

Board of Director's Meeting

Minutes- October 21, 2024

OPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Boyd at 6:00 pm. Mr. Boyd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

- X - Joseph Boyd-Board Chair- Present
- X - Wally Nelson - Present
- X - Diane Boisa-Present
- X - Irene Barajas, Vice Chair - Present
- X - Marty Wisehart-Present
- X - Misty Wharton, Superintendent-Present
- X - Ken Richwine, Administrator of Alt Ed and Career Tech – Present
- X - Megan Kellow, Special Programs Administrator- Present
- X - Kristina Albin, K8 Principal-Present
- X - Emily Chadwick, High School Principal – Present
- X - Heidi Schultz, Assistant K8 Principal and Early Learning Director - Not Present

Patrons, Students and Staff: Diane Nelson, Natasha Durgan, Jason Hagan, Amanda Hopka, Tamara Flinter, Patty Olson, Doug Olson, Sherry Hartford

Zoom: Breanne Kennedy Andescavage, Johanna Harding, Ursula McVittie, Lucy S., Kayla, Epiphany, Heather Dickerson, Robin Richwine

Approval of Agenda – October 21, 2024

MOTION: Wally Nelson 2nd: Irene Barajas AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

COMMUNITY/SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

Doug Olson, Tillamook County Commissioner

Mr. Olson joins us this evening to discuss the upcoming bond measure, to upgrade Tillamook County's Public Safety Emergency Communications System. Mr. Olson and his wife live in Pacific City and have been in this community for 30 plus years. During retirement, Mr. Olson said he was called to serve as the Tillamook County Commissioner. While not looking for work, with his background of serving on the budget committee for 20 years and knowing a lot about the community, he decided to serve a one year term. Mr. Olson said he would like to talk about the emergency communications system and answer any questions that people may have.

Mr. Olson said the county's public safety radio system, which is used by police, fire, ambulance and public works, is 25-30 years old. Mr. Olson said the system is failing. When one of the radios fail, the technicians have to go out and find parts. Because the system is so old and they are not manufactured anymore, the technicians have to go on Ebay and Craigslist to find parts.

The county has been working towards this for the last three years and was able to secure a 2 million dollar grant. The estimated cost of the entire upgrade is 26.4 million. With the grant for 2 million dollars, the county is asking for the remaining 24.4 million for the upgrade.

Mr. Olson shared a short video with additional information on the proposed upgrade. In the video, it stated that Tillamook County has had more emergency declarations than any other county in Oregon. If the system fails, there is no back up system to notify paramedics. The emergency communications system cannot keep up with the current demands and often information being relayed is not clear or lost all together. With an upgraded system, they would be able to communicate from Neskowin to Manzanita without going through multiple repeaters.

Mr. Olson said why not cell phones? Unlike radio that goes point to point, cell phones go point to antenna, and back to point. Cell phones and satellite services lack service reliability. Especially in areas like Tillamook County, that are dense with trees. Mr. Olson, who served on the hospital board for many years, said that almost daily paramedics have to transfer a patient to Portland for a higher level of care. If the patient's condition worsens, and there is no cell service, they are unable to radio to the doctor for medical direction.

Mr. Wisheart asked how the response has been at the other community presentations he's done? Mr. Olson said it has been good. There have been the common questions of cost, but no one has said they don't need it.

Everyone thanked Mr. Olson for coming and sharing information on the public safety radio system.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherry Hartford said there have been a lot of changes up at the high school. Sherry has heard collectively from students, that they would like time to adjust to a new principal before there are more changes. Sherry added that kids have one track minds and making changes to Homecoming court is upsetting to them with all the other changes. Her suggestion is to roll out any other changes slowly, giving them time to get used to things.

Sherry also had a question on policy, regarding coaches, staff and volunteers no longer being able to give rides to students, to school and sporting events? Mrs. Wharton said we need to use the buddy system. The district just went through a PACE training, which is our insurance and liability provider. They said not to put yourself in those situations where there is only one adult with a student. Sherry said what if the parent gave permission? There are lots of instances, like right after a game and it is 12:30 at night? Mrs. Wharton said regardless if a parent gave permission, a coach must have either an assistant coach with them or a chaperone that has been hired by the school. Mrs. Wharton wanted to also clarify on the Homecoming court. That was an honest mistake and nothing has changed with past practice.

Johanna Harding thanked the Board for hearing her comments and questions this evening. Johanna said she was very optimistic with the launch of ParentSquare, however, there still are no dates for activities and sporting events in the app. In checking the school's website calendar, there are no dates on that either. Johanna said she can sympathize and understands the process and what an undertaking it is. She would like to know at what date will parents be able to see these and be able to use the app more fully? Johanna gave an example of seeing that there was a town hall on October 24th in one correspondence, but in the next it was gone without explanation. Johanna sees that it is on the agenda and that there will probably be a new date decided on tonight. She also saw notice of a parent PTO meeting and did not know if this was only for the K8, or if it also included the high school. Johanna said it would also be nice to have notice of the Board meetings through school correspondence. She happened to see notice of tonight's meeting on Facebook. Lastly, Johanna would ask that when there are changes, that there is better communication as to why the changes are being made.

