

**Redmond School District  
School Board Meeting  
October 27, 2010**

---

**In Attendance:** Chair Jim Erickson, Vice-Chair Cathy Miller, Directors Paul Rodby, Ric Little, Dan Murphy, Superintendent Shay Mikalson, RSD Staff Doug Snyder, Stephanie Curtis, Mike McIntosh, Trish Huspek, Jon Bullock, Barry Branaugh, Media Leslie Pugmire-Hole (*Redmond Spokesman*), Patrick Cliff (*Bend Bulletin*), association representatives Karen Gray, Jamy, Mike Schiel, Elton Gregory, Bruce Wattenberg, John Holland, Linda Holland, Sharon Rosen

Board Chair Jim Erickson called the meeting to order with a quorum of five at 5:30 p.m.

**Citizen Participation**

Mr. Doug Stevens presented a letter to board members expressing his concerns over the lack of coordination of programs between the Redmond School District and Parks and Recreation in providing information to students about programs available through Parks and Recreation. Superintendent Mikalson is currently working with Katie at Parks and Recreation to resolve the issues.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Bond Savings Taskforce**

Jon Bullock, Mike Schiel, Barry Branaugh, and Elton Gregory were in attendance to present the recommendations from the Bond Savings Taskforce. In the process of the taskforce meetings, this taskforce was charged with coming forward with a plan on how the \$15 million dollars could be used to improve instructional programs within the existing buildings.

The taskforce consisted of 30 members representing community members, parents, teachers, and staff who met on three occasions.

**Recommendation One**

Mike Schiel reported that the number one consensus of the group was the recommendation to allocate \$950,000 to construct bleacher seating at the new high school. The taskforce recommends this project with the beliefs that it fulfills community expectations and that it plays a critical role in establishing a positive culture at the new high school. Taskforce members see athletic and community events as having a positive impact upon student outcomes and that the athletic fields are an extension of the classroom. This cost would cover a 1400 seat system.

**Recommendation Two**

Barry Branaugh reported that recommendation two is to allocate \$8.5 to \$11 million to renovate Redmond High School. This recommendation continually ranked as a top priority during task force deliberations. Task force members expressed a desire to establish a sense of equity between the new high school and Redmond High School. The decision as to what upgrades would be funded from this allocation would be developed by a site-based design team that would consider health and safety issues, instructional environment, program needs, mechanical upgrades, HVAC and energy efficiency improvements, athletic facility improvements, and enhancements that are believed to benefit instructional programs and improve student outcomes. That amount equates to approximately \$40 per square foot. It is acknowledged there are more improvements that need to be made at the high school than the requested amount will be able to cover.

### **Recommendation Three**

Elton Gregory reported that recommendation three is to allocate \$4 to \$5.5 million to renovate older elementary buildings. Elton Gregory praised the staff for the manner in which they prepared the materials for the task force members and to Jon Bullock for his ability to keep 30 people on task.

Jon Bullock thanked all taskforce members for the time and energy they committed to the process.

Questions:

Cathy Miller asked for clarification around the bleachers. “Was there anyone on the taskforce who felt that bleachers were unnecessary?” Mike Schiel indicated that the overwhelming consensus of taskforce members agreed that the bleachers were needed.

Cathy asked Doug Snyder to speak to the possibility of the costs being reduced. Doug reviewed the steps taken to obtain the initial estimate. The project will go out for bid and believes due to the current construction climate, the bids will come in lower than anticipated.

Cathy Miller requested of Stephanie Curtis, Communications Director, that the blog remain open for the public to be able to share their input. Jim requested that student outcomes be the focus of blog comments and if we are going to ask for input regarding returning the money to the taxpayers, we should include what it would financially mean to families.

Cathy Miller reported she has received a request from a community member that if renovations at the existing high school are approved, the site design team should include replacement of the seats in the back of the existing auditorium.

### **Public Comment – Bond Savings**

This will be the first of three opportunities for the public to speak to the board regarding the recommendations presented by the task force.

Bruce Wattenberg – “As a citizen I would encourage the board to spend the money. This is an opportunity that only comes along once in a lifetime. I would encourage you to build the infrastructure of the schools.”

John Hartford – He encouraged the board to understand the phenomena of the “have and have not” in the schools. It has a huge impact. “It is important that we are responsible on how we use the money the community provides to us.”

John Holland – He looks forward to some of this money coming back to the high school to make it a safer environment.

### **Construction Update**

Doug Snyder provided updates on the following projects:

- Terrebonne – one month ahead of schedule. Anticipated to be completed by the end of the year
- Sage Elementary – Are at the punch list stage
- New High School – Classroom interiors, site irrigation and exterior shell work are all proceeding
- Evergreen
  - The title report has been supplied to the City
  - The building is now decommissioned and winterized
  - Parks and Recreation went on a tour of the gym to assess the feasibility of them using the space during the due diligence period.
  - The gas heaters in the gym are not operable. No gas lines to the gym.

## ACTION ITEMS

### Consent Agenda

- Personnel Changes
- School Board Minutes from October 13, 2010

*Paul Rodby moved and Dan Murphy seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.*

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Superintendent Report

Superintendent Mikalson presented information regarding:

- Graduation rate calculation changes
  - The state board of education has adjusted the graduation calculation rate to include students who may take more than four years to graduate. This is good news for the district since the previous four-year cohort calculation negatively impacted Redmond High School because of the Advanced Diploma program.
- State Board of Education will vote on two K-12 education reforms – adoption of the Common Core State Standards and raising our math Achievement Standards. If they were to adopt, the implementation date would be in 2014
- Changes in the math cut scores
  - The state board of education will take action on October 28 to increase the math cut scores. Cut scores are the number of points a student has to reach on the state assessment test in each subject to determine whether they met, exceeded or did not meet state standards.

### Association Report

- Judy Newman expressed her appreciation to the district around the transparency in the budget process and the fact that the conversations are beginning early
- Jamy Gibbs also expressed they are very excited to go back to their association members armed with clear information that will allow them to answer questions
- Site representatives still need a couple of schools

### Request for Agenda Items

Doug – update on utility costs at each of our buildings  
Hugh Hartman Conversation

### Stars in the Sagebrush

This year's event is scheduled for April 8, 2011. Nominations for the award are now open. Forms are available on the foundation website. There will be a student art contest to determine the invitation/promotion design.

## ADJOURN

*Paul Rodby moved and Dan Murphy seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:58p.m. Motion carried 5-0.*

---

Jim Erickson, School Board Chair

---

Trish Huspek, Executive Assistant