

**Redmond School District
School Board Meeting
December 12, 2012**

In Attendance: Chair Cathy Miller, Vice-Chair AJ Losoya, Directors Jim Erickson, Ric Little, Bob Perry, Superintendent Mike McIntosh, RSD Staff; Trish Huspek, Gina Blanchette, David Burke, Chris Morton, Linda Seeberg, Kathy Steinert, Rachel Wentz-Cheney, (ESD), Karen Gray, REA President, Community Member – Pat Reck, Rick Bailey

Cathy Miller, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. A quorum of five was established.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Corrections, Additions, Deletions and Questions Regarding the Regular Agenda

Cathy Miller requested that after the time for Citizen Participation for Non-Agenda Items that those board members who were able to attend the Redmond High School tour today provide an update to the board. Board members concurred.

Citizen Participation for Non-Agenda Items

Gage Beemish – Redmond Proficiency Academy (RPA) – Grade 12 – Was in attendance to express how grateful he is to be able to attend the RPA. This is his fourth year at RPA. He stated that it is beneficial for him to be able take his education into his own hands to figure out why he is there and what he wants to achieve. “I am not a strong writer but I have good opinions. I have been able to use opinion based writing to express those opinions.” He reported that he is excited to graduate and is hoping to attend George Fox University next year to major in either science or film. He expressed his appreciation the RSD board for everything they do and appreciates the decisions the board makes.

Board Member Report Regarding Tour of Redmond High School

AJ Losoya reported they had a great time this morning at Redmond High School. “We were able to spend time with the staff and we would like the office staff to know how grateful we were for everything they did to welcome the board to the school.” They were able to visit four classrooms and then received a tour of the new construction.

Bob Perry reported that Superintendent McIntosh has reported how the district is trying to make sure there is equality between Ridgeview High School and Redmond High School. “We are succeeding. The school is beautiful and I was very impressed with the principal. We also had the opportunity to talk about some of the challenges they have had this year. One of those challenges is that they need more teacher support in the area of math to be able to tie in the use of technology with the curriculum.” Bob Perry further reported that he left the building feeling that there have been some major improvements in the area of behavior at the school.

AJ Losoya reported that last year during the school visit it was the board’s opinion that teachers have the opportunity of creating a great experience for the students by getting out of their classrooms to greet students during passing times. “We were able to see and experience that today. This is clearly changing the climate and atmosphere at RHS. We have heard great things from the community and staff about the high school and it was great to be able to see that.”

PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Report

- Superintendent McIntosh reported that the governor has produced a budget for next year. There has been a great deal of conversation regarding what he expects to get from PERS reform. He anticipates getting funding up to \$6.4 million for schools. This biennium we were at \$5.7 million. We also know operating costs are going up. Superintendent McIntosh's objective is to restore days of instruction for the sake of kids. "If we can get the calendar days back and be able to pay for the additional operating costs then that would be our goal. Also making it more complicated are the cuts that are being proposed for the Education Service Districts. Our staff is working very hard to pull all of this information together to be able to bring a five year plan to the board in February. As the legislative session begins it would be a good idea to track their progress."
- Chris Morton and Superintendent McIntosh are continuing to work on creating an online school component for the RSD. As this process unfolds we will need to address some areas to meet our goal of having the product well defined and marketable prior to the open enrollment period in March. It is his belief that this is an essential option for the district to offer.
- Met with the Achievement Compact Steering Committee and was very pleased with the gifted group of staff members who are on the committee. He met today with his administrative team to continue the conversation regarding the strategic plan. Some of that work will be ready soon to vet with the committee and the board.
- The district has received the RPA audit documents. Those documents will be reviewed with the finance committee prior to review with the board. The reports are in order and are what was expected. One of the things the board will hear during the audit report is the issue of whether the RPA financial statement should be reported as a component part of our district or separate. We are submitting they should be reporting separately due to the fact they have their own board.

