



## Board Work Session

February 4, 2019

6:30 p.m.

### Agenda

1. Updates
  - a. McCleary Update
  - b. Mold Issue, GPS
  - c. Community Signage
  - d. Other
  
2. Board Operating Protocols
  - a. Related Board Policies and Procedures
  
3. Superintendent Invitation Review
  
4. Executive Session

**GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404**  
**SCHOOL BOARD**  
**WORKSESSION MINUTES**  
**February 4, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:**

Deborah Heart, John Hoctor, Darren Hoffman, Betty Richards, Beth Schroder and Ian Grabenhorst-Interim Superintendent. Others Present: Lori Hackbarth-Executive Assistant, Dean Schlenker-Business Manager and Garrett Schroder-HS Student Representative.

**Worksession Discussion:**

Mr. Schlenker, Business Manager provided possible scenarios as a result of the McCleary funding reductions that include fund balance reductions of up to \$800,000-\$1,000,000. If the Legislature delays the SEBB insurance benefit mandate by one year, that will save the district \$210,000 and if they create a partial restoration of levy funding, that could result in a savings up to \$200,000. Mr. Grabenhorst, Mr. Schlenker and Ms. Heart will be visiting with legislators next week to share information on the fiscal impact to our district. Mr. Grabenhorst added that this legislative session is scheduled to close on March 8<sup>th</sup> and then the Board and Superintendent can make appropriate budget decisions. Mr. Schlenker noted that four certified staff resignations have been received and he felt that may result in sufficient savings to avoid any reductions to the certificated staff however, the district is still overstaffed with classified employees by the state funding formulas.

Mr. Grabenhorst shared that the GEA would like to begin negotiations for renewal of their Collective Bargaining Agreement which is set to expire this summer. He suggested we wait until we have a firm budget plan after this legislative session ends but revisit the topic again next month.

Mr. Schlenker reported that a mold smell had been reported at the primary school building. Fulcrum Environmental Consultants, a professional mold abatement firm, was hired to investigate and a report is expected next week.

Mr. Grabenhorst shared photos of the district's community signage that has deteriorated over time. The Board agreed that the signage should be removed and the property owners notified.

Mr. Grabenhorst shared information on a draft Board Operating Protocols document that he, Ms. Richards and Ms. Heart assembled from a variety of resources including other school districts, ESD 105 training materials, the district's Strategic Plan and Covenants. The Board members will review and discuss again at the March worksession. The purpose of creating this protocol plan is to have one umbrella document for board members use. He also has a document to share regarding conducting public meetings.

Mr. Grabenhorst noted the he met recently with the director of Mid-Columbia Children's Council (Head Start). MCCC and the school district will work together to enhance early learning opportunities. Also, the 20-year property lease agreement between MCCC and GSD will expire soon.

A draft invitation for the superintendent vacancy was reviewed. After discussion and several changes to be made, the updated version will be emailed to the Board on Tuesday for one final review before it is sent to the printer and circulated by ESD 105.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further discussion, the work session was adjourned to an executive session at 7:24 p.m. under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) legal counsel discussion. The meeting returned to an open session at 7:35 p.m. Ms. Richards moved to accept a settlement agreement as presented. Mr. Hoctor seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoffman moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Heart seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Secretary to the Board

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