

Time & Location:

A Public Hearing to review proposed findings supporting an exemption from competitive bidding requirements and use CM/GC Method of Procurement was held on January 26, 2022, via Zoom, and followed by a Board Work Session.



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HAPPY SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH!

We want to thank the Fourth Grade students of Melrose Elementary School for creating beautiful artwork in celebration of School Board Recognition Month.

In addition, the Roseburg High School Leadership Class shared their appreciation of our Board of Education members by presenting sweet treats and a picture of the class thanking the Board for all they do for Roseburg Public Schools.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone throughout the District who has helped us recognize these dedicated leaders!

Next Board Meeting:

February 9, 2022
via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
Administrative Board Room
1419 NW Valley View Dr.
Roseburg, Oregon

Public Hearing

Pursuant to publication of public notice, a Public Hearing was held to review proposed findings supporting an exemption from competitive bidding requirements and use of the CM/GC method of procurement for the Jo Lane Middle School multi-purpose room seismic rehabilitation.

Cheryl Northam, Director of Finance and Operations, explained that the School Board, acting as the Roseburg School District Local Contract Review Board, in accordance with ORS 279C.335(2) has contract review authority to grant specific exemptions from the requirement for competitive bidding upon approval of specific findings.

Roseburg Public Schools has received a \$1,200,210 grant through the Oregon Seismic Rehabilitation Grant program to seismically retrofit the multi-purpose room of Joseph Lane Middle School to meet or exceed the code requirements outlined in ACSE41-06 "Seismic Rehabilitation of Existing Buildings".

The CM/GC contract allows the district to bring a general contractor on board during the initial design phase, providing engineering services and a Guaranteed Maximum Price during the design phase in lieu of during the bid phase after full design documents have been established.

The Roseburg School District proposes utilizing the CM/GC contract delivery methodology to obtain proposals for this project. Director Northam confirmed that the district has previously used this method

for all seismic rehabilitation projects undertaken to date, reporting that it worked well, especially at the Hucrest and Melrose Elementary Schools. The findings supporting the exemption have been reviewed by legal counsel as required by Oregon statute.

The School Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed findings and use the CM/GC method of procurement as proposed.

BOARD WORK SESSION

Jeremy Wright of Wright Public Affairs and Maggie Simich, Vice President of Patinkin Research Strategies, provided an extensive overview of the final polling exercise conducted January 18-20 to gauge support for both district and community priorities, as well as refined ballot language in preparation for Board consideration at the February 9th meeting whether to move forward with a May 2022 bond effort.

Ms. Simich shared that Patinkin is a public opinion research firm experienced in conducting scientific research on behalf of municipalities, school districts and various other organizations.

Professional interviewers polled a sample of 400 likely voters in rural, west and southeast areas of Roseburg. She noted that minimum benchmarks of mid-50s or higher in support of a bond are optimal thresholds.

Interviewers tested potential ballot language that reflected positive shifts in comparison

to the initial polling results from October 2021.

Pursuant to input from our Community Bond Committee, citizens were questioned in the focus areas of:

- * Accountable and affordable investment in local schools;
- * Necessary basic safety & security improvements;
- * Local control;
- * Air quality; and
- * Pride in the district.

Mr. Wright pointed out that RPS has the lowest tax rate in the county, and it would remain low after a bond.

Director Shirtcliff shared that he was very pleased with this community-driven process used by the Community Bond Committee in identifying and articulating the specific areas of importance not only to the district, but to our fellow community members. Chair Larson likened the process to having a family budget, and believing in the importance of being responsible with our buildings, revenues and investments.

Board members will continue reviewing this data as they prepare to make a decision regarding a bond measure on Feb. 9th.

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