

BANKS SCHOOL DISTRICT 13.

Board of Directors – Work Session

Banks School District Conference Room

450 S. Main St.

May 11, 2009 5:30 PM

Present: Duane Lundsten, Doug Nordholm, Kathy Edison, Will Moore, Marv Ott, Schann Nelson, Independent, Nick Christensen, Hillsboro Argus, Gayleen Bowden, Richard Bowden

Mr. Lundsten opened the work session at 5:30 p.m.. and led the flag salute.

District Site Plan Discussion

Mr. Lundsten stated that Mr. Moore requested the district site plan be added to the work session. Mr. Moore said that more issues have come up recently, and he said that he felt the amount for the site plan of \$7,500 is a relatively minor amount, and without the plan in place, any changes to the current district site stops. He said that Jenny Compton has pursued the storage facility for the softball team and has raised \$30,000 towards the building. Mr. Moore said the Board advised her to continue with the preparation for the shed, but not to begin the project until it could be reviewed in relation to the district site plan. Mr. Moore said that this is one example, and there are three other groups waiting to do projects. He said that volunteers perpetuate the programs, and the groups cannot go forward. Mr. Moore said that he understood the baseball group has also raised funds and would like to build a facility for their needs. He said perhaps these facilities could fit together within the district site plan. Mr. Moore said he has spoken to Bob Bobowski, and he is anxious to know the District's interest in his property for future fields. Mr. Moore said there is no way of knowing that until the site plan is developed. He said that delaying stifles volunteer work in the community. He said the site plan would be needed when the district decides to put a bond on the ballot. Mr. Moore said that members of the community cannot enhance the campus with the long-range plan, and everything is at the mercy of one single expense. He said he thought the money for the \$7500 could come from Buxton funds. Mr. Lundsten said that he did not feel that anything is different than before when the decision was made not to move ahead with the site plan at this time. Mr. Lundsten said he felt the softball team could go ahead with the shed without a site plan. He said that he felt if the district can delay spending \$7500 the district should do so. Mr. Lundsten said he would suggest the shed could go where it was before. Kathy Edison said the softball proposal is for a shed and restrooms, and she would like to see the restrooms centrally located as to be utilized by all the fields. Mr. Lundsten said that if the board decides to go for a bond in November the site plan could be done at the end of summer, and he did not feel it is necessary to spend the \$7500 at this time, and the district has scarce resources. Mr. Moore said that he felt this was bad judgment. Mr. Nordholm asked if the funds will go away or not be available if the funds are not used by a certain time. Mr. Ott said that the fundraising has been going on for several years. Kathy Edison said the push to build is due to the original shed being burned down. Mr. Lundsten said he would approve letting them rebuild it. Mr. Moore said that he did not want the shed built without a specific location picked. Mr. Ott said that if the bathroom/shed is built in combination with the baseball program, it may need to be sited somewhere other than its original location. Mr. Moore said the baseball fields may get moved in the final site plan. He said the wrestling building may be moved or taken down in the future. Mr. Nordholm said that a site plan is someone's idea of how the grounds are used and buildings are placed – it may be the Board will have different ideas. Mr. Moore said that the site plan would need to be drawn and discussed. Mr. Lundsten said that with more public input comes more costs to the plans. Mr. Lundsten said that he didn't think the \$7,500 site revision cost includes more input, discussions and changes. Mr. Moore said that the site plan would need to be a consensus of the plan that is preferred by the most people, and would be the result of lots of input. Kathy Edison said that in the discussions for the site plan, the coaches were asked for their input. Mr. Lundsten said that if the district had a site plan, does that mean we would place the softball shed where the field may be sometime in the future. Mr. Lundsten said that until the board makes the decision to go ahead with the bond, that is the time to do the site plan, build the new softball shed and so on. If the district did the plan now, and there is uncertainty when the district will go out for the bond,

the softball fields could end up not being placed where they may be on the site plan. Mr. Moore said there are no absolutes, and that may be correct. Mr. Lundsten said that in the time of having to reduce staff and cut expenses he does not want to spend money that does not have to be spent. Mr. Moore said he felt the site plan would be a bright spot and allow groups to move forward. Mr. Lundsten asked for consensus. He said he does not support the site plan expenditure. Mr. Nordholm said he would stick with the original decision of the board not to proceed at this time. He said the item could be discussed again in future meetings.

2009-2010 Calendar Discussion

Mrs. Edison expressed concern with the inservice and grading day April 29 and 30, which would make the Banks Community Auction the first weekend of May. She said that this puts the auction at the same time as the Roy function, and decreases the number of participants in the Banks auction. The Board discussed contacting Roy, and asking if the date could possibly be reconsidered. Mr. Nordholm and Mr. Foster commented that they have received negative community comment with school starting prior to Labor Day. Traditionally many families go on vacation the last week before Labor Day, and the educational benefit from beginning school prior to Labor Day is less than optimal. Mr. Ott said that at this time, all other school districts that have adopted their 2009-2010 calendar begin after Labor Day. Mr. Nordholm asked what the benefit is to starting prior to Labor Day. Mr. Foster said that some of the issues include the timeframes to complete end-of-the-year state reports that need to be done by June 30; and summer classes start date at colleges may conflict with the end of the Banks School District school year for teachers attending summer school. Mr. Smith commented that he thought it was better to match up this year and next year as closely as possible, and school should start after Labor Day. Mr. Nordholm commented that he wondered if the school calendar from September to June with an after Labor Day start would differ significantly enough to hinder the ability of the district to get the required reports completed. Mr. Foster commented that after the calendar was proposed, he received information that the start before Labor Day would conflict with FFA activities, and would also effect daily doubles. Mr. Foster said that for attendance purposes, he feels it would be better to start after Labor Day. Board consensus was to change the district calendar with a start day after Labor Day. The work session adjourned at 6:05 p.m..

6:10 Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (a) employment of public officers and employees. The Board discussed prospective internal candidates. The executive session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.