Jim Erickson reminded the board that as part of the Achievement Compact Committee a board member is a non-voting member of that committee. With his resignation, that position is open and will need to be replaced.

Association Reports

Karen Gray – REA President

- OEA has come out with their legislative priorities for the 2013 year; Restore education funding, class sizes, tax rates and the revenue systems, and PERS.
- This will be the last year for her as the REA president. She has enjoyed the position but the time she needs to spend is adversely affecting the care she is able to give her animals.

Superintendent McIntosh stated that he anticipates the rest of the year being incredibly good. "Karen has been a great president to work with and she needs to know how much we collectively appreciate that."

MaryAnne Agee – OSEA President (was not in attendance but did provide an email update to be read at the board meeting)

- They are looking for volunteers to help with the many committees and board positions that are available within Chapter 84.
- The monthly meetings will be changing time once they reconvene after the new year.
 - January meeting: January 15, 4:00-5:00pm at the transportation conference room
 - February through May will be the second Tuesday of the month (provided there isn't a holiday) from 4:00 – 5:00pm at the transportation conference room
 - June will be determined at a later date

Superintendent McIntosh stated that he attended the OSEA meeting last night. "They are doing the impossible with a very small crew. The majority of the meeting was dedicated to discussing how they are going to increase participation of their membership."

Student Information System Update

David Burke, Linda Seeberg, Chris Morton were in attendance to provide an update on the Synergy Student Information System. The system has been in operation for three months. The focus tonight will be to provide an update regarding the ParentVUE feature that will increase our capacity for communication and feedback and that will build a better partnership among students, parents and teachers.

- All RSD staff are accessing Synergy daily
 - Parents at the secondary level now have access to log on and see their child's grades
 - Parents at the elementary level will have access beginning next year
- RSD is a leader in the region and statewide in helping to develop this new student information system. Receive calls weekly from districts in the region and across the state to talk about what we are doing to build the system to meet our needs
- The system allows the sharing of the student data which allows on-time instructional changes to be made to help the students.

Linda Seeberg expressed her kudos to David Burke, Chris Morton and Rachel Wenten-Cheney and her staff from the ESD on how smoothly this implementation has gone.

Board members were provided the opportunity to ask questions regarding the system and its functionality, security, and the anticipated use by parents.

Karen Gray stated that she believes the system is great. "It is going to be amazing when it is all up and running."

Superintendent McIntosh expressed his appreciation to everyone who has worked on the roll out of this system. "The plan and strategy for the roll out of this system has been well done."

ACTION ITEMS

OSBA Resolution and Election

The Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) is organized as one general state association with up to 21 elected representatives established across 14 geographic regions to support member participation and representation. Member boards also elect the Legislative Policy Committee and vote on the OSBA Legislative Policies and Priorities. The Redmond School Board of Directors is part of the Central Region and of the general state association and therefore need to consider and vote on the following resolution and board candidate.

Resolution to Adopt Proposed 2013 OSBA Legislative Policies and Priorities

The board reviewed and discussed the resolution provided by OSBA regarding their proposed legislative priorities.

Bob Perry stated that he has a few problems with some of the items in the resolution. The first area is in regard to their position on charter schools. He stated that he does not concur with their statement. He also stated he does not concur with 1.2 – Reforming Tax Policy regarding the tax kicker funds statement.

Ric Little concurred with Bob Perry's objections to the two items stated above.

Jim Erickson moved and AJ Losoya seconded a motion to adopt the OSBA resolution to adopt the proposed 2013 OSBA legislative policies and priorities. Motion carried 4-1. Bob Perry was the dissenting vote.

OSBA Board Member Election

Board members reviewed the candidate questionnaire for Douglas M. Nelson. Mr. Nelson is running for position three on the OSBA Board of Directors. Mr. Nelson was the former superintendent at Bend LaPine School District.

Jim Erickson moved and AJ Losoya seconded a motion endorse Doug Nelson to be selected to serve on the OSBA board. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 12:064 – Advanced Refunding 2008 General Obligation Bonds

Kathy Steinert was present to review with the board a resolution to refinance the 2008A general obligation bonds. At this time, the District is in a position to potentially recognize savings from an advance refunding of General Obligation bonds. It is the District's belief that it is time to proceed with the 2008A refunding based on information received from Seattle Northwest Securities Corporation.

Resolution 12:064 will supplement the previously adopted Resolution 12:049 and allow District staff to work with Seattle Northwest Securities Corporation, in the capacity of bond underwriters, and Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe LLP, as bond counsel, to accomplish the 2008A refunding with the legal terms and limits required by federal law and Oregon Revised Statutes.

The District does not benefit from the savings in the form of usable operating capital. The refunding does represent a savings to taxpayers, in an unperceivable amount when applied to the Taxable Assessed Values of all property owners within the District.

Specific points regarding the 2008A refunding:

- Only the series 2008A current interest bonds can be refinanced. The 2008B deferred interest bonds are noncallable.
- As of November 30, 2012, refunding \$54,880,000 of the 2008A bonds would have netted a 9.15% net present value savings, a \$6,325,500 decrease on future principal and interest payments. This reduces the amount of levy the District needs to request from taxpayers in order to meet debt service obligations.
- All of these dollar savings are net of the estimated issuance costs of \$366,600 to \$388,600 that would be wrapped into the refunding.

It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution to authorize the 2008A refunding and direct District staff to take action as required to complete the refunding.

The finance committee has reviewed this resolution.

Jim Erickson moved and Bob Perry seconded a motion to approve Resolution 12:064 supplementing Resolution 12:049 and authorizing the issuance, negotiated sale and delivery of the 2008A General Obligation Refunding bonds as attached. Motion carried 5-0.

Votes: Cathy Miller – Yes, Bob Perry – Yes, AJ Losoya – Yes, Ric Little – Yes, Jim Erickson – Yes

Policy Revision IKC – Class Ranking – 2nd Reading

Superintendent McIntosh and David Burke were present to review additional language changes to the class ranking policy. There has been a miscue in the students understanding of the weighted grading policy. The district has faced the challenge of a system that has multiple valedictorians. In the new, weighted grade policy, we will have one valedictorian because students can now achieve above a 4.0 and GPA's are calculated to the thousandth.

- For the 2012-2013 school year only, we are proposing a plan to honor all seniors who, at the end of the third trimester of their senior year, have a 4.0 or higher. These students will be our valedictorians.
- This plan allows the RSD to implement the weighted grade policy while honoring our highest group of achieving students. Both sets of students, those who would have been honored in the traditional system of un-weighted grades, and those who would most benefit from the weighted system will be honored and given valedictorian status.
- Next year, we will move to having one valedictorian and one salutatorian. Students are being given adequate advanced notification of this change in ranking and valedictorian designation.

It is our belief this is the best route for kids and honors multiple valedictorians for one more year while allowing adequate time for this year's juniors to enroll in the weighted courses, fully knowing those courses will play a key role in who becomes the valedictorian in the spring of 2014.

Superintendent McIntosh stated that he believes that this senior class needs as much support as we can give them because of all of the changes they have gone through.

Bob Perry moved and Ric Little seconded a motion to approve IKC – Class Ranking as revised. Motion carried 5-0.

Votes: Cathy Miller – Yes, Bob Perry – Yes, AJ Losoya – Yes, Ric Little – Yes, Jim Erickson – Yes

Budget Committee Vacancy

Superintendent McIntosh reported that the Redmond School District Budget Committee is comprised of five board members and an equal number of qualified voters of the district. Budget Committee members are appointed by the board for terms of three years. Members may be reappointed by the board for additional terms.

There are currently two Budget Committee members whose term expired June 30, 2012; Don Fields and Ed Boero. Mr. Fields has expressed interest in being reappointed to the committee. The board will need to declare an open position on the budget committee to fill the position vacated by Ed Boero.

Appointment to the Budget Committee is through an application and interview process with the Redmond School Board of Directors.

Jim Erickson moved and Bob Perry seconded a motion to reappoint Don Fields to the Budget Committee and to declare a vacancy on the Redmond School District Budget Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Votes: Cathy Miller – Yes, Bob Perry – Yes, AJ Losoya – Yes, Ric Little – Yes, Jim Erickson – Yes

Consent Agenda

- Personnel Report
- Board Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2012
- Board Work Session Minutes from November 28, 2012
- Finance Reports (Have been reviewed by the Finance Committee)
- Gifts to the District
- Out of State Field Trip
- Policy Updates: CPA, EBB, EEA, EEAC, EEACC, EEACD, GCDA/GDDA, IKF, IKFB, JCA, JECA, JECBB, JFCF, JHFE, JHFF

Superintendent McIntosh stated that we are early in the year and we are on track. In addition Superintendent McIntosh asked Linda Seeberg to provide an update regarding the extended day kindergarten program that has recently been started in the district. Six of the new hires, three classified staff and three certified staff that are listed on the personnel report, are the staff who were hired to work with those students. These staff members are paid through Title I funds.

Jim Erickson moved and AJ Losoya seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Votes: Jim Erickson-yes; Ric Little-yes; AJ Losoya – yes; Bob Perry – yes; Cathy Miller – yes

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Policy Revision – IL – Assessment Program – 2nd Reading

During the first reading of this policy revision during the work session on November 28th board members concurred with Jim Erickson's position that in a policy that speaks to the district's assessment program that mastery, rigor and relevance should be listed. Superintendent McIntosh has consulted with his administrative team regarding this policy and is bringing it back to the board for further discussion and recommendations.

Superintendent McIntosh reviewed the added language to the policy.

Karen Gray stated that she has heard some distributing things regarding the work samples. She asked for clarification from David Burke on the process for these work samples.

David Burke stated, “As a teacher you know that kids don’t always do well on the computer based assessments. They take reading, writing and math on the computer. For students who don’t meet those requirements by the 11th grade then their only other option was to use the work sample method. The state then changed that and opened up a writing window for seniors. We are not incentivizing the work sample process. It is actually more rigorous. If they have to do the work sample process they must write two samples. Those classes are designed to teach those kids the skills they have missed.” Work samples are blind scored. Multnomah ESD provides secure tests for the reading portion.

Jim Erickson stated that his comment at the work session was that there was no mention regarding rigor or relevance. “Unless we commit to that we are not changing the system. If in fact we are committed to that then let’s write them into our policies.”

Board members concurred with adding language to the policy around rigor and relevance.

The policy will be further revised and language regarding rigor and relevance added to the policy and brought back for a third reading.

Cathy Miller stated that we should have verbiage in the policy to be able to communicate who we are.

Cathy Miller stated that this is Jim Erickson’s last meeting as a board member of the Redmond School District. She expressed her appreciation to him for his service.

Linda Seeberg thanked Jim for not only the many amazing years of service to kids through his teaching but also his many hours of volunteer service. “I have appreciated your wisdom, coaching and clarity and I look forward to finding ways to continue to work together.”

Jim Erickson stated, “This is my 40th year in the district. I appreciate this district more than you can believe. I think there would have been a lot of places that I could have worked that would have ham strung me. This district stayed out of my way and this was a great professional journey.”

Requested Agenda Items

- Parent Conversations Discussion – January 9th
- Draft Superintendent Evaluation – January 9th
- Superintendent update on the three positions that were approved by the board
- Chronological decisions the board will be making over the next six months to ensure we have a quorum for those decisions – January 30th

Pat Reck stated that she enjoyed the radio interview that Superintendent McIntosh did on KBND.

ADJOURN

Jim Erickson moved and Ric Little seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Votes: Jim Erickson-Yes; Ric Little-Yes; AJ Losoya – Yes; Bob Perry – Yes; Cathy Miller - Yes

Cathy Miller, School Board Chair

Trish Huspek, Executive Assistant