

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
BANKS SCHOOL DISTRICT 13
450 S. Main Banks, OR
August 8, 2011
Minutes

Work Session

5:30 PM

District Conference Room

Present:

Laurie Schlegel, Richard Bowden, Kathy Edison, Will Moore, Norie Dimeo-Ediger, Jim Foster, Simon Levear

Chair Kathy Edison called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Chairman Kathy Edison shared a summary of the recent community meeting with the board. She said people had asked for notes of the meeting.

The board discussed the possibility of going out for a bond in November. Mrs. Dimeo-Ediger said that she would not vote to go out for a bond at this time. Mrs. Edison said it is necessary to educate the community on the needs of the district. Mr. Foster said he was concerned about the energy level of the main supporters of the election. Mrs. Edison said that the economy is not improving yet and property taxes go out just before the November election. Mrs. Schlegel commented on the possibility that a bond could be structured so that there would be no payments starting the first year.

Mr. Bowden stated that there was one person from the community that dominated the recent community meeting, dictated the tone and basically set the agenda. The board discussed the need to promote the positive activities of the district. Mr. Moore said the people that are concerned about the safety issues of the district have responded with their yes votes. Mrs. Schlegel said the district needs the dollars to meet upcoming benchmarks. She said the board should not resort to scare tactics, and there needs to be a plan with the safety issue the main concern. Mr. Moore said it was important not to just concentrate on the safety concerns, it was important to consider the needs for the 21st century to make the students successful. Mrs. Edison positive PR will be a key to a successful campaign, and it is important to stress the positives of the district on a regular basis. Mr. Bowden expressed concern about the urgency of the needs of the district, and pushing back necessary work for another year. He said there is not the dollars in the general fund to do the needed work. Mrs. Schlegel asked if a benefit cost analysis would be helpful. The board discussed the need to develop a long-term vision for the district and that a bond could be used to accomplish the goals. Mr. Foster said he said he felt the economy is so unsure that this may not be the right time to go out for a bond. Mrs. Edison emphasized that there should be positive information on the students out to the community, with pictures and articles. Mr. Moore suggested a reader board. Mrs. Dimeo-Ediger agreed there should be emphasis on the positives, and the district could stress at how much more could be done with better facilities. She stressed the need for a backup plan and the need to let the community know what will happen if there are major problems with the facilities. She said it was important for the district not to count on getting the dollars at this time. The board discussed the possible other locations for classrooms if there was a problem in the junior high buildings.

Board consensus was to wait until May 2012 to reconsider going out for a bond. Mr. Foster said the board could say that they are postponing the bond election and are evaluating options. Mr. Levear suggested a press release that could address the decision not to go out for a bond in November. Mr. Bowden asked about the process for a maintenance bond. Mr. Levear said it was the same process as a regular bond. Mrs. Schlegel said there needs to be a plan to energize the community about a future bond. Mrs. Edison said that positive PR is the key. Mrs.

Dimeo-Ediger said that there needs to be a contingency plan. Mr. Moore said the board needs to be positive, and move forward.

The board adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Agenda

7:00 PM Regular Session

Present:

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

Administrators Present

Jim Foster, Superintendent
Simon Levear, Business Manager

CALL TO ORDER-FLAG SALUTE

Board chair Kathy Edison welcomed everyone to the board meeting, and said there is time for audience comment later in the meeting.

PUBLIC WELCOME/RECOGNITION/COMMENTS

There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

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

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve July 11, 2011 Board Session/ Work Session Minutes

Approve Fiscal Report

Approve Routine Personnel Matters

Resignations

Jenelle Callender .8125FTE Instructional Asst.

O'Lisa Grover 1.0FTE Student Services Secretary

Hiring

Effective 8/29/11

Lauren Previdi .4FTE Junior High Counselor

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

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution #1112-01

There was no discussion.

There was no motion made.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

REPORTS

Administrator Reports

There were no administrator reports.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Foster discussed the inservice schedule for August 29. He invited the board to attend the welcome back meeting starting at 8AM in the elementary cafeteria.

Mr. Foster said that the district is moving to esis for 4th – 12th grades for gradebooks.

He said he has determined that out of district tuition for 2011-12 would be \$10,000/yr. He said this is based on the general fund divided by the number of students in the district. He reported this cost is in line with other districts in the county.

AUDIENCE TIME

There were no comments.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kathy Edison wished the students and staff a positive year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM