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Jefferson County School District 509-J

Monday, March 14, 2022

REGULAR SESSION (7:00PM)

Hybrid: In-person and Electronic Meeting via Zoom

MEETING LOCATION:

509J JCSD Support Services Building, 445 SE Buff Street, Madras, OR 97741

Zoom Access

Topic: 20220314 JCSD Board Work Session and Meeting

Time: Mar 14, 2022 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Chair Laurie Danzuka, Vice-Chair Kevin Richards, Jacob Struck and Jamie Hurd.

ABSENT: Courtney Snead

REGULAR SESSION/CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair Laurie Danzuka called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Jamie Hurd motioned to adopt the agenda as presented; the motion passed unanimously – **Approved 4/0.**

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINDING OF FACTS FOR THE CM/GC FOR THE MHS BOND PROJECT

Superintendent Jay Mathisen explained the process for the public hearing.

OPENING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING:

At **7:01PM** Board Chair Danzuka opened the public hearing for the finding of facts for the CM/GC for the MHS bond project.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC NOTICE: *The Board of Directors of the Jefferson County School District 509J will meet in the Board Room at 445 SE Buff Street, Madras, OR 97741 on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of taking comments on the Board's draft findings for an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements of the Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 279C as related to the Madras High School improvements. The project includes a new roof, insulation and parapet cap replacement, CTE Program space improvements, new soccer concession / restroom building and field lights, new DDC controls and new gas-fired high efficiency roof top HVAC units. Any interested person may appear and present comment. Postings: [Public Notice](#) & [Finding of Facts](#)*

Mike Tiller of Tiller’s Schoolhouse Consulting, LLC presented the details on the MHS Bond Project. Mr. Tiller explained the exemption from the competitive bidding requirements of the Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 279C as related to the Madras High School improvements and summarized the findings. Mr. Tiller explained the process, the cost reduction benefit and the opportunity to have the contractor onboard earlier in the design process. He also explained, considering the current market conditions as another benefit to this process, explaining they will be committed early on in the process. He shared the current timeline for construction proposed is mid-June 2023 – August 2023, eleven weeks for the scope of work which is a very tight timeframe.

Board Chair Danzuka asked if there are any questions.

Board Chair Laurie Danzuka asked if the labor shortages are based on the numbers or on the amount of projects. Mr. Tiller explained he believes it is a combination of the two.

There were no further questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair Laurie Danzuka opened an opportunity for public input on the Finding of Facts for the CM/GC for the MHS bond projects.

There were no questions or comments presented from the public.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Superintendent Mathisen explained, in this process there is an opportunity for further board discussion and action later on in the board meeting.

CLOSURE OF THE HEARING

With no further questions or discussion, Board Chair Danzuka closed the public hearing for the finding of facts for the CM/GC for the MHS bond project at **7:08PM**.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

INFORMATION / PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS / COMMUNICATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Classified School Employees Week was March 7-11**
Superintendent Jay Mathisen presented the Classified Employees Week (March 7-11, 2022) proclamation. Board members expressed their gratitude for the classified staff. They also shared that they recognize and appreciate the monthly recognition (Employee Spotlight) being posted each month.
- **Student Representatives update**
Superintendent Jay Mathisen explained that Student Representative Christina Thomas is not present this evening because she is playing tennis, which is one of the reasons she is such a great

representative – she is active and participating. She did provide a report for the board, reflected on pages 12-16 of the board packet.

- **Enrollment Update**

Superintendent Jay Mathisen provided the enrollment numbers and historical enrollment numbers for 509J online, requested by the board at last month's meeting. Vice-Chair Richards asked if we are anticipating numbers to change due to lifting the mask mandate.

Superintendent Mathisen shared that it is hard to tell, although there has been conversation that some families will finish out this school year where they are, but change next fall.

- **Dual Language Update**

Laura Contreras Weiss presented an update on the Dual Language program. She explained the committee has met and considered three options for the location: (1) house the program at an existing elementary school; (2) at two elementary schools or (3) at Jefferson County Middle School. The committee decided to remove the option of two elementary schools because it was the right fit for our district. The team considered the remaining options to come forward with a recommendation. The two remaining options are brought forward as viable options for the recommendation to the board today; she asked Superintendent Mathisen to join her in sharing the decision based on the committee's discussions, recommendations and what was considered to be the best fit at this time.

Superintendent Mathisen shared the pros and cons from the committee conversations. He repeated, the two remaining options they considered: (1) house the program at Jefferson County Middle School and (2) house the program at one of the current elementary schools. The team looked at each of the schools, the options considered and in the end the decision was made to start at Jefferson County Middle School (JCMS). He explained that all of the options will have challenges, but the decision considered the best fit is JCMS.

