



I. WORK SESSION MEETING - Molalla River School District Office – Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Amy McNeil called the work session meeting to order at 7:00pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Board members attending: Chair Amy McNeil, Vice Chair Craig Loughridge, Rob Cummings, Linda Eskridge, Terrie Stafford, and Mark Lucht. Absent: Neal Lucht

MRSD Administrators present: Dr. Tony Mann/Superintendent, Andrea Watson/Director of Communications, Chris Shaw/Director of Technology, and Lauree Nelzen/Executive Administrative Assistant.

Also Present: Mac Corthell/City of Molalla Assistant City Manager, Jimmy Lanahan

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

B. CONSIDER ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

C. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. OSBA Resolutions and Ballot

Chair McNeil summarized all three OSBA resolutions, stating the ballot must be completed by 12/15/2024. Vice Chair Loughridge made a motion to review each resolution separately. Mr. Mark Lucht seconded the motion. The Board commented on the focus of the resolutions. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously via a hand vote.

Resolution 1: Amend the OSBA Dues Schedule

The Board discussed what the District currently pays to OSBA for their services. Mr. Mark Lucht made a motion to approved the amendment to the OSBA dues schedule. There was further discussion about what the dues pay for, and the result of a no vote. The Board commented on what OSBA stands for, their numerous caucuses, the rural vs. urban divide, and how conservative rural areas are not supported despite the recent addition of a rural school caucus. Dr. Tony Mann commented on the services the District receives through OSBA, including the statewide PACE Liability Insurance Pool. Mr. Mark Lucht made a motion to amend the original motion – to vote no and not adopt resolution 1 – amend OSBA Dues Schedule. Ms. Eskridge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a hand vote.

Resolution 2: Creates the OSBA PRIDE Caucus and designates a seat on the OSBA Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee

The Board discussed the option of no action taken vs. yes or no vote. The Board commented on the direction that OSBA is headed, and not taking any action. The Board stated they would like to see more action towards changing and improving academic outcomes for students, instead of getting further away from that core goal by focusing on caucuses. Ms. Eskridge made a motion to vote no on Resolution 2. Ms. Stafford seconded the motion. The Board discussed their own mission and vision statements. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously via a hand vote.

Resolution 3: Adopts the proposed amendments to the OSBA Bylaws

Vice Chair Loughridge made a motion to oppose the adoption of the bylaw amendments. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously via a hand vote.

Ms. Nelzen will complete the ballot and submit on behalf of the Board of Directors by 12/15/2024.

D. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Mr. Mac Corthell, City of Molalla Assistant City Manager, thanked the Board for the opportunity to present two items for discussion. The first item is the return of the local government internship program for local high school students. A previous high school principal Mr. Brad Berzinski had helped make the connection with students and the program, but with the pandemic of 2020 and Mr. Berzinski leaving, the program hasn't been active for a few years. Mr. Corthell stated he is excited to reinvigorate the program again and oversee it. Mr. Corthell and the Board discussed the job description and the program outline. Mr. Corthell asked that administration look over the outline and give feedback. The Board asked about the time commitment and whether the student could get work study credit for the internship. The Board thanked Mr. Corthell for the interest in getting the program going again and stated what a great opportunity this is for students.

The second item is the City of Molalla's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Expansion. Mr. Corthell thanked the Board for the comments on fighting for rural communities. He explained how the UGB works, and how properties get annexed into city limits. He stated the UGB plan should be updated every 20 or so years, Molalla's plan is currently at 40 years. Mr. Corthell stated the City is in the first steps of the process, gathering and researching data using many different reports. The Board and Mr. Corthell discussed the viability of land within and near city limits, and the legal challenges a UGB expansion can bring. Mr. Corthell proposed 3 potential options for the District to consider in determining a potential land need for schools to be added to the total UGB acreage. 1) Safe Harbor. 2) Evidenced Based with an updated facilities plan. 3) A hybrid of both options 1 and 2. Mr. Corthell gave his recommendation of option 2, using the same consultant the District has hired for the middle school project. The Board discussed what the District has already completed of the process. Mr. Corthell stated if there is concern that in the next 20 years the District will run out of property to build a new school, the District should work with a consultant to come up with a plan and share that with the City. There was discussion about what is best for smaller communities and the lobbying taking place at higher legislative levels, and the City would need to know the District's plan by early 2026. Dr. Mann stated Mr. Ron Stewart/Capital Projects Manager, and himself, have already begun this conversation and will bring a response forward to both the Board and the City. The Board thanked Mr. Corthell and there was no further discussion.

E. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Cummings commented on the city internship program. Ms. Stafford commented on the information about the UGB and welcomed Mr. Cummings back in person to the meeting. Vice Chair Loughridge thanked the City for the internship opportunity and wished everyone a happy thanksgiving. Chair McNeil welcomed Mr. Cummings back. Mr. Mark Lucht commented on the work with Studer Education to align district mission and vision and goals, and the work to continue to improve student outcomes.

F. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- December 12th business meeting at 7pm at the District Office

- December 19th work session at 7pm at the District Office

G. ADJOURN

Ms. Eskridge made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mark Lucht seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

Chair

Superintendent

Board Secretary