

## ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Time & Location:**

The October 27, 2021 Board Work Session was held via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 1419 NW Valley View Drive in Roseburg



**SUPERINTENDENT  
JARED P. CORDON**

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Cordon shared that Board Chair Larson is out of the office and Vice Chair Johnson will be directing the meeting this evening.

Prior to continuing with the business before the Board this evening Vice Chair Johnson requested a moment of silence to be observed for the loss of one of our high school students, Wyatt Olinghouse, last week. Vice Chair Johnson thanked all those who participated in this moment and acknowledged that the loss of a child is felt deeply.

**Next Board Meeting:**

November 17, 2021  
via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.  
Administrative Board Room  
1419 NW Valley View Dr.  
Roseburg, Oregon

**Action Items**

The School Board approved the Consent Agenda, consisting of approval of the Agenda, Minutes from the October 13, 2021 School Board Meeting and the following personnel actions:

**Licensed Recommendation for Hire—District-Wide**

- ◆ Michelle Meyer, Third Grade Teacher at Sunnyslope Elementary School;
- ◆ Kevin Murphy, Secondary Substitute (Roving Teacher) at Joseph Lane Middle School, temporary position for 2021-22;
- ◆ Terri Richey, Elementary Substitute (Roving Teacher), a temporary position for the 2021-22 school year; and
- ◆ Aaron Eubank, Manufacturing Technology—Welding Teacher at Roseburg High School.

**Licensed Resignation**

- ◆ Alexandra "Marie" Leary, TAP Teacher at Fullerton IV Elementary has submitted her resignation following nine years in the district.

**Capital Improvement Bond Update**

Superintendent Cordon provided an update on the work being done by the Community Bond Development Committee, made of up both appointed individuals—including three of our Board members, as well as those who applied through the original press release. The group is presently four meetings into the process of looking at the district facility needs and making recommendations for projects to be included on a potential May 2022 bond.

Superintendent Cordon explained that at the most recent meeting on October 20, 2021, the committee learned of the results of the initial polling that was conducted. The committee will meet two more times and at the December 15th Board Meeting, will present their

recommendations to the entire Board, who take them under consideration, to determine whether or not to move forward in January 2022, to a second round of polling, and ultimately filing for a Bond Measure to be on the May 2022 election ballot.

**Polling Presentation**

Ben Patinkin of Patinkin Research Strategies and Jeremy Wright of Wright Public Affairs presented the results of an initial polling conducted to gauge public interest and support for a potential bond measure.

Highlights of the polling effort shared by Ben and Jeremy included:

**Facility Conditions:**

48% of those polled believe our buildings are in fair or poor condition as opposed to 36% who are of the opinion that the buildings are in good or excellent condition. Presently, 17% are unsure.

**Quality of Education:**

Of those polled, 66% are extremely satisfied with the quality of education as opposed to 17% who are not and 18% who are unsure.

**Bond Packages:**

Individuals polled were

- \$154 million (roughly 50% of the actual need) 50% Yes, 39% No and 12% Undecided
- \$136 million (approximately 40% of need) 46% Yes and 44% No
- \$109 million (roughly 30% of actual need) 46% Yes and 44% No

**Reasons for Voting Yes or No:**

35% listed aging facilities as the reason for a yes vote, with 31% saying they support education and 17% saying we need to make these upgrades.

For those voting no, the top three reasons include, not the right

time—25%, the bond is too big—19% and do not want higher taxes—10%.

Voter priorities in this poll include: safety, maximizing taxpayer dollars and completing updates and addressing accessibility issues.

**Second Tier Items:**

- Job training facility improvements;
- Playground upgrades;
- Technology upgrades;
- New gyms for elementary schools;
- New elementary school to replace one of the older outdated ones; and
- Updating our athletic facilities, district-wide.

**Old Main/Heritage: Repair or Replace:**

When those polled were asked about the RHS Old Main/Heritage building and whether or not it should be renovated or replaced, the results were 40% to 34% in favor of renovating.

**New Elementary School:**

When the question about building a new elementary school versus renovating the existing ones was posed, the vote was actually split at 52% to 51%.

**School Board:**

Rebecca Larson, Chair  
Rev. Howard Johnson, V Chair  
Dr. Brandon Bishop  
Rodney Cotton  
Ann Krimetz  
Charles Lee  
Andrew Shirtcliff