



Minutes

The Board of Education

Molalla River School District

March 14, 2024

I. REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING - *Molalla River Middle School Cafeteria*

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Eskridge called the regular business meeting to order at 6:00pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Board members attending included: Chair Linda Eskridge, Vice Chair Amy McNeil, Rob Cummings, Craig Loughridge (virtually), Student Representative Madison Talarico, and Mark Lucht. Absent: Neal Lucht and Terrie Stafford.

MRSD Administrators present: Andrea Watson/Direction of Communications, Jennifer Ellis/Director of Human Resources, Rick Gill/Interim Chief Business Official, Tamara Jackson/Associate Director of Teaching and Learning, Dr. Robin Shobe/Director of Student Services, Randy Dalton/Molalla River Middle School Principal, Kerri Tatum/Molalla River Middle School Associate Principal, Amy Chapin/Associate Principal Molalla High School, Cathy Mitchell/Mulino Elementary Principal, Larry Conley/Rural Dell Elementary Principal, Les Womack/Molalla Elementary Principal, Tony Tiano/Facilities Supervisor, Tony Mann/Superintendent, and Lauree Nelzen/Executive Assistant

MRSD Staff members present: Sherry Reeder, Nathaniel Skiiki, Lisa Benz, Robin Baehler, Daniel Parks, Lance Entze.

Also present: Scott Keyser, Eric Vermillion, Jimmy Lanahan, Mitche Graf, Sierra Graf

A. *TOUR OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL*

Superintendent Mann gave a brief introduction to staff present and explained the guided tours of the middle school. He gave a summary of the Community Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC) work to date and how they came to the recommendation for a new middle school. Mr. Mann also gave some quick facts on the proposed school: it will be 115,000sqft, serve up to 700 students, 3 gyms, a theater, athletic upgrades, and upgraded STEM and CTE areas.

Mr. Randy Dalton led the group through 5 different areas in the middle school: the boiler room, the gyms and locker rooms, the main entrance, and 3 classrooms in the 7/8 grade wing.

The group returned to the cafeteria after the tour and Mr. Mann asked for any comments on the building tour before he answered any questions. One comment was regarding the timing of the proposed bond. Mr. Mann stated that through the work with the District Consulting Firm The Wenaha Group, they reviewed the most current labor and material costs, and estimated the cost to build a new school \$20 million less than a year ago. There was discussion about a Bond oversight committee, and the community was encouraged to apply to sit on that committee.

One question from a community member was the following: What if the building only costs \$60 million to build? What happens to the rest of the bonds that are not needed? The District would not sell all of the bonds, so the taxpayers would not pay for any bond dollars not used to build a new school. Mr. Mann said the District will put answers to these questions on the website, and will continue to offer tours of the Middle School as often as needed.

Mr. Mann introduced Mr. Mitche Graf of the Yes for Molalla Kids Political Action Committee (PAC). He encouraged community members to volunteer their time and donate if they can.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jimmy Lanahan commented on the recent City Council meeting where Molalla Elementary 5th graders presented a park proposal. He also thanked the Board for the tools ParentVue and StudentVue.

C. CONSIDER ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes to the agenda.

D. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ms. Madison Talarico reported the Share the Love event raised \$108,000 this year. The end of second trimester is tomorrow, thespians are getting ready for regionals, and FBLA is preparing for state. The Statistics class gave a presentation to the administration on school culture data. Spring sports are beginning competition, and leadership is offering daily lunch games for students.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent agenda

Mr. Mark Lucht made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.

2. Job Description – Technology Support Specialist

Ms. Jennifer Ellis reviewed the proposed description. It is not a new position but a revised description for the Network Administrator Mr. Daniel Haworth. The Board asked about the Cybersecurity duties and district response team duties in the description. Vice Chair McNeil made a motion to accept the job description as presented. Mr. Mark Lucht seconded the motion. There were no additional questions and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.

F. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. Facilities and Deferred Maintenance Report

Mr. Tony Tiano presented the report and asked if there were questions. The Board asked about the roof in the south gym at the middle school, and asked how many total square feet the middle school encompasses, which is 92,000. Mr. Tiano thanked the community members that attended tonight for the tour.

2. Bond Communications Report

Ms. Andrea Watson reviewed the bond communications report and asked if there were any questions. She offered to all Board members and the community to contact her if they would like a tour of the middle school. There was discussion about the language submitted to the Secretary of State for the voter's pamphlet.

3. Financial Review

Mr. Rick Gill presented the report and asked if there were questions. The Board asked about any changes in enrollment. Mr. Gill responded there is a slight downward trend.

4. Teaching and Learning Report

- a. Ms. Tamara Jackson shared pictures of the elementary, middle school, and EL after school programs. She also talked about the Community outreach meeting for EL literacy in February. On February 20th there was professional development for all teachers, which was well received according to the post event survey. Ms. Jackson stated Dr. Atherton will discuss the HS Literacy program at a future meeting. There was discussion about artificial intelligence (AI) and how the district is preparing and dealing with it for students.
- b. Student Services
Dr. Robin Shobe reviewed the report and asked if there were any questions. The Board asked if the student services department was fully staffed. Dr. Shobe stated yes, the department is staffed except for two IA positions.
5. Calendar Draft for 24-25
Mr. Mann stated the calendar was developed with union support and feedback. The Board will be asked to approve the draft at their next meeting. The Board asked if inclement weather days are built into the calendar. Mr. Mann stated yes.
6. First Reading of Policy
Chair Eskridge asked if there were any questions regarding the policies presented. There were none.

G. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Mann commented the Molalla Elementary students that presented at the City Council meeting last night. He also commented on the statistics presentation from Dr. Vandine's class. He gave an update on the open Chief Business Official position, and also updated the Board on the one year lease extension of the library and park to the City.

H. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Cummings commented on the 5th graders presentation and the classified appreciation breakfast last week. Mr. Mark Lucht commented on Share the Love. Ms. Talarico invited everyone to the Middle School and High School Choir performance on March 20th at the high school. Vice Chair McNeil commented on the collaboration with the City on the 5th graders presentation. Chair Eskridge thanked Mayor Scott Keyser for coming tonight. Mr. Loughridge thanked Mr. Mann for attending the Clarkes Grange meeting last weekend.

I. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Work Session March 21st at 7pm at the District Office
- Business Meeting April 11th at 7pm at the District Office

J. ADJOURN

Mr. Mark Lucht moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 7:48pm.

Chair

Superintendent

Board Secretary