

Board of Directors Meeting

Transcript

The Board of Directors meeting covered several key updates and decisions. The agenda was amended to \$275,000 for a new fitness center to address growing physical education needs and accommodate women's wrestling. The district is transitioning its financial audit to Clear Trail CPA, ensuring continuity despite the dissolution of Pauley Rogers. Enrollment numbers were discussed, highlighting a total of 3,365 students across grades. The board also addressed the need for new bathrooms in the fitness center, despite initial cost concerns. Future plans include forming a District Equity Committee to address equity and inclusion, as mandated by a new state law.

Action Items

- Ryan Carpenter - Provide the process and procedure for virtual public comments.
- Ryan Carpenter - Ensure all board members complete the required public meeting law training by the due date.
- Complete the annual conflict of interest disclosures.
- Get a price estimate for adding bathrooms to the new fitness center.

Outline

Amending the Agenda and Legislative Breakfast Report

- VC Riedel moves to amend the agenda item A to change the dollar amount from \$258,620 to \$275,000 on action item K seconded by Director Behrman motion carries 7-0
- Motion to amend the agenda by Director Behrman seconded by Director Walper and carried 7-0.
- Director Walper shares a positive experience from a legislative breakfast, highlighting a motivated student.
- Director Johnston reports on the success of a youth wrestling program, noting high participation and growth.

Community Engagement and Communications Update

- Maggie Kelly discusses the Super 60 series featuring principals and the upcoming committee on growth and capacity.
- The partnership with Second Home is highlighted, providing homes for students in need.
- Recent projects include in-house printing for posters and programs, resulting in significant cost savings.
- The three-year calendar rollout is mentioned, emphasizing proactive planning and community communication.

High School Baseball Field and Youth Inning League

- Mike Waer reports on the high school baseball coach's project for a new press box and the start of the youth inning league.
- The press box project is funded by private donations, with no district funds spent.
- The youth inning league involves students from third to sixth grade, fostering interaction between high school and younger students.
- Maintenance projects continued over Christmas break, showcasing community support.

Operational Report and Facility Updates

- Mike Waer provides an update on the high school varsity softball field project, with roof raising underway.
- The press box at the varsity baseball field is nearing completion, funded entirely by private donations.
- Indoor air quality improvements at elementary schools are completed, providing controlled air for kindergarten classes.
- A transformer issue at the high school was quickly resolved, minimizing disruption.

Financial Report and Enrollment Update

- Mike Waer presents the financial report, highlighting a beginning fund balance of \$5.79 million and projected income balance of \$6.829 million.
- Enrollment numbers are discussed, with a total of 3,365 students across the district.
- Ryan Carpenter explains the OSAA reclassification process and its impact on enrollment numbers.
- The importance of accurate enrollment reporting for athletic classifications is emphasized.

Introduction of District Equity Committee

- Ryan Carpenter introduces Senate Bill 732, requiring all public school districts to engage in a District Equity Committee.
- The committee will advise on equity impacts, address systems disparities, and promote inclusive practices.

- Members must represent underserved communities, including Hispanic, special education, and economically disadvantaged demographics.
- The committee will report to the board and will include a Budget Committee representative.

Public Meeting Law and Virtual Comments

- Ryan Carpenter informs the board about a new law requiring public school district board meetings to open for virtual comments.
- The process for signing up for virtual comments will be similar to in-person comments.
- The board discusses the importance of transparency and community engagement.
- The need for clear procedures and timely posting of recorded meetings is emphasized.

Authorization for Financial Audit and Fitness Center Project

- The board authorizes the district to transfer services to Clear Trail CPA LLC for the annual financial audit, motion was made by Director Johnston and seconded by Director Martinez motion carries 7-0
- Ryan Carpenter explains the transition from Pauly Rogers to Clear Trail CPA due to the former's disbandment.
- The board authorizes the district to spend \$275,000 for the construction of a new fitness center to address growth and capacity issues in physical education, motioned by Director Behrman, seconded by Director Walper motion carries 7-0
- The project will also support women's wrestling and other growing programs, with potential grant funding and private donations.

Discussion on Bathroom Facilities and Future Proofing

- The board discusses the importance of having bathrooms in the new fitness center.
- Mike Waer mentions the high cost of installing water and the decision to prioritize keeping costs low.
- The possibility of adding bathrooms in the future is considered, with a focus on smart planning.
- The board emphasizes the need for comprehensive facilities to support all students and programs.

Executive Session and Future Meetings

- The board plans an executive session for the next meeting to conduct evaluations.
- Upcoming events include a committee meeting at ESD and ethics training for board members.
- The importance of ongoing professional development and compliance with new laws is highlighted.

- The meeting concludes with a reminder of the need for continuous improvement and community engagement.

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