

## ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Time & Location:

The May 25, 2022 School Board Work Session was held in the administrative office Board Room, 1419 NW Valley View Drive in Roseburg beginning at 6:00 p.m., also accessible via Zoom link.



**SUPERINTENDENT  
JARED P. CORDON**

### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Cordon began by requesting a moment of silence in acknowledgement of the recent tragedies that have scarred our nation. He noted that there have been 27 school shootings this past year. This is poignant considering the failure of our bond as we talked about safety and security. Now we will talk about priorities.

The Board was assured that the current measures in place in our district include:

- ◆ District Safety Coordinator hired in 2020;
- ◆ Developed a District Mental Health Team;
- ◆ Assembled and distributed 326 emergency buckets for every classroom;
- ◆ Added security cameras;

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 Sunnyslope Elementary School  
 2230 SW Cannon  
 Roseburg, Oregon  
 Zoom Link Available

- ◆ Fortified perimeter fencing at middle schools;
- ◆ Developed an emergency Operations Team to focus on guidance and protocols;
- ◆ Every site currently holds fire, earthquake, secure and lockdown drills once a month;
- ◆ Investigate ongoing crimes in the district to ensure student suspects undergo restorative justice process; observe and track crime data at our schools.

Additional measures currently in process also include:

- \* More elementary school fencing where needed this summer;
- \* Hiring a District Security Officer;
- \* Developing emergency communication and reunification guidance; and
- \* Upgraded intercom systems where needed at our elementary schools.

### Work Session Discussion

Superintendent Cordon and the Board of Education reviewed the history behind the bond efforts of 2020 and 2022. The community-driven, citizen led bond development process in 2021-2022 identified focus areas of need including educational improvements, building systems and energy efficiency, and health, safety and security.

Our nation has experienced tragedies as recent as yesterday, where in Texas a young man took the lives of both teachers and students in a senseless act of violence.

With our safety and security needs still remaining unmet after the failure of the May 2022 bond, the Board members participated in a group activity to identify our most pressing needs when it comes to the safety and security of our students and staff. Chair Larson summarized that "You can't vote away the needs."

The Board considered the areas of concern identified by the community surveys and the Community Bond Development Committee which recommended that a capital improvement bond focus on district-wide facility updates including health and safety projects, renovation and repairs, accessibility and educational improvements.

Board members individually prioritized categories and projects including:

- ◇ Educational and facility improvements at all elementary and middle schools;
- ◇ Career and Technical education/vocational ed investments;
- ◇ Replacement of Old Main at RHS that maintains and honors the historical architectural elements;
- ◇ New multi-purpose facilities at 5 elementary schools;
- ◇ District-wide improvements such as HVAC, roofing, plumbing and electrical;
- ◇ Security entrances throughout the district to ensure access control, and new generators at 11 schools;
- ◇ Elementary school playground improvements;

- ◇ Replacements for outdoor athletic, PE, and community spaces including school tracks and new synthetic turf fields at middle schools; and
- ◇ Drop-off improvements at elementary schools.

From those priority items, the Board identified three that they believe cannot wait until another bond measure can be put before the voters:

1. Security entrances throughout the district to ensure access control, and new generators at 11 schools.
2. Replacement of Old Main at RHS that maintains and honors the historical architectural elements.
3. District-wide improvements including HVAC, roofing, plumbing and electrical.

Chair Larson explained that the failure of the 2022 bond was particularly difficult as the motivation behind it truly was the safety and security of our kids. This Board cares deeply about secure campuses and safe buildings.

Superintendent Cordon will begin investigating all available avenues to address the three priorities identified by the Board, and bring options for them to consider at the June 8 Board Meeting.

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