

Lunch & Learn Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:00 PM

This meeting was held virtually.

Michelle Atkinson: Present
Lilia Caballero: Present
Kendell Ferguson: Present
Jeff Kinsella: Present
Suzanne Messer: Present
Michael Williams: Present
Cynthia Wright: Present

*A video recording of the Board meeting can be found on the district website at this link:
<https://portal.stretchinternet.com/msbm>.*

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Board Chair Cynthia Wright called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Attendance was noted.

2. Polling Feedback on Local Option Levy

Chair Wright welcomed everyone to the first Lunch and Learn of the school year and shared the purpose of the meeting as a chance to hear feedback from a poll that was conducted during the summer.

The purpose of the poll was to evaluate support for a possible local option levy, as well as to discover some perception data. Patinkin Research Strategies conducted the poll. Ben Patinkin and Maggie Simich presented the feedback, which included their methodology, demographics, and key findings.

Patinkin spoke on the community's perceptions of the district, including those of current parents, parents of former students, and those who have never had students in Medford School District schools. He shared the initial interest level of participants, followed by more in-depth responses once participants received more information.

Patinkin went on to share the level of support based on what was included in the levy package; how price sensitivity has an impact on support; and responses when asked what Medford School District should focus on through the potential local option levy. Top tier funding items included dedicated staff for student safety and well-being, and expanding college and Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities.

Board members put forth questions regarding maintaining teachers verses obtaining additional teachers; the timing and plausibility of going out for a local option levy; and clarification on participant demographics.

Chair Wright thanked Patinkin for the presentation and expressed her appreciation of knowing where we stand with a large group of our families. She noted that a decision would not be made at this time, but would like to form a Board subcommittee to explore the option further.

She requested Board members who were interested in joining the committee to email Superintendent Champion or Executive Assistant Jodi Fahy.

3. Adjournment

Chair Wright adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

Chair of the District School Board
Medford School District 549C

ATTEST:

Superintendent-Clerk