

2012-13 DISTRICT
CALENDAR

Superintendent Huber-Kantola explained that the staff development day will be reinstated utilizing Federal funds (Title I and Title IIA). We can't hire teachers or administrators with that fund but we are legally allowed to pay for staff development. By being able to do that the cut days can be reduced to nine.

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Director Valenzuela stated that he met with Stacey Denton and Wensdae Davis from Woodland Charter School (WCS) to discuss the possibility of using Lincoln Savage Middle School as a temporary location to open the school this year as their site is not ready. Lincoln Savage administrators Kirk Baumann and Damian Crowson were also present at the meeting. All concerns brought forth by Mr. Baumann and Mr. Crowson were discussed. They determined it would be a minimal impact to the school and seems to be a viable option.

Member Meier asked for some history as to how this came about. Director Valenzuela stated that the process for the leased property is slowing down. Superintendent Huber-Kantola explained that the permitting process is very slow. The Hidden Valley site cannot be ready by the time school would start. Lincoln Savage has a third part of the school that is vacant, currently only utilized by ELL and speech. WCS requested the use of Lincoln Savage as short-term option. They hope to be out by Thanksgiving, Christmas at the latest. It is not optimal for what WCS wants to do, but viable for a few months to get school started on time. Member Litak commented that when WCS was initially approved it was with the condition they could start school as late as November.

Stacey Denton expressed that it is the desire of their families as well as themselves to get school started on time. They have 71 students enrolled., 17 are coming from Three Rivers School District schools. Approximately 30 home school students have enrolled, 8 from out of the area and 15 are coming from Grants Pass. The 17 Three Rivers School District students are coming from Williams (3), Applegate (2), Madrona (5) and a mixture of other schools.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola reiterated that it is just the back wing of Lincoln Savage and Mr. Baumann explained the layout.

Member Crume asked if they would be renting or using the space? Superintendent Huber-Kantola responded that at minimum they would be paying for electricity, heating, and custodial. Part of the continued discussion would require the need to come up with an appropriate amount for rent, if any, on the classroom spaces.

Stacey Denton stated that they have also been in discussions with the Murphy Chapel next door to the school about potentially using some of their space as well. The pastor has offered to allow them to use the parking lot for drop off and pick up of their students.

Member Meier stated that one of her concerns is what if there are further delays or do not get approval? What happens if they are approved to use the facility through December and their site is still not ready to go? There is the potential for this to turn into a much longer thing. The other concern is the potential of inter-mixing students and the possibility of behavioral issues.

Mr. Baumann responded that those are some of the issues that were discussed when they met. He feels comfortable with the resolutions they came up with to mediate potential issues. Their biggest concern is the short-term aspect with the young children on campus and to ensure it does not become long-term.

A discussion was held on how to handle the potential problem areas that were brought up.

Ms. Denton gave an update as to how the development of the new site is going. The test holes have been dug, and they are now waiting on DEQ. The road approach has been completed. Everything that can be underway at this time is happening. Once they know what they are looking at from DEQ (up to 20 days) the timeline will become a lot more clear. The bulk of the work that needs to be done is excavation work. Mr. Crume commented that he feels it will go through eventually. He doesn't see an issue with approving them to use Lincoln Savage for six months or even up to a year. His biggest concern is the potential for disciplinary issues and who would handle it.

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Ms. Denton responded that they would participate in weekly administrative meetings with Lincoln Savage to ensure regular communication. She acknowledged that they see themselves as guests and should only be around for a certain amount of time.

The Board asked for input from Mr. Baumann. He responded with his thoughts on how things will work. Specifically ensuring the supervision is there by both parties. Based on the discussion last week with the WCS folks he feels like it is something that could work. Teachers Jennifer Parson expressed her concern that the WCS students coming and going could cause a distraction due to where her classroom is located. Teacher Dave Marks asked what their plan was for PE? Ms. Denton explained that they will be utilizing an area located by the back field for recesses and PE that would not be distracting to the rest of the classes.

Member Crume stated that he would be willing to make a motion to approve it with the following conditions: establish rent, WCS agrees to follow the rules of the district and understanding that the Principal has the authority, and to approve it to Christmas break at which time it could be revisited if necessary.

Member Meier responded that she can't see this being anything but short term and is concerned if it is continually stretched out. She is concerned already with the shortage of staff that we have, the number of new staff, and all the needs of the district, the amount of time that staff has already taken place in meeting, planning and talking about this. She expressed concern about the use of our resources and the burden on our staff. It takes a considerable amount of staff time. If something unforeseen happens and it extends beyond December what would happen?

