

School Board Minutes

Banks School District 13

December 13, 2010

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5:30 PM

Board Work Session – District Conference Room

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Jim Foster, Superintendent
Simon Levear, Business Manager
Pete Edison FPC Chair

Others:

Gabe Johnson, McKinstry

The work session began at 5:30 PM

Performance Contracting

Mr. Levear discussed changes the district has made in the area of buildings to increase efficiency. He said hiring Skip Smetana, and converting the high school boiler to natural gas during the last three years have been positive moves for the district, and have resulted in some cost savings.

Mr. Levear discussed performance contracting which is relative to electricity and natural gas. Mr. Levear introduced Gabe Johnson from McKinstry. Mr. Johnson said that performance contracting basically addresses issues in buildings, and that the savings in utility costs pays for the energy upgrades. He said that SB 1149 funds may be used for this purpose. 10% of the pool is used for public school distribution, and is based on ADM.

Mr. Johnson discussed facility improvement measures, which identifies possible energy savings. He said there may be additional incentives through the energy trust. Performance contracting uses different variables to create the projects, as long as the company can capture the cost of the energy they predict, it makes good sense. Mixing and mingling of different measures create a project that is cost saving.

Mr. Johnson said that the process used to be cost and time prohibitive for some agencies - he said the system has been streamlined, and there now is a watered down RFP process.

The steps for the process are:

1. Technical energy analysis – in depth auditing of facilities – should take 4 to 8 weeks. The cost is \$20,000-25,000 and SB 1149 funds may be used for this.
2. Project development plan – this has the financing piece, the cost is \$20,000- \$25,000 and SB 1149 funds may be used for this.
3. Cash flow proforma – the analysis with a maximum cost is presented to the school board, and the board votes whether or not to proceed with the project.

Mr. Johnson said steps 1 and 2 can be combined – it would streamline the process, and reduce costs.

Mr. Levear said that he would like the board's permission to proceed to the next stage – he said this would include addressing the district's energy needs with no out of pocket costs to the district. The board discussed the process, and Mr. Moore expressed concern that if the board decides to proceed with a bond measure whether investing time in this process would be the most efficient use of district administration time. Mr. Levear stated that he felt the time invested would be of benefit to the district. Mr. Bowden said that there is known to be failing equipment in some of the buildings and the district will have to do something to address these problems whether or not a bond passed. Mr. Moore said that perhaps the process could be tied to the bonding. Board consensus was to move forward with the performance contracting.

Bond Discussion

Mr. Bowden said the district would have to come up with dollars to do certain projects. He said with the qualified school construction loan bond the district could have non-interest dollars up to \$15 million. Mr. Bowden said that the board should challenge the Facilities Planning Committee to develop a proposal with a not to exceed \$15 million. Mrs. Schlegel agreed a \$15 million bond proposal should be considered. Mr. Levear said the QSCB is first come first serve, and plans to apply for it as soon as the process is open. Board consensus was to ask the facility planning committee to reconvene and develop two scenarios – one for \$10 million and one for \$15 million. Mr. Moore suggested consideration of maintenance type issues for part of the bond. Mr. Edison said that measurement of air quality in the buildings should be considered. Mr. Foster said that only areas that have had problems in the buildings in the past, have had the air quality tested. Board consensus was to further discuss a May bond election, and to have the facilities planning committee develop a \$10 million and a \$15 million scenarios for board consideration.

Negotiations Discussion

Mr. Levear said that OSBA can provide a negotiator to meet with the board and the negotiations team on January 12. This would be an executive session. Mr. Foster informed the board that he has met with the union presidents and proposed a 10-day cut to this year's calendar to help with the projected cuts needed for 2011-12 school year. Mr. Foster said that February 1 the governor will present his budget. The board discussed nominations for the negotiations team.

Superintendent Discussion

Mr. Moore said he would like a vision statement that would give direction. He said the district has a tremendous potential to go places, and the leadership will make it happen. He said the superintendent position will be very demanding, require new ideas, and new changes. Board consensus was the evaluation will be presented in March, and a review of the contract will also occur.