Mrs. Wharton said the switch to Parentsquare and a new website is a lot of work, as Johanna said. They anticipated to go live with the new website to happen by October. The rollover has proven to be more laborious than expected. Mrs. Wharton asked Johanna specifically what issues she is having with ParentSquare? Johanna said she can see messages that are coming through, but is unable to send a message. Also, on the calendar, there are no activities or sporting events populating. Mr. Richwine said there are a couple of changes he can make so that athletics and activities will show up on the website calendar. Mrs. Wharton said they hope to have everything showing up on ParentSquare and the new website very soon.

CONSENT AGENDA—consolidated motion

- Board Minutes from September 23, 2024
- September 2024 Financial Report
- Ratification of Employment
- Quarterly Statement of Assurance
- Second Reading of School District Policy-Adoption
 - Policy: DJC – Bidding Requirements**
 - Policy: DJC-AR – Exemptions from Competitive Bidding and Special Procurements**
- Second Reading of School District Policy Reading-Deletion
 - Policy: DJC – Bidding Requirements (Version 1)**
 - Policy: DJCAR-AR – Special Procurements and Exemptions from Competitive Bidding**
 - Policy: DJCA – Personal Service Contract**
 - Policy: DJCA-AR – Personal Services Contracts**

MOTION: Diane Boisa 2nd: Wally Nelson AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

ACTION DISCUSSION

Recommendation: Approve – Division 22 Standards for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Explanation: Annual Review of Division 22 Standards.

Mrs. Wharton explained this is an annual review to make sure we are in alignment with state laws, in order to receive federal funding. This includes things like curriculum, state assessments, and health and safety. Ms. Boisa asked if we are in compliance? Mrs. Wharton answered yes, we are. A couple years ago we were not, due to how many opted out of state testing. More and more schools across the state are back in compliance with that now.

MOTION: Irene Barajas 2nd: Marty Wischart AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

INFORMATION/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS

Superintendent Wharton said we are heading into November, with all the illnesses hitting students and staff that winter brings. Routines are getting established and middle school girls basketball started today. The admin team has toured classrooms together twice now, and will be riding on buses again in November.

Mrs. Wharton said this Friday is a professional development day for all staff. We have three staff members who will be out at an ALICE training. They will then come and train the rest of the staff. ALICE is the training used for school safety in the event of a lock down or lock out. Sarah Ermer, from Tillamook Family Counseling, will also be presenting during the professional development day, talking about suicide prevention with staff.

Mrs. Wharton said she and Mr. Richwine met last week regarding professional development and what we want to plan out as an administrative team. As a team, we want to come up with common practices in every classroom, so that when we do go into classrooms, we are all looking for the same types of things.

Mrs. Wharton said the Homecoming dance is this Friday. The district is getting a DJ for the dance. Admission, food and drinks will all be free for students. The only thing different about Homecoming this year is that students did not use class time to decorate the hallways. Students had the opportunity on Friday after school or Sunday afternoon, to come decorate the halls. Banners were worked on after school with the help of staff members.

The Communications class at the high school is going very well. Students are really starting to get the work out and we look forward to doing a pathway in career tech for this in the future.

Mrs. Wharton shared that Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici and her team, came for a visit a couple weeks ago. Mrs. Wharton joined them at Neah-Kah-Nie, followed by TBCC, the Beaver site, and lastly the K8. Mr. Richwine shared a slide deck with them on the proposed plans for the skills center in Beaver, the career tech Strategic Plan, and some cute slides of our kids. They toured the K8 campus and were really blown away at what we had to offer our kids. Mrs. Wharton said they also shared feedback at how rare it is to see school districts and community colleges working so well together, and they were impressed with that.

Vice Chair, Irene Barajas, said she is on the LGBTQIA2S+ School Board Members Advisory committee, for OSBA. Ms. Barajas said they are trying to form a caucus, instead of just being a committee. They have a lot of support and would appreciate a vote in favor of that, when it comes time to vote for OSBA.

Mrs. Wharton said that she would like the blessing of the board to finally put together a policy committee. This came up recently, especially focusing on the school's drug and alcohol policy. They have been brainstorming parents and community members who would be good for this committee. Mrs. Wharton said that she would like to ask Sarah Ermer, from Tillamook Family Counseling to be a part of the committee as well. Her professional lens and knowing what services are available to kids would be very valuable. This committee would be around 8-10 people who would be volunteering their time. They would not have voting rights, but would present their thoughts on policy to the Board at a meeting. All Board members were in favor of forming a policy committee.

Mrs. Wharton said we are going to reschedule the town hall so that everyone can go to the volleyball home playoff game on the 24th. We are looking at potential dates for the town hall on Tuesday November 12th, Wednesday November 13th or Thursday November 14th. Everyone was in agreement that Wednesday November 13th would work the best. Mrs. Wharton said that all Board members do not have to be present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss matters pertaining to or examination of confidential records of a student. (ORS 332.061(1)(b))

Recent student discipline

Records Exempt from Public Inspections (ORS 192.660(2)(f))

To consider information or records that are exempt from public inspection, including letters from attorney, student records and personnel files.

Legal Records Examination

Superintendent Wharton asked the administrative team to join for the first part of Executive Session. Mrs. Wharton, along with the Board, administrative team and Board Secretary, moved to Executive Session at 6:52 pm.

Return to Public Session at 7:40 pm.

FURTHER BUSINESS

No further business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Boyd at 7:41 pm.