



I. WORK SESSION MEETING – MOLALLA RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McNeil called the work session meeting to order at 7:01pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

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

MRSD Administrators attending: Dr. Tony Mann/Superintendent, Chris Shaw/Director of Technology (virtually), Randy Dalton/Principal at Molalla River Middle School, Andy Campbell/Chief Financial Officer, Ron Stewart/Capital Projects Manager, and Lauree Nelzen/Executive Administrative Assistant.

Also present: Miki Bragg and Bob Collins/OTAK, Steve Nelsen, Alec Holser/Opsis Architects, Dave Dahl/Pence Contractors, Larry Didway/Clackamas ESD Superintendent, and Jon Eyman/Clackamas ESD Board of Directors

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

B. CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

C. CLACKAMAS ESD – LOCAL SERVICE PLAN PRESENTATION

Mr. Larry Didway thanked the Board, Dr. Mann, and Asst. Superintendent/Director of Human Resources Jennifer Ellis for their support and participation on various committees recently. He stated he would give an overview of the local service plan and then ask for the Board’s approval. The Board and Mr. Didway engaged in discussions about the service plan, budget and funding, and advisory boards. Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to approve the Clackamas ESD local service plan as presented. Ms. Eskridge seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote. Mr. Didway thanked the Board and stated there is vacancy on the ESD Budget Committee that convenes in May if any board members are interested in serving.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Recommendation for Approval – Interdistrict Transfer Requests for 2025-2026

Dr. Mann stated this is Board policy that requires approval every year. Dr. Mann and the Board engaged in discussion about previous years and how that has affected enrollment numbers. Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to approve interdistrict transfers from March to August only, except for hardship cases. Ms. Eskridge seconded the motion. Mr. Neal Lucht stated he would like to revisit data about the districts transfer numbers in a public meeting. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by a hand vote.

E. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Capital Project Update

Dr. Mann introduced the team from Opsis and OTAK. Dr. Mann stated the presentation for tonight would be a high level look at the budget for the middle school project. The team presented the budget that included the voter approved amount of \$77.46m plus the \$18m in additional revenue the district received from the OSCIM grant (\$6m), premiums from investors due to the district's high bond rating (\$7m), and interest from the bond sales (\$5m). The team stated the total budget is \$95m. This is at no additional cost to taxpayers. Ms. Miki Bragg presented the estimated middle school budget of \$88m to date. The team and the Board discussed the increase in price, what has changed in the budget and design. Mr. Randy Dalton presented the current design and discussed the value additions in that design. Mr. Ron Stewart discussed the contingency and the variables that are still unknown at this point: off site public improvements in discussions with the City of Molalla, supply chain variables, and unexpected abatement issues in the demolition of the old building. The Board discussed the next step in the process and stated the taxpayers approved the \$1.55/\$1,000 assessed value, not the price of the building. The team and Board discussed what the process is for estimating the overall budget and when the next update will come to the Board. There was no further discussion.

F. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Cummings thanked the team for their work and is excited for the new building. Ms. Eskridge commented on the value additions and is happy they are included in the design. Vice Chair Loughridge commented on the progress so far and the work with other local jurisdictions. Chair McNeil commented on the amazing and talented students in the Molalla River School District. Mr. Neal Lucht commented on the success of the Share the Love effort, despite weather setbacks and other issues, and how it changes the lives of our students as well as the recipients. Mr. Mark Lucht commented what a great time this is to be on the school board and congratulated the High School Robotics team recent success.

G. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Business Meeting March 13th at 7pm at the District Office
- Work Session March 20 at the District Office (date change due to Spring Break)
- Business Meeting April 10th at 7pm at the District Office

H. ADJOURN

Ms. Eskridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Neal Lucht seconded the motion. Chair McNeil adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.

Chair

Superintendent

Board Secretary