The work session adjourned at 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Regular Session

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Lisa and Mike Rogers
John Hiestand
Dan Harris
Dalan Lee, Independent
Peggy Freund, NWRES D Representative
Greg Mosser, Mid-Columbia Bus Co.
Debra Mott
Jill Schlegel

Administrators Present

Jim Foster, Superintendent
Mark Everett, Banks Jr. High School Principal
Shelley Mitchell, Student Services Director
Bob Huston, Banks Elementary School Principal

Simon Levear, Business Manager
Jim Smith, High School Principal
Mike O'Reilly, Technology Director

CALL TO ORDER-FLAG SALUTE

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

PUBLIC WELCOME/RECOGNITION/COMMENTS

There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

An addition to the agenda:

Action Item 6.5: Change of board meeting date from January 10 to January 12, 2011.

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

PRESENTATION

Outdoor School Presentation

Mr. Huston introduced Dan Harris, 6th grade teacher at Banks Elementary School. He, in turn, introduced Alissa Rogers, who reported to the board on outdoor school 2010, October 26 through 29. She said that outdoor school was a great experience, and hoped that all students will continue to be able to attend in the future. Mr. Foster commented that students always remember their outdoor school counselor.

FFA Nationals Presentation

Mr. Foster said this item has been postponed to a later date.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve November 8, 2010 Board Work/Regular Session Minutes

Approve Fiscal Report

Approve Routine Personnel Matters

Extra Duty Contracts

2010-11 School Year Only

Kiley Richeson High School JV2 Girls Basketball Coach
Student Expulsion

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 and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

OSBA Board of Directors Candidate Election

Mr. Foster reported there is only one candidate. There was no further discussion.

Richard Bowden made the following motion: "Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors casts its vote for Karen Cunningham." Laurie Schlegel seconded. Will Moore voted against. The motion passed.

2010 OSBA Resolutions

Resolution #1: Mr. Foster said he did not support the automatic dues increase every year.

Mr. Bowden said that in light of the current economic situation in schools he was surprised OSBA asked for an increase. Mr. Moore said he did not think OSBA brings any new ideas or leadership to the table.

Laurie Schlegel made the following motion: "Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors casts its vote against Resolution 1." Richard Bowden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #2: There was no discussion.

Board Chair Kathy Edison called for a vote in favor. Laurie Schlegel, Norie Dimeo-Ediger and Kathy Edison voted in favor of Resolution #2. Board Chair Kathy Edison called for a vote against. Richard Bowden and Will Moore voted against Resolution #2. The vote was in favor of Resolution #2.

Resolution #3: There was no discussion.

Board Chair Kathy Edison called for a vote in favor. Norie Dimeo-Ediger and Kathy Edison voted in favor of Resolution #3. Board Chair Kathy Edison called for a vote against. Laurie Schlegel, Richard Bowden and Will Moore voted against Resolution #3. The board vote was against Resolution #3.

Policy and Administrative Regulation Adoption

GCAB – Personal Communication Devices & Social Media – Staff

Mr. Foster said that this policy sends a message to staff members regarding the use of personal communication devices concerning district matters. He said that he wants to discourage the use, and would like district policy in place.

Will Moore made the following motion: "Be it resolved, the Banks School District Board of Directors vote to adopt Policy GCAB as presented." Laurie Schlegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Foster said this would be discussed with staff by administration.

Appoint negotiations team for Banks School District for upcoming collective bargaining with certified and classified employees:

Mr. Moore made the following motion: "Be it resolved, the Banks School District Board of Directors appoints Simon Levear, Jim Foster, Mark Everett, Bob Huston, Kathy Edison and Will Moore as negotiators for the Banks School District for the upcoming certified and classified negotiations." Richard Bowden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve the change of the January 2011 board meeting to January 12, 2011.

Laurie Schlegel made the following motion: "Be it resolved, the Banks School District Board of Directors approve the change of the January 2011 board meeting to January 12, 2011." Will Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Jim Smith reported that the community has been very supportive of the activities in the high school, and is appreciated.

Shelley Mitchell said that district had a Title III audit and the district passed.

Simon Levear said the audit for last year will be presented in the January board meeting – he said everything went well.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Foster said the music concert last week was outstanding. He told the board Steve Blakely, the past maintenance supervisor, passed away last week. He said Kurt Victor's wife was in an automobile accident last week.

BOARD REPORT

Will Moore commended the high school on the recent band performance and the fall sports.

Laurie Schlegel gave kudos to the student services department on the Title III audit.

Kathy Edison wished the administration and staff happy holidays.

The board adjourned at 7:45 PM