



WEST BONNER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #83

Board Work Session - Community Forum

December 9, 2024 5:30 PM

Priest River Elementary - Cafeteria

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Priest River , Idaho 83856

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance Taken at 5:41 PM.

Board Chair	Margaret Hall:	Present
Trustee	Kathy Nash:	Present
Trustee	Delbert Pound:	Present
Trustee	Paul Turco:	Present
Vice Chair	Ann Yount:	Present

I. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: Meeting Called to Order at 5:41PM

II. Summary of Community Input on Website Form Re: Future Use(s) or Function(s) of Priest River Junior High School Building.

Discussion: Chair Hall summarized the feedback received via the form.

III. Recap of HB521 10-Year School Modernization Fund Plan Presentation

Discussion: Director of Operations Ryan Carruth revisited the HB521 Presentation from November 20th.

IV. Review of WBCSD Facilities Expenses

Discussion: Chair Hall addressed the attachments available regarding facilities expenses.

V. Immediate and Future Facilities' Challenges / Needs - Community Input

VI. District Budget Priorities - Community Input

VII. Board Discussion regarding Immediate and Future Facilities' Challenges/Needs and Budget Priorities

Discussion: Vice Chair Yount expressed that she had previously believed that the Junior High should be closed, but she changed her mind after this input session. She is focused on what is best for our kids.

Trustee Pound expressed that because we are still heating the junior high, there is no reason we should not move the junior high students back to the building. Other methods to save money should be explored.

Trustee Nash stated that we should not move children back to the Junior High or move the District Office until the summer, in order to avoid disrupting the education of children and the business of the District. She cautioned that the District should make careful and calculated decisions in order to plan for the future.

Trustee Turco thanked everyone for coming to the community input meeting. He acknowledged that the people who show up are the people who care. He said that decisions do need to be made and that decisions sometimes are made for us. He liked the idea of running two budgets to account for different possibilities. He said that the Board is making decisions responsibly and will do the best that they can for our kids.

Chair Hall noted that the possibility of partnerships is a promising option. She pondered the methods the District could utilize to obtain the necessary funding for the District, so that important services can be provided for District students. She expressed that planning for the future is critical. She noted novel ideas which could work in our area, such as the Allegan Tech Center in Michigan and the Online School/Naples School in Boundary County School District.

VIII. **Motion to Adjourn**

Discussion: Meeting Adjourned at 7:12PM

Margaret W. Hall, Board Chair

Julie A. Hinshaw, Board Clerk