

I. WORK SESSION MEETING – *MOLALLA RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM CALL TO ORDER* Chair McNeil called the work session meeting to order at 7:00pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Board members attending: Chair Amy McNeil, Vice Chair Craig Loughridge, Rob Cummings, Linda Eskridge, and Mark Lucht. Absent: Neal Lucht, , Terrie Stafford

MRSD Administrators attending: Dr. Tony Mann/Superintendent, Jennifer Ellis/Director of Human Resources, Chris Shaw/Director of Technology, Cathy Mitchell/Principal at Mulino Elementary, Les Womack/Principal at Molalla Elementary, Christy Newman/Principal at Clarkes Elementary, Randy Dalton/Principal at Molalla River Middle School, Ron Stewart/Capital Projects Manager, Tamara Jackson/Director of Teaching and Learning, Andrea Watson/Director of Communications, and Lauree Nelzen/Executive Administrative Assistant.

Also present: Dr. Krista Parent/COSA (virtually), Carmen Gelman/COSA, Miki Bragg/OTAK, Steve Nelsen, Sina Meier, Liz Manser/Opsis Architects, Dave Dahl/Pence Contractors, Pam Thomas, Julie Bauge, Tina Taasavegan, John Meyer, Jeremy Joseph, Jimmy Lanahan, Brandie Dalton, Jace Dalton, Middle School Students from Wolverine TV. Virtual – Andrea Greenwood, Lynn Buckley, Aaron Peck, Susie Glenn, Sheryl McElfish

A. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Mann commented on the pride he has, being the Superintendent of the district. He introduced Dr. Krista Parent from COSA (Coalition of School Administrators) for a special announcement. Dr. Parent stated there are over 3,000 COSA members, and there are 4-5 special awards given each year. She announced Mr. Randy Dalton is the Oregon Middle School Principal of the Year. Ms. Carmen Gelman presented Mr. Dalton with the award and stated he would be honored at the June COSA conference in Seaside. Mr. Dalton thanked his family, who were in attendance, and his team, and is grateful to work in our District. He also thanked the Board and Dr. Mann for their support.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

C. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Middle School Project Design Presentation
 - Dr. Mann introduced the team from Opsis and OTAK. Ms. Miki Bragg explained the preliminary design and gave a schedule and project update. She introduced Mr. Dave Dahl from Pence Contractors. He thanked the Board for the opportunity and stated Pence will be a partner with excellence. Mr. Steve Nelsen, Ms. Sina Meier, and Ms. Liz Manser from Opsis were introduced. Mr. Nelsen gave a brief history on the process up to this point and congratulated Mr. Dalton on his award. He stated the Board will be viewing a preliminary design, and explained the next steps. Ms. Meier talked about the priorities Opsis focused on during the initial programming for the design: site, safety, nature, placement, adjacency, and connection. She also discussed the team's visit with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and the inspiration for the design. Ms. Meier explained the 3 distinct zones of the new building and how they arrived at

those zones. Ms. Manser explained the safety and security of the site on Leroy Ave. She explained the new building's first level and discussed the neighborhoods and the reasons why for that design. The Opsis team and the Board discussed parking and the ongoing conversation with the City of Molalla. Ms. Meier explained the second level and answered some questions about the library. Ms. Meier discussed the shape of the new building and talked about each of the rendered drawings. The team led the Board through a "fly through" 3D video of the schematic design of the building and answered questions. They also provided the next steps in the design phase. The Board commented on the flow and open concept design, celebrated CTE (Career Technical Education) by putting those classrooms in the center of the design, and the connection to the Molalla area.

The Board took a 5-minute break.

2. Technology Update

Mr. Chris Shaw updated the Board on the projects his department has been working on. He thanked Mr. Gary Dix and Mr. Daniel Haworth for their hard work and support of the District Staff and technology. The Board commented on the work ticket system and how the backlog of requests is handled. Mr. Shaw updated the Board on the District's E-Rate account and the resubmission of a recent RFP for Category 1 transmission services. He explained the District is required by Law to submit an RFP for services every 10 years, and there will be a committee to review the proposals and award a contract. Mr. Shaw also updated the Board on the District uses to protect the technology infrastructure, and stated education and training of the staff is the strongest and best first line of defense against cyber-attacks.

3. MHS/Colton Athletics co-op agreement discussion

Dr. Mann explained what a cooperative agreement for athletics means for Molalla, gave a brief history on Colton's track team, and stated the Colton School Board approved the cooperative agreement last month. He stated the Board will be asked to approve at the February business meeting.

D. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Cummings commented on the middle school design presentation and congratulated Mr. Dalton on his award. Ms. Eskridge agreed. Vice Chair Loughridge commented on publicizing the award. Chair McNeil congratulated Mr. Dalton. Mr. Mark Lucht commented on being part of the District right now and Mr. Dalton's award, the new middle school design, scorecard and improvement plans, and the new targets the District is aiming for.

E. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Business Meeting February 13th at 7pm at the District Office
- Policy Committee February 25th at 6pm at the District Office
 - Work Session February 27th at the District Office
 - Business Meeting March 13th at 7pm at the District Office

F. ADJOURN

Ms. Eskridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mark Lucht seconded the motion. Chair McNeil adjourned the meeting at 9:09pm.

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Chair

Superintendent

Board Secretary