Chair Laurie Danzuka asked about transportation and meals for the program. Operations Director Simon White explained the potential proposed start/end transportation times. He explained that communication is taking place about the food options and how they will work in the schedule but nothing is finalized at this time.

Board Member Jamie Hurd asked about students not having access to Music or P.E. and if they will be able to do something about that. Laura explained that communication is taking place on the best way to share and work together to have a strong and stable program.

Vice-Chair Kevin Richards asked about whether there will be a possibility for additional classrooms for 2022. Laura said ideally they like to start with two classrooms, but they will wait to see what the demand is.

Kevin Richards asked about staffing and skill sets. HR Director Lori Bonham joined the conversation and explained that they have posted for a Dual Language Elementary Teacher

“pool” to get the word out early. In addition, Laura Contreras Weiss will join the team at the largest job fair in the state (in Portland).

Kevin Richards asked about the ideal timeline to recruit students and families. Laura Contreras Weiss explained the design team will be meeting when they return from the job fair. She also explained that Communication Coordinator Joey Prechtl will be creating a flier and video for communication to the community to get the word out. All information will be brought before the board as things progress.

- **RSSL Update**

Director of Student Services Kira Fee provided the RSSL Update presented on page 18 of the board packet.

Chair Laurie Danzuka asked about the home test kits available to families. Kira Fee said, all they need to do is request a kit and one will be provided to them and they can make their decisions in the privacy of their home.

- **Bond Update**

Operations Director Simon White presented on the Bond plans, sharing that WSK8 has a RFP out for professional services; there is bond related assessing taking place at MHS, and the potential roof repair for Bridges on the agenda. Simon also shared that an engineer will be visiting each of the 509j schools for the card entry access. He also said there is work being done for seismic upgrade at Madras Elementary, to strengthen the gym.

Jamie Hurd asked about seismic upgrade and how it would compare to the one done at Metolius; if there will be anything in addition to the original scope. Simon explained that he is not sure about additions to be included with the seismic upgrade that will remain to be seen.

Jamie Hurd also requested if Simon would share about the bond oversight committee, common themes and if the meetings were well attended. Simon shared that the bond oversight committee meetings have been well attended, they are a sharp group and discussion have taken place about going above and beyond and getting the work done on tier one and two.

HEARING OF CITIZENS / DELEGATIONS [2-OPTIONS]

OPTION 1: *Each person wishing to speak will have signed in at the beginning of the meeting to be recognized. The 509-J Board of Directors reserves this time for JCSD 509J residents to share comments or concerns. Because time is limited, as a standard practice, as a courtesy to others and to maintain our meeting schedule, only residents of the JCSD community will be allotted three minutes to speak. If you have a group attending regarding the same topic, you will need to appoint one speaker. If you are not a community member we request that you leave your comment in writing online (option 2 below).*

OPTION 2: *Jefferson County School District 509-J will accept public comment in writing prior to the meeting. Written comments must be received online (via the comment link on the agenda) by **1:00 pm [the date of the board meeting]** and*

may be read during the public comment section of the meeting. Comments or complaints regarding specific people or personnel WILL NOT be accepted, please refer to the district complaint policy. Please submit your [COMMENT HERE](#)

Two community members signed up to speak as follows:

(1) **Alexa Gassner** – Topic listed: MHS (*summarized*).

Ms. Gassner introduced herself, thanked the board for their work and for allowing her to speak. She shared that she has a student at MHS and has frustrations with the school. She shared her frustrations with the High School are about schedules, enrichment time and academic planning. She said it is difficult to hold her student to a standard when the high school does not hold them to an academic standard. She stated she has many concerns, but specifically wanted to address global studies and math. Sharing that global studies is only one semester. She shared that she kept her student in CASA math throughout 8th grade, because at JCMS the 8th grade level math was so far behind. She stated that she has concerns that her student will not be prepared for college level math or the SATs. She shared that COCC offers a concurrent enrollment program popular in other Central Oregon communities, but there is not much success in our district. She requests that the board prioritize the program, and encourage high school administration and counselors to work closely with COCC to make this opportunity more accessible and available.

(2) **Tiffany Turo** – Topic listed: Driver’s Ed, MHS (*summarized*).

