown
Pam Knowles
Mike Rosen
Aliemah Bradley, Student Representative

Staff:

Bob McKean, Interim Superintendent
Amanda Whalen, Chief of Staff
Caren Huson-Quiniones, Board Clerk
Rosanne Powell, Board Office Manager
Courtney Wilton, Interim Chief Operations Officer
Jerry Vincent, Chief of School Modernization
Yousef Awwad, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Courtney Westling, Government Relations Director
David Hobbs, Senior Director
Justin Dollard, Project Manager
Dr. John Burnham, Health and Safety Senior Director
Antonio Lopez, Assistant Superintendent, School Leadership

BOND WORK SESSION

Dr. Burnham and Mr. Wilton provided a PowerPoint presentation on Prioritizing Health and Safety, noting that prioritization equals balancing needs with available resources. Six risk categories had been determined: financial, operations, enterprise, human, environmental, and regulatory. Eleven Health and Safety projects were identified: water quality, lead-based paint, asbestos, seismic, playgrounds, roofs/building/envelopes/foundations (air quality), security systems/fencing, fire/life safety alarms and sprinklers, radon, auditorium stage safety, and ADA. Mr. Wilton provided possible prioritization methods: across the board, catastrophic risk, public awareness, operational savings, equity/environmental justice, economy of scale/cluster of risks, or readily achievable.

Mr. Awwad provided four proposed bond options. All proposed options include: prioritized health and safety projects, and a mix of full replacement and renovation and addition projects that continue the long-range plan to modernize and improve all of our schools over the next 20 years. There were several ways to update buildings: full replacement, or renovations and additions. Proposed Bond Option 1: prioritized health and safety projects, renovations/additions for Benson and Madison, full replacement for Lincoln and Kellogg. Proposed Bond Option 2: prioritized health and safety projects, renovations and additions to Benson, Madison, Lincoln, and Kellogg.

Proposed Bond Option 3: prioritized health and safety projects, renovations and additions for Benson and Madison, full replacement for Lincoln. Proposed Bond Option 4: prioritized health and safety projects, renovations and additions to Benson, Madison and Lincoln. Mr. Awwad stated that associated costs would be provided to the Board in a couple weeks, and the plan was to have a Board Work Session on January 24th in which the Board would be presented with preliminary bond packages and scenarios. A public hearing would be held on February 7th on the bond options. A Stakeholder Advisory Group will be formed, and the proposed bond would be presented to community groups. A district-wide public opinion survey will also be provided. It is hoped that the Board will vote on a bond package referral at their February 21st meeting.

Director Knowles stated that she was not interested in Options 3 and 4. Director Esparza Brown stated she was concerned with Option 2 after having recently toured Kellogg. Directors Rosen and Knowles asked for the preliminary packages before the January 24th meeting.

Mr. Vincent provided an overview of the Master Plan Committees and spoke of the due diligence which had already been performed: pre-design meetings/discussions, pre-design scenarios, site walks/surveys, city permitting assistance, and cost estimating. Mr. Awwad explained the proposed bond timeline and stakeholder and community engagement, suggesting that an additional Board Work Session could be held the week prior to the February 21st vote.

At 6:45pm, the Board took a five minute break.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS

Chair Koehler reminded the Board that when the field is narrowed down to the final three candidates, that the Board should keep the option of visiting the districts of those candidates open. Chair Koehler stated that earlier in the day he spoke with HYA Associates who had explained that if the Board chooses to use a stakeholder group, that HYA would first recruit candidates, then the stakeholder group would take a number of those candidates and hold skype interviews, then provide the Board with feedback and suggest how many candidates the Board should interview. Director Buel questioned how the stakeholder group would be formed; would each Board member choose someone for the group?

After a lengthy discussion of all processes available, Directors Kohnstamm, Esparza Brown, Knowles, Rosen, and Student Representative Bradley thought the entire process should be confidential. Chair Koehler commented that since that was the majority of the Board, that that would be the process used. Chair Koehler also directed that the Board's Superintendent Search Committee (Koehler, Kohnstamm, Esparza Brown) would work on the Confidential Stakeholder Group process.

ADJOURN

Chair Koehler adjourned the Work Session at 8:01pm.

Submitted by:

Caren Huson-Quiniones, Board Clerk
PPS Board of Education