

The Board of Directors of Pendleton School District 16R met for a Special Board Meeting at 8:00 a.m. on February 3, 2015 in the district office conference room.

**Present:** Steve Umbarger, Chair  
Greg Galloway, Vice Chair  
Lynn Lieuallen  
Debbie McBee  
Michelle Monkman  
Bob Rosselle  
Jon Peterson, Superintendent  
Michelle Jones, Director of Business Services  
Laura Miltenberger, Curriculum Inst. & Assessment Coord.  
Tami Calvert, Secretary  
Antonio Sierra, East Oregonian

**Absent:** Dave Krumbein  
Tricia Mooney  
Julie Smith

#### **Opening and Call to Order**

Chair Umbarger called the special board meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Bond Project Update**

Michelle Jones shared that the Early Learning Center is on schedule. Kindergarten teachers along with Mrs. Hale and Mr. Peterson toured the facility. Washington Elementary will start construction in late March and Sherwood Elementary in mid-April. There will be a neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Washington Elementary and Sherwood Elementary at 7:00 p.m. to keep the neighbors informed and up-to-date with the construction projects.

#### **Local Option Levy**

Michelle Jones announced that at the regular board meeting we will be recommending approval of the renewal of the five year local option levy. Mrs. Jones explained that the renewal is at a rate of forty cents per thousand dollars assessed value to the voters for additional funds to support educational programs, instructional materials and textbooks. Mrs. Jones explained that the election will be held May 19, 2015.

#### **Board Communication**

Chair Umbarger reminded the board members that they need to continue to use district e-mail accounts and not personal e-mail accounts for any district business. Mr. Umbarger announced that if you are in need of an ipad/laptop for boardbook, please notify Tami.

#### **2014 Graduation Rates**

Superintendent Peterson pointed out that the State of Oregon released the 2014 graduation rates. He shared that we are still looking at the numbers and will report at the March regular meeting the data from ODE.

**February 6, 2015 – Empowerment Evaluation Activity**

Superintendent Peterson reminded the board of the February 6, 2015 District Wide Leadership Team meeting in Room 203 at the high school from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mr. Peterson noted that representatives from the University of Kansas SWIFT program will be at this meeting working with the new leadership team consisting of ten teachers, four building administrators and two central office administrators. This team will be working to create a vision for the district as well as a blueprint for a strategic plan.

**Superintendent/Board Chair School Staff Lunches**

Superintendent Peterson shared that Chair Umbarger and himself have scheduled lunch at each school building during all lunch periods. Mr. Peterson stated that this will give the staff an opportunity to share with us any school related issues or concerns.

**Smarter Balanced Assessment**

Laura Miltenberger presented to each board member ‘talking points’ regarding the Common Core State Standards and Smarter Balanced Assessment. Ms. Miltenberger shared that students will take Smarter Balanced English and Math tests once at the end of the school year in grades 3-8 and high school. These tests are designed so that all students, regardless of disability or primary language, will have the support they need to demonstrate what they know and can do. Superintendent Peterson stated that the leadership team is excited about the Common Core Standard and raising the bar for all of our students.

Laura announced that the district will host a parent information night on state standards for all grade levels providing clarity regarding state standards in all content areas, including the Common Core State Standards and assessments on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at McKay Elementary School.

**Review Agenda February 9, 2015 Regular Board Meeting**

A draft agenda for the February 9, 2015 regular board meeting was reviewed. There were no changes to the February 9, 2015 agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

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Chair

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Superintendent

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