

School Board Minutes

Banks School District 13

May 10, 2010

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5:30 PM

Board Work Session – District Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Will Moore, Chair
Kathy Edison
Richard Bowden
Norie Dimeo-Ediger
Laurie Schlegel

Administrators Present:

Jim Foster, Superintendent
Simon Levear, Business Manager

Others Present:

Facilities Planning Committee Members
Pete Edison Ron Frame
Dan Streblow Debra Mott

Jeanne Magmer, C&M Communications
Javier Fernandez, D.A. Davidson
Bob Moore, Moore Information

The work session began at 5:30 PM

Moore Information

Mr. Robert Moore from Moore Information reported that the district survey was a telephone interview of a sample of 181 voters. Mr. Moore said that there has been a slight downturn on the grading of the Banks School District, with an A/B rating from 63% of those surveyed in May 2008 versus 54% in April 2010. Mr. Moore reported that one third of those surveyed have students in the district, and the 18 to 44 age group was the most positive. He said that the quality of the buildings was rated at 38% good/excellent versus 51% not so good/poor. He said that the main reason for the ballot measure based on the survey should be conditions of the buildings. Mr. Moore said that 61% of those surveyed supported a bond measure of \$25.2 million, with 30% against. He said the main reasons for support are safety, repairs and maintenance. Mr. Fernandez discussed the differences between a levy and a general obligation bond. He said a levy is based on a cost per \$1,000, where the bond measure is a dollar amount, with a not to exceed amount and a list of projects to be included in the bond measure. Mr. Moore said that if the bond measure is written to address the areas of safety-related repairs and maintenance and technology replacement/upgrades, there appears to be strong favorable support of those surveyed.

Jeanne Magmer discussed the timeframe for a bond measure, and said the board needs to have a resolution to put a bond measure on the ballot in November, but does not have to decide on the dollar amount of the bond measure until August. She said the Washington County voter's pamphlet will allow for comments. Ms. Magmer said that there is an expected 85% turnout for the November 2010 elections. She said that a higher tax rate is difficult to sell.

Norie Dimeo-Ediger asked if the Facilities Planning Committee needed direction from the Board on components rather than amounts for their next meeting. Mr. Edison said that the FPC would like to know what the Board wants to keep vs. what to get rid of from the original proposal. Mr. Bowden said that a solid dollar figure is a significant issue with voters. Laurie Schlegel commented that transparency is key. Jeanne Magmer discussed including terms such as tear down versus renovate in the ballot title. She said there is no perfect answer, and the survey is for guidance.

The work session recessed at 6:50 PM. The work session resumed at 7:50 PM.

Board discussion continued on what the FPC should be asked to consider. Discussion included consideration of the gym configuration; not including larger classroom size configuration in the high school; and the kitchen/commons area configuration in the high school. Consensus was for the FPC to consider the removal of the vo-ag building, keeping the administration building, and keeping the cost as close to the 25.2 million number as possible. Board consensus was for the district to go out for a bond measure in November 2010. The Board asked for feedback from the FPC on the final dollar amount and components.

The work session adjourned at 8:55 PM.

7:00 PM Regular Session

Board Members Present:

Will Moore, Chairman
Kathy Edison, Vice-Chair
Norie Dimeo-Ediger
Laurie Schlegel
Richard Bowden

Others Present:

Peggy Freund, NWRES D Representative
Lance Heggem

Administrators Present

Jim Foster, Superintendent
Shelley Mitchell, Student Services Director

Mark Everett, Junior High Principal
Bob Huston, BES Principal

CALL TO ORDER-FLAG SALUTE

Board Chair Will Moore welcomed everyone to the board meeting, and said there is time for audience comment later in the meeting.