Member Litak stated he was sympathetic to the project and the Board has agreed to sponsor it so it is in our best interest to see it succeed. A couple things that are really frustrating: 1) When first discussing the charter school years ago, the possibility of utilizing district resources was brought up, but it was determined to be too disruptive. If it was too disruptive then, why isn't it to disruptive now? 2) The district has spent so much time on this. Not just Board time, but administrators as well and specifically the time Peter Maluk spent on the contracts and agreements. Currently we are spending a significant amount of time on assisting with an alternate location, and potential meetings if they are at the school to handle Woodland issues. We are taking time away from the other 5000 students we are responsible for to work on this 1-1/2% of our student body. Our administration, as well as our classified staff is stretched extremely thin. This presents a real cost to our district. We don't have extra staff time to be spent on WCS.

Member Meier stated that she appreciates that the folks at WCS are trying to serve their kids, but we need to look out for our kids and staff. She is equally concerned about potential issues if located at the school and if the time frame gets stretched out past December. She wants to support the charter school and see it succeed, but has real concerns.

Ms. Denton responded if something such as the concern for staff time can be addressed

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through a rent payment. They are willing to pay their utility costs and cover their own custodial costs. They intend on being independent and managing their own operation. The coordination with Lincoln Savage doesn't have to be complicated, it can be covered during their weekly administration meetings. The staff time can be recouped with a small rental fee.

Director Valenzuela stated that Ms. Denton and Ms. Davis were up front about the fact that they want to be self-contained in that building and want to pull their own weight. His hope is that would come to fruition if they were to move into that building. He believes that they could and they would and do desire to make this a short-term agreement. The Lincoln Savage administrators looked at as many angles as they could anticipate and expressed that it is something they could live with.

Director Ely concurred with Member Crume on the timeline, believing it will probably be complete around Thanksgiving. They are not building a new commercial building. They are building a road, septic system and need to get water access. The timeline they have explained seems pretty reasonable. The time-consuming part is the permit process. He suggested they possibly set a date, such as Thanksgiving week, and agree to that point, and then make it incumbent on the charter school to look for an alternative location as a back-up plan if they don't get done. The onus would be on then for the continuation of the school from that point on.

Member Crume added that the district did switch properties on them which delayed them a bit, and should take some responsibility for it.

Additional discussion took place regarding potential issues such as handling discipline issues and district liability. Director Breckner responded that in order to rent from us WCS would need to provide their own property and liability insurance.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola explained that if this were to occur there would be two steps: 1) decide yes we do it or no we don't; 2) if we say yes what type of rental agreement would take place?

Member Crume asked if we have a standard fee schedule such as we use for the church (Edgewater)? Superintendent Huber-Kantola explained that the church is a different category because it is a private organization. The fee schedule in our board policy (KG-AR3) contains three groups: Group 1: School sponsored/connected group such as parent club, school sponsored activities, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, etc.— There is no fee for these groups. Group 2: Non-profit, recreational groups, schools—other than those in the district for non-profit activities. Which is where it gets fuzzy because is the charter school in the district? If they fall into group one their fees, according to our policy, would be the electricity, custodial, etc. If they are considered group two it would be as high as \$10/hour or \$25/day per classroom.

MOTION FAILED

Member Crume moved to approve the use of Lincoln Savage extra classrooms with the conditions of establishing a rent schedule, follow the rules of the district, the school principal has final authority, have their own liability insurance and approve use through Christmas break.

SCHOOL SAFETY—
DISCUSSION

A vote was called for: 2-2 (Members Meier and Litak opposing). Motion failed.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola shared that he recently had conversations with the sheriff and one of the commissioners. Sheriff patrols are not likely to occur during school time. The responses we would get include: bomb threat (State), shooter on campus (City assist and State) and assaults (State).

Other concerns include how to handle drugs confiscated from students. On August 15th the commissioner will take recommendations on how to allocate timber funds, He suggested we write a letter on behalf of the Board expressing concern about not having a sheriff on duty during school hours. It would cost \$125,000 for one officer and a car if the district were to purchase on their own. We would ask to reinstate a patrol officer during the day.

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The Board directed Superintendent Huber-Kantola to write a letter. Member Meier asked to revisit the subject on a future agenda.

Member Crume suggested we approach Cave Junction to request they extend their hours.

Member Meier asked if there are other options such as a private security officer or security guards.

Some more research will be done and this will be discussed again at a later date.

Due to scheduling conflicts the Board retreat was rescheduled for Monday, September 24th at 9:30 AM. The retreat will be held at the George Fox Cabin in Merlin.

BOARD RETREAT

Adjourn at 8:10 PM

ADJOURN

Ron Lengwin
Chairperson of the Board

Dan Huber-Kantola
Superintendent-Clerk