

ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PUBLIC HEARING / BOARD WORK SESSION

Via Zoom

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Roseburg, Oregon

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Board Members:

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

Administration:

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent
Robert Freeman, Director of Human Resources
Michelle Knee, Assistant Superintendent
Cheryl Northam, Director of Finance and Operations
Melissa Roberts, Director of Student Services

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed findings supporting an exemption from competitive bidding requirements and use of the CM/GC method of procurement for the Joseph Lane Middle School Multipurpose Room Seismic Rehabilitation

Pursuant to publication of public notice, a Public Hearing was held via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on January 26, 2022, to review proposed findings supporting an exemption from competitive bidding requirements and use of the CM/GC method of procurement for the Joseph 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.

Director Charles Lee moved to approve the Findings supporting an Exemption from competitive bidding requirements and Use of the CM/GC Method of Procurement for the Joseph Lane Middle School. Dr. Brandon Bishop seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

M3-34 Approved Findings Supporting Exemption from competitive bidding and Use of the CM/GC Method of Procurement for the Jo Lane Middle School Multipurpose Room Seismic Rehabilitation

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There was no one wishing to address the Board regarding the Public Hearing and Proposed findings.

Adjournment: The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

BOARD WORK SESSION

TIME/PLACE: A Board Work Session of the Douglas County School District No. 4 Board of Directors was convened immediately following the Public Hearing noted above, on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, in the Administrative Office Board Room located at 1419 NW Valley View Drive in Roseburg, Oregon, electronically via Zoom link.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Board Chair Rebecca Larson called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. She welcomed attendees and asked Director Rodney Cotton to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: Board members were in attendance, along with Superintendent Cordon and Cabinet members. Education Reporter, Madison Temmel attended via Zoom.

REPORT ON JANUARY 2022 POLLING RESULTS (report attached)

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 Roseburg Public Schools has the lowest tax rate in the county, and it would remain low after a bond. Citizens are also interested in air quality, security upgrades and basic repair needs.

Director Bishop noted that the community bond group included people from various walks of life, and community members appreciated their contribution. Chair Larson noted that as we do at home with our family budgets, our community wants to know that we are being wise with our buildings, funds, and investments, and asking for what is truly needed. The community bond committee was asked to take a look at our schools and communicate what was important to them.

Director Cotton also complimented Communications Coordinator, Chelsea Duncan, for her extensive work on our website. He looks forward with anticipation of what is being shared. Director Lee pointed out that the survey provided enough information for people to make their determination. As a voter, he would feel more comfortable. Director Johnson shared his perception that after going through the past few years of the pandemic, people are realizing there is hope for tomorrow, and making big decisions for their families. He expressed his support and suggested moving forward.

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. Director Johnson pointed out the percentage differences in the two political parties, but it was explained that the data presented is research based representing expected electorate participation at the May ballot. Director Johnson agreed that the information provided is much better data. Director Cotton shared that he was comfortable with the polling information and thanked both Ms. Simich and Mr. Wright for doing a very professional job. He further noted that there is a lot of work remaining to be done in this community-driven process and many people are anxious to get moving forward pending the Board's stamp of approval.

Board members will continue reviewing this data as they prepare to make a decision on whether to file for a bond measure at their next board meeting on February 9th.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Larson thanked the presenters for joining us and encouraged fellow board members to reach out to Mr. Wright or Superintendent Cordon with any remaining questions they might have prior to February 9th. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent

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Next Meeting: February 9, 2022, 6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Office Board Room via Zoom