

Redmond School District
School Board Meeting
March 19, 2014

In Attendance: Chair AJ Losoya, Vice-Chair, Ron Munkres, Directors - Rick Bailey, Bob Perry, and Shane Nelson, Superintendent Mike McIntosh, RSD Staff: Linda Seeberg, Kathy Steinert, Trish Huspek, Kelly Richard, Nicole MacTavish, David Burke, Martha Hinman, REA representative, Shelley Brower, Sarah Cochran. From the RPA –Tayler Bremont, and Karissa Olson. From Jericho Road, Don Senecal, Media – Leslie Pugmire-Hole (Bend Bulletin)

AJ Losoya called the meeting to order with a quorum of five at 5:30 p.m.

Citizen Participation for Non-Agenda Items

Tayler Bremont and Karissa Olson – Redmond Proficiency Academy

- Open enrollment went well.
- Open house was packed and went very well
- Mid–terms are this week. They have 1-2 mid-terms per day.
- Thanked the Board for their support

PRESENTATIONS

Jericho Road – Backpack Program Update

Don Senecal from Jericho Road was in attendance to provide the Board members with an update on the programs that they participate in. They participated in the Empty Bowls event at Ridgeview High School. He stated, “The District has much to be proud of not only in the building itself but the incredible art that was displayed in the bowls. The event benefited Jericho Road. It was a wonderful experience.”

Jericho Road’s mission is to provide tangible support to the homeless and those in need within the Redmond area. This includes providing transitional housing and mentoring to homeless families as well as providing means for those in need within our community. Jericho Road is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. They are the only organization in Central Oregon at this time that is able to provide the expanded services that they do. For \$28.00 per month a community member can “sponsor a student.” That will cover a student for one month.

The organization provides backpacks of food to students in the Redmond School District who are identified as needing this type of assistance. Nearly 90% of every dollar they receive goes directly to those who need assistance. This organization is working in the trenches of poverty and hunger. The organization is supported by local churches and foundations.

Shane Nelson stated that he appreciates the work that he and Jericho Road does because it is a “hand-up” for those people who just need a helping hand.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent McIntosh reported the following:

- Superintendent Weekly Outreach & Communication Update – Superintendent McIntosh asked for input from the Board if this type of update would be beneficial to them once a week. This bulleted list would provide information to them about who the superintendent is seeing and the activities he is participating in.

- Kindergarten – Legislature isn't in a position to make decisions on funding for the implementation of all-day kindergarten. They have committed to providing a full ADM but they need to increase the State School Fund to have an impact on our budget.
- Bargaining – A year ago the district used a model that was unprecedented in its success. This year there is a reopener on the fiscal agreements with the associations. Superintendent McIntosh proposes the district again use a small team from the district and a small team from the associations to enter into these conversations. The model used last year leaves board members and attorneys out of the room so that both sides can have an informal but rich conversation. Both associations have agreed to participate in this model again this year. Superintendent McIntosh is asking for the Board's agreement in using this model again this year.
 - Shane Nelson – “This format speaks volumes about both of the groups. I want to applaud the mutual respect. That comes from a foundation of trust.”
 - AJ Losoya - When he participated in the bargaining process a few years ago he heard the same information during board meetings. He would be comfortable with using this model again this year.
 - Bob Perry supports using this model again.
 - Rick Bailey supports using this model.
 - Ron Munkres concurs.

Association Report

Sarah Cochran – REA

- Tell Oregon Survey – The association is currently at 73.95% response rate district-wide. Three schools are at 100% response. They are encouraging everyone to take the survey. The REA has heard that some teachers have been concerned with their answers reflecting negatively on leadership because of how the questions are worded. They don't want to unjustly put leadership in a negative light. Others felt they could answer honestly. It is important to remember that responses are indicators of education in general and not about specific buildings.
- Standards Based Grading – HB 2220 - Several elementary schools are using a 4-point rubric. They are taking quite a bit of time during SIW to figure out rubrics and grading practices. “We want to make sure it is known that they are trying in a pretty intense setting.” Many people are concerned with the pace.
- REA is looking forward to many more conversations to get more comfortable with this transition period to make sure everyone is communicating accurately and having this transition go as smoothly as possible.
- Sent out a survey to certified employees to check in on feedback on the new leadership for the organization. Hoping to get good feedback so they can make adjustments as necessary.

Bob Perry read a portion of an email that he received from a teacher expressing their frustration regarding HB 2220. The concern was around assigning homework that does not count toward student grades. Mr. Perry reported that he is a strong proponent of continuing to assign homework to students.

Superintendent McIntosh stated that reporting on student progress will be based on specific standards. “We are judging a student's mastery based on academia. That doesn't preclude us from assigning and grading homework. As a system we have been producing a grade for a student that is based on a number of things. We are trying to step up the accountability for a student's ability to demonstrate mastery.”

Linda Seeberg stated, “This is a really complex issue and it is bigger than homework. It is talking about what the elements are in grading a student's proficiency.”

Sarah reported that she has also heard that teachers are struggling with the concept of assigning practice work and not having it count in the grade.

Ron Munkres reported that back in October he was hearing from teachers that they weren't sure they were going to make it. "But, here we are in April and I am still seeing a lot of high energy."

Surplus District Property – Eastside Property (9th & Antler)

The District owns 46.61 acres of property, which is part of 465 acres on the eastside of Redmond that are publically owned. The District's portion of that property is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of N.E. 9th Street and E. Antler Avenue. The property, granted to the District, was not intended to be a future school site and the District has no intention of using the property as a future school site. In accordance with the District's Model Contracting Rules which address the disposal of surplus property, the District may dispose of surplus property by any of multiple methods, including fixed-price sale, upon a determination by the Superintendent that the method of disposal is in the best interests of the District.

The 465 acres represents the largest industrial-zoned tract in Oregon. The District's property is in a prime location because it is "shovel-ready" and has utilities located nearby.

Administration recommends listing the 9th & Antler property for sale using Bruce Kemp of Compass Commercial Real Estate Services, the District's Real Estate Agent of Record, as the listing agent. It is the recommendation to list the property for sale at an initial price of \$2.50 per square foot, subject to changed based on market conditions. Any potential sale will be subject to the final approval of the Board.

Shane Nelson made a motion to declare the District-owned property at 9th & Antler as Oregon surplus property and ask District staff to work with Bruce Kemp of Compass Commercial Real Estate Services, District Real Estate Agent of Record, to list the property for sale. The motion was seconded by Bob Perry. Motion carried 5-0.

Surplus District Property – 1055 SW Deschutes Avenue

The District owns land and a building which is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of SW 11th Street and SW Deschutes Avenue. The property is currently being leased to Full Circle Outreach, a faith-based non-profit offering resources and employment support for families and individual in need. The District has no future intentions to use or occupy the building in any capacity. The District would like to be prepared to respond to future interest in acquiring the property.

Administration recommends declaring 1055 SW Deschutes Avenue as surplus.

Rick Bailey made a motion to declare the District-owned property at 1055 SW Deschutes Avenue as Oregon Surplus property and ask District staff to work with Bruce Kemp of Compass Commercial Real Estate Services, District Real Estate Agent of Record, to perform a market study on the property. Shane Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

- Personnel Report
- Board Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2014
- Gifts to the District

Superintendent McIntosh reviewed this month's Gifts to the District with the Board. "I can't say enough about the generous gifts to the District that we consistently receive."

AJ Losoya stated that with the resignation of Dave Perdue the District will be experiencing a big loss. "It was evident when I read the email that Mr. Perdue sent to his staff that he is a very dynamic leader. We all wish Dave the best. It will be a big loss for the District but I am very excited for him to be closer to family."

Rick Bailey moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ron Munkres seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION

Division 22 Assurances Report

Superintendent McIntosh provided background information on the Division 22 requirement. Division 22 lists the expectations for school districts that are outlined in OAR Chapter 581, Division 22.

For the vast majority of these OAR requirements, the Redmond School District has specific policy that has been adopted by the Board that ensures we are in compliance. Others have artifacts (practices and procedures) that the district has in place that also ensures the district in compliance.

There are several categories that the district needs to take additional steps to ensure we are in complete compliance on. Those areas are:

1. OAR 1360 – Expanded Options Program Annual Notice
2. OAR 1650 - Postponement of Purchase of State-Adopted Instructional Materials

Any category that the District is not in compliance with has a detailed plan to correct the non-compliance.

In addition the State has identified “Focus OAR’s” to require Districts to provide additional information on. The District is in compliance in those areas as well.

Even with snow days we are within the required hours of instruction for our students.

Superintendent McIntosh assured the Board that Redmond School District is doing well and doesn’t see any negative ramifications from filing this report with the State.

Board Member Updates and Requests for Agenda Items

Bob Perry

- Sisters contemplating a four-day week. If that would happen would our district have the capacity to enroll returning students? Superintendent McIntosh stated that we would.
- Reported that he was on Zillow.com and noticed that they give schools ratings. He recommends having open houses at both high schools for the realtors in the community so that when someone comes to them as a perspective customer, they would have additional first-hand information to provide to those families.

Rick Bailey

- Kudos to the organizers of the Daddy Daughter Dance. There was a great turnout. The carriage ride that Superintendent McIntosh did that night was the hit of the event.
- Had lunch out at Tumalo Community School. “If anyone hasn’t been out there to see their patio at lunch time, they should.” He reported that students had some interesting ideas which included installing vending machines that contain candy.

Shane Nelson

- Echoed the comments regarding the Daddy Daughter Dance. “We had a blast.”
- He was invited by a family friend to attend the Mr. RHS judging. “There are some talented young men and ladies at Redmond High School.”

Ron Munkres

- One of his goals when he was on the higher education committee was to see if we could get Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) back into our community. “It was a battle with not a lot of progress. When Nicole put them in the grant she opened a door that appeared to be closed.”

AJ Losoya

- He attended Parent Teacher Conferences and was impressed with the level of confidence that is being communicated to parents regarding Common Core. He has also heard from community members that teachers are coming across confident with the information.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Shane Nelson and seconded by Rick Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Motion carried 5-0.

AJ Losoya, Board Chair

Trish Huspek, Executive Assistant