Ms. Turo introduced herself shared that she has a high school student. She would like to suggest that the board consider a drivers ed training in Madras. She shared that HDESD informed her that they had offered the class in the past but there was not a large desire. Explaining that \$350 is a lot of money for families for a course that we should be offering our students. This option would benefit our students, and she hopes the board will seriously consider it. She also shared that she is surprised that we are not requiring a two foreign language program; we should be matching what colleges are requiring for admission. She thinks it’s important to prepare our students for their future; the suggestions she is making would result in positive changes immediately.

Vice-chair Richards thanked the community members for sharing their concerns and frustrations and for their constructive suggestions.

Board Chair Danzuka proceeded to the next agenda item.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Board Minutes of **February 14, 2022**
2. Personnel Action
3. Revised **Resolution #22-16**, *correction to signature page only*
4. **Resolution #22-17**, Miscellaneous Grants

Correction to the meeting minutes, second bullet item in the information/discussion items, the person requested to present the engraved memoriam plaque should read “Deanie **Johnson**”.

Vice-Chair Kevin Richards motioned to accept the consent agenda with the correction made to the minutes as noted; motion passed unanimously – **Approved 4/0.**

- B. Resolution 22-18** *[public hearing item on the agenda]* granting bidding exemption, authorizing construction of a new roof, insulation and parapet cap replacement, CTE Program space improvements, new soccer/restroom building and field lights, new DDC controls and new high efficiency gas fired HVAC units.

Jacob Struck motioned to approve Resolution 22-18, granting bidding exemption, authorizing construction of a new roof, insulation and parapet cap replacement, CTE Program space improvements, new soccer/restroom building and field lights, new DDC controls and new high efficiency gas fired HVAC units as presented; motion passed unanimously – **APPROVED 4/0.**

- C. Resolution 22-19**, Resolution to transfer appropriations within the general fund for necessary maintenance at Bridges High School and execute related contracts 2021-2022.

Jacob Struck asked if it is specific to the roof. It was confirmed, yes.

Jacob Struck motioned to approve Resolution 22-19, to transfer appropriations within the general fund for necessary maintenance at Bridges High School and execute related contracts as presented; motion passed unanimously – **APPROVED 4/0.**

D. Proposed 2022-2023 School Calendar (190)

Jamie Hurd moved to approve the proposed 2022-2023 School Calendar (190) as presented; motion passed unanimously – **APPROVED 4/0.**

E. Promise Scholarships, Selection of Committee Members *(two 509J Board Members)*

Chair Laurie Danzuka explained the Promise Scholarship selection process. Discussion took place amongst the board members about previous experience on the committee. Jamie Hurd and Jacob Struck expressed interest.

Based on the expressed interest of two JCSD 509J board members, Jamie Hurd and Jacob Struck were appointed to represent the JCSD 509J as the Promise Scholarship Committee Members for 2021-2022.

REMINDERS:

- **Next Board Leadership (9am) – Tuesday, April 5, 2022** (Laurie & Jacob)
- **Work Session Meeting (5:30pm) – Monday, April 11, 2022** [Topic: Curriculum]
- **Regular Session Meeting (7:00pm) – Monday, April 11, 2022**
- **1st Budget Committee Meeting – Monday, May 9, 2022 @5:30pm**

Kevin Richards asked about the tour of Hugh Hartman and if it has been re-scheduled. Laura Contreras Weiss shared that they did visit Hugh Hartman and they are working on scheduling another visit; she will let the board know when it is scheduled so those who are interested may attend.

Other dates/reminders shared by the board are as follows:

- April 9th, FFA fundraiser dinner
- March 17th @WS and March 18th, Alaska Nets Screening
- May 9th, FFA fundraiser at the fairgrounds

BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Serving on the two committees (bond & budget); nice to see the fiscal responsibility in the 509j district.
- Bond Committee was great turnout and people care about the project/work and asking great questions.
- WSK8 visit, kindergarten class is a great way to exit, with hugs.
- The Family Access Network (FAN) visit was great.
- Future Center, Homeless Center and FAN Advocates – great presentation.
- Girls’ basketball playoffs was great – the girls played with a lot of heart.
- 4th grade basketball team opportunity was a great experience.
- Saturday, girls’ basketball team took 3rd place at State – great job.
- FAN – people that care about our kids
- Nice to see parents stepping up to coach and participate in the kid’s athletic opportunities.
- Battle of the Books Challenge was great.
- Sports, wrestling, basketball
- Glad to see people coming together and...

MEETING CLOSURE/ADJOURNED

With no further business Board Chair Danzuka adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm.

Draft to Board for approval at next meeting.
Monday April 11, 2022

Tessa Bailey, Executive Assistant

Board Chair Laurie Danzuka

Superintendent Jay Mathisen

Date

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