

August 24, 2017

Agenda Item: Update on Molalla Aquatic Center

Item VI

Purpose of this Agenda Item: Discussion

The Board Committee (Mark, Linda and Ralph) met on August 3rd to discuss the disposition of the facility in relation to the Molalla Aquatic District. After reviewing the pros and cons of various options it was determined that the approach that would be recommended would be a transfer of ownership. The facility and the underlying land would be transferred to Molalla Aquatic District. The vacant land to the east and west would be retained by the school district. This would require a lot line adjustment.

The preferred scenario would have been for this recommendation to have been presented to the full board before meeting with Molalla Aquatic District (MAD). Unfortunately this did not occur. The Board Committee met with a committee from MAD immediately after concluding their meeting.

The meeting between the two committees was mostly amicable. The one point of concern on the part of the MAD representatives was the "what if" related to a significant equipment failure. MRSD representatives made it very clear that the only funds available for pool expenses were the remainder of the settlement funds. One idea that was discussed was to affect transfer of ownership soon and to include the settlement funds with the intention that a significant portion would be set aside for major equipment replacement or repair. MRSD reiterated that the pool must be available for swim lessons and swim team this fall/winter.

MAD requested information related to the pool condition and operating costs to be able to assess how they want to proceed.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 7th.

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