

ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Work Session
1419 NW Valley View Drive
Roseburg, Oregon 97471

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Board Members:

Rodney Cotton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph Garcia, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
Micki Hall	Excused
Rev. Howard Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rebecca Larson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charles F. Lee	Excused
Steve Patterson, V. Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>

Administration:

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Richard Burton, Director of Student Services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert Freeman, Director of Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle Knee, Director of Teaching & Learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheryl Northam, Chief Operations Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>

BOARD WORK SESSION

TIME/PLACE: A Work Session of the Douglas County School District No. 4 Board of Directors was held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, in the Administrative Office Board Room, located at 1419 NW Valley View Drive in Roseburg, Oregon.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Joe Garcia welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order.

ATTENDANCE: School Board and Cabinet members were present with Directors Micki Hall and Charles Lee both excused. No members of the media were present.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: Superintendent Cordon provided a draft copy of the Nelson Report perception survey for purposes of discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD: Board Chair Garcia expressed that the purpose of the work session is to discuss concepts related to the bond measure polling and goals, and to provide an opportunity to bring forward any suggested items pertaining to the bond measure not mentioned previously. The Chair, Superintendent, Chief Operations Officer, Mr. Prawitz and Melissa Martin from Nelson Report have met to discuss concepts in order to prepare a draft document of potential polling questions.

BOND MEASURE POLLING DISCUSSION

Chairman Garcia introduced BP Media representatives, Brian Prawitz and Jeremy Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell is BP Media's PAC liaison. Mr. Prawitz explained that the draft document is a community perception poll/survey to determine what will be presented to voters in May 2020. The Board has expressed various opinions of what they would like to see accomplished with the levy, and polling offers an opportunity to see if there is public support for those ideas. Tomorrow morning Chair Garcia, Mr. Prawitz and the Superintendent will be in contact with Nelson Report to convey any changes to the draft resulting from the Board's discussion.

A second poll will take into account a proposed bond rate and identify projects that would be included in the levy.

Superintendent Cordon noted that the preliminary survey document is a second draft resulting from input from both the licensed and classified union leadership after reaching out to their membership. Union representative priorities included AC/HVAC, security, seismic, ADA, plumbing, enhanced technology/science classrooms, gym space and playgrounds. Superintendent Cordon encouraged the Board to not just consider adequacy, but to take a longer, visionary point of view. Chair Garcia added that efficient facilities free up resources for quality facilities and contracts.

Chair Garcia recessed the meeting at 6:48 to allow Board members to review the questions. The meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Observations:

- All community members are unclear as to what building is now referenced as the “Heritage” bldg.
- Too many questions
- Be sure survey reflects highest priorities
- What options are most cost effective?
- Following long term facility study – recommendation is to begin replacing buildings
- New construction better addresses safety/security
- Partner with local agencies (fire, etc.) to include generators for public warming centers, etc.
- Opportunity to create vision for economic growth in the community
- The initial poll is to help us zero in on specific priorities – what investments make the most sense in the long term?
- Goal would be for all schools to see improvements
- Later goal is to compare repair/replacement cost scenarios
- Voters appreciate extending the life of buildings that we have invested in
- Times have changed: you can’t keep doing things the same way and expect different results
- Concepts need to support and accommodate educational needs into the future – more than ten years from now
- Necessity trumps nostalgia – safety issues
- Keep it general – you are testing ideas – too early for specifics

In very general terms, the Board is interested in security, HVAC, playgrounds, tracks and fields, gyms and repairs.

After consulting with Nelson Report in the morning, a revised draft of the survey should be ready for the Board to review in the next few days. Mr. Prawitz shared that it takes approximately three weeks for field work to be accomplished, and another week for polling results to be received.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Licensed union representative, Camron Pope, shared his perception that individuals are more apt to support measures where overall everyone benefits. The Superintendent offered that the recommended repairs would benefit all.

ADJOURNMENT: With discussion concluded, Chairman Garcia adjourned the Work Session at 8:13 p.m.

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent

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