PUBLIC WELCOME/RECOGNITION/COMMENTS

Ron LaGrone and student Ryan Stradling showed the board the new uniforms for the marching band. Mr. LaGrone said the band will be going to Canada May 21 – 24, and will be performing in the Grand Floral Parade. Laurie Schlegel commented that the band performance during the auction was fantastic.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Norie Dimeo-Ediger made the following motion: "Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented." Laurie Schlegel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Moore Information

Moore Information presented highlights of his written report to the Board. He said the district survey was a telephone interview of a sample of 181 voters. Mr. Moore reported that the survey results showed 61% were in favor of a 25.2 million dollar bond, with only 49% in favor of a 31.5 million dollar bond election. He said the main components were safety; upgrade technology; science labs and new JH/HS classrooms.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve April 12, 2010 Executive/Work/Board Session Minutes

Approve April 7, 2010 Special Work Session Minutes

Approve Fiscal Report

Approve Routine Personnel Matters

a. Resignations

Clint Pike, 1.0FTE Elementary Teacher effective end of 2010-11 SY

b. Hiring

Temporary Position – 2010-11 SY only

Molly Rafferty .62FTE Kindergarten Teacher

d. Change of Status

Karen Bueffel –1.0FTE Elementary Structured Learning Center to

1.0FTE Elementary Resource Room Center

Marjorie Salter .5FTE Job Share 2010-11 SY

Shannon Staley .5FTE Job Share 2010-11 SY

Bethany Exline .62FTE Kindergarten teacher to 1.0FTE Elementary Teacher 2010-11 SY only

Mr. Levear gave an update on the current budget, and the 10-11 budgeting process. He said that the budget had been built at the 5.6 billion level; and the legislature approved 6.0 billion. He said the extra revenue would grow the ending fund balance; and would be used next year to maintain programs.

Kathy Edison made the following motion: "Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors approve the consent agenda as presented." Richard Bowden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Policy and Administrative Regulations Revisions – 2nd Reading/Adoption

LBE-AR – Public Charter Schools

IKF – Graduation Requirements

ING/ING-AR – Animals in the schools

Mr. Foster said these policies and administrative regulations were brought to the board for first reading in April. There was no discussion.

Laurie Schlegel made the following motion: “Be it resolved that the Banks School District Board of Directors approve Banks School District Policies/Administrative Regulations LBE-AR; IKF; ING/ING-AR as presented.” Kathy Edison seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NWRESD Board Member Election

Mr. Foster said the information on the candidates was included in the board packet.

Kathy Edison made the following motion: “Be it resolved, the Banks School District Board of Directors casts its vote for Roger Whitaker for the NWRESD Board of Directors, Zone 2.” Richard Bowden seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 0910-02 Adopting and Appropriating Supplemental Budget for 2009-10 FY

Mr. Foster said this supplemental budget allows the district to spend \$250,000 in additional funding for days added back to the 2009-10 school year.

Richard Bowden made the following motion: “Be it resolved, the Banks School District Board of Directors approve Resolution 0910-02 as presented.” Norie Dimeo-Ediger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Policy and Administrative Regulations Revisions – 1st Reading

GBK-KGC/BDK-KGC-AR Tobacco/Alcohol/Controlled Substance Use

Mr. Foster reported that the policy and administrative regulation revisions have been suggested by different state agencies. He said it will return next month as an action item. Lori Schlegel asked what a “bidi” was – Mr. Leaver reported it is a South Asian cigarette. There was no further discussion.

REPORTS

Administrator Reports

Mr. Everett said he had nothing to add to his report. He was asked if there have been any opposition comments made concerning moving 6th graders to the junior high. He said no one has engaged him in conversation on that subject. He said the 6th grade parent’s night is tomorrow night.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Foster said he was a culinary judge for the recent Kid Culinary Competition at the elementary, and said everyone did a great job. He reported that the district recently had Requests for Proposal for food service, and the review committee recommended Sodexo as the food service provider for the next five years.

AUDIENCE TIME

Schann Nelson asked that the outside administration doors been unlocked prior to the board meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Laurie Schlegel said she attended the auction, and asked how much was raised. Mr. Foster said preliminary numbers are \$19,000.

Will Moore said the Facility Planning Committee is welcome to attend the May 12 board meeting to discuss the survey and bond options.

ADJOURN

The board meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.