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## Community Bond Advisory Committee Meeting #6 - Meeting notes

June 6, 2023 5:30 dinner 6pm start

### Attendees

- Molalla River School District Staff: Tony Mann, Keith McClung, Lauree Nelzen, Tony Tiano, Allison Holstein
- MRSD Board Observers - Linda Eskridge, Mitche Graf, Neal Lucht
- CBAC members - Sarah McArthur, Tom Eskridge, Dwight Mason, Jimmy Lanahan, Kurt Brandemihl, John Meyer, Julie Bystrom, Lauren Lucht
- Absent – Ron Higginbotham, Crystal Robles. Mac Corthell, Michelle Goettel, Sally Dillon

### Consultants

- Cassie Hibbert /Wenaha Group
- Dale Kuykendall/Wenaha Group

### Community Member observing

- Kattie Riggs

### Notes

#### Welcome and Agenda Review/Recap of CBAC #5

- Cassie Hibbert with Wenaha Group welcomed the group, reviewed the agenda, gave an update to the overall process. She provided a recap of CBAC meeting #5 on May 2. She stated this is the end of the “shared knowledge” meetings and going forward the committee will be working towards the recommendation to present to the board.
- Cassie also proposed a meeting on July 11, which is not on the original schedule. This additional meeting will give the committee more time to discuss and work towards a draft recommendation.

#### Open discussion on general wonderings

- The committee discussed how the November 2023 bond for the Molalla Police Department would affect voters. There was also discussion about getting the information out to the public early so it is not a surprise on the May 2024 ballot, and concern about putting sports needs on the bond instead of focusing on the educational needs.

### **Mission Vision Strategic Planning Review**

- Tony Mann led the discussion of the work of the Mission Vision Strategic Planning committee over the past 16 months. He gave a chronological timeline of events and why the Board chose to convene this committee.
- On June 22 the Board will vote to adopt the Mission Vision plan for the District, and the next phase is creating scorecards to measure the District's success in meeting that plan.
- There was also discussion about career pathways and a focus on our post secondary options for students, which brought up the potential design of future buildings to accommodate the District's vision for an individualized education for all students.

### **IAP Presentation and Update**

- Tony Mann and Committee Member Dwight Mason led this presentation.
- They gave a background to the Ideal Athletic Program (IAP), how it started, what has been accomplished, and what future plans look like.
- There was a discussion about the next big item on the IAP facilities pillar list, which is turf. The Board took action on May 25<sup>th</sup> and asked the District to start the process of bringing turf to Heckard Field and what that would look like.
- The Goal is completion by Fall of 2024. Dwight stated he has done some research and had conversations with the Estacada Athletics Department, as they installed turf at their football field in the Fall of 2023.
- The track will also have to be resurfaced at the same time. It is at its end of life, and turf installation will ruin the track due to heavy equipment needs.
- Tony stated this project will not be on the bond recommendation.

### **Historical Enrollment (no growth projections as Mac Corthell is absent)**

- Keith McClung led a discussion about his work with Portland State University and the population studies.
- PSU is having a difficult time getting us accurate numbers due to the 2020 census not complete. This should be done by July, and PSU hopes to have us the complete data by then.
- Keith told the committee that MRSD's overall enrollment has increased this past year, one of the few school districts in our area to see an increase and not a decrease.
- There are no plans for a district boundary adjustment in the future.

### **Thoughts on Facility Changes**

- Each committee member was given 3 sticky notes to write down some thoughts on changes to our facilities. Safety and a new middle school were two common themes.
- There was a discussion about safety and security in our district as a whole. It was stated that every principal on the building tours earlier this year felt they needed for safety and security.
- There was discussion about programs in our buildings, and how our facilities could accommodate more programs. Designing a new middle school and a need for "flexible space" was discussed.
- The committee discussed enrollment at the elementary level and how 3 of our 4 elementary schools are at or above capacity currently. There were wonderings about options for the future and discussion about the current practice of transporting students that live in town to our outlying schools because of capacity issues.
- The committee also discussed other property that is owned by the District that could be sold.

- Cassie led a discussion about Long Range Facility Planning, which is part of this process but separate from pre-bond planning. The District cannot afford to fix everything, the committee will need to prioritize, keeping community price sensitivity in mind.
- Other comments about our facilities were: efficiency – transportation, scheduling, HVAC systems in older buildings - accessibility and ADA access issues, sports facilities, and restroom/locker room privacy.

### **Middle School Replacement Options**

- Dale Kuykendall with Wenaha Group introduced some Middle School Replacement Options. There was discussion on management of large public construction projects and the difference between that and private industry projects.
- There was also discussion about the two proposed sites for a middle school and conceptual cost estimates. The building would be the same size on each site, but the sites differ in conditions which equal different site prep costs.
- The committee discussed the high school land lab possibly connecting physically to the high school property and would that change things for the proposed site at the land lab? Cassie stated the July meeting will cover this topic.
- Superintendent Mann led a brief discussion about the history of the Grande Ronde tribe in Molalla and their work with the District in the past, and how to possibly engage their input for a new building.
- The next meeting will be July 11 starting with dinner at 5:30pm and the meeting from 6-8:30pm. The agenda will include a priorities discussion, population study results, and more middle school options further refined
- Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm