



BANKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

12950 NW Main St. Banks OR 97106

Administration Building

Minutes April 19, 2021

SPECIAL SESSION

Meeting held via Zoom

In attendance:

Norie Dimeo-Ediger, Chair
Ron Frame, Vice-Chairman
Dan Streblov
Will Moore (work session)

Jeff Leo, Superintendent
Administrators, Staff, Patrons

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Norie Dimeo-Ediger called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM pursuant to ORS192.660(2)(d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations. There was no action taken. Executive session adjourned at 5:47 PM.

WORK SESSION

Norie Dimeo-Ediger called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM to discuss budget priorities.

Mr. Leo said that 2020-21 has resulted in reduced quality educational time and that has created an academic gap. Ongoing additional support for students in 2021-22 will be needed. Online learning (CDL option) may also be required for 2021-22. The high school is started working on simulcast. Technology resources and support will be crucial.

There are many budget challenges for 2021-22. Enrollment numbers are unknown for next year. We are down 90 students this year – the hope is that 50 will return to the classroom in 2021-22. 9.1 billion has been presented by the State Ways and Means Committee to the legislature for the state school funding budget. Continuing COVID-related costs are unknown for next year since the CDC/ODE/OHA guidance for the 2021-22 school year is not yet known. The district will utilize SIA funds for next year, hiring additional counselors for each building. Finance: Mr. Leo said there has been preliminary work on a high school bond, but the process has been postponed due to the current situation. An ending fund balance of at least 5% needs to be maintained. Preventive maintenance funds will be budgeted to allow for timely repairs to buildings. Buildings and Grounds: It will be important to have a maintenance schedule for the district buildings, particularly with the aging high school, and the elementary starting to need more maintenance work. Personnel: The district has been proactive in recruiting teachers for next year. Technology: The district will invest money in technology infrastructure and keep the district on a 5-year replacement cycle for equipment. Student Achievement: An extended school year and summer school is being discussed by administration and building teams. The board discussed the possibility of school starting earlier in August, perhaps allowing for assessment for placement for the upcoming year, a summer school offered during the summer, possible Saturday school for interested students. Mrs. Waite-Larkin mentioned an assessment clinic could be considered similar to the kindergarten clinic where teachers are able to assess where students are at. It helps to address strengths and deficits, and is not instructional time. Mr. Pence said that at the high school the first week is spent getting to know the students and building relationships. He said it will take time to rebuild and regain skills, this won't happen quickly. Mrs. Waite-Larkin said there could be a 6th, 7th and 8th grade academy for next year added to the schedule. Mr. Moore asked if a Saturday school could be utilized, spread over weeks and months. Mr. Leo said there will be funding from the state for summer school through grants, with the emphasis being K-8 enrichment with some academics and 9-12 main focus being academics. Final guidance from ODE is not yet out. The administrators and school teams are looking at after-school programs along with Saturday options. Mr. Leo said he was not sure how many staff would be interested in working this summer. Mr. Moore asked if a parent survey could be sent to see if parents or students are interested in summer school. He said it could be valuable to let people know what the district is

considering. A survey on CDL options for next year should be scheduled – it is not too early to see the interest in that educational option. Dan Streblov asked if the district could consider using college students or maybe substitute teachers for summer programs. Mr. Leo said that ODE guidelines should be out soon. He said if anyone had any suggestions or questions to send him an email. Mr. Moore thanked Mr. Leo and administrators for the meeting,

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.