

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

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Board members present:

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

Worksession Discussion:

The Board members toured the new greenhouse before proceeding with the worksession. Mr. Grabenhorst reviewed the worksession agenda.

Mr. Schlenker reviewed the last minute actions of the Legislative session that ended on Sunday, April 28th that have additional fiscal impacts. The district is now able to run a levy to recoup partial funding lost to the McCleary decision in a "piggyback levy" this fall but he advises against it since we must run our renewal levy next February 2020; it may confuse voters to run back to back levies. If we run the renewal levy in February 2020 for an additional .65 cents per thousand of assessed property valuation, those funds will not be collectible until January 2021 so the district must still reduce the education plan for school year 2019-2020. We must also wait to see if and how the State will reduce their tax collection to determine the impact to our voters. In other late action by the legislature, the District will collect approximately \$150,000 for an adjustment in the levy rate cap; this will aid to reduce the number of layoffs in our paraeducator classification. Mr. Schlenker noted of significant impact to our fiscal health is the decreasing enrollment in general education and also in CTE programs; he is very concerned about the loss of 34 students in each program area and if this trend continues, the District may need to further reduce the budget in other areas next school year that may include supplemental contacts. The high school Principal and CTE Director will closely monitor enrollment into CTE courses next year.

Mr. Grabenhorst reported that he, Dean and Beth have now met with the local radio station and newspaper to share information regarding the impact of the legislative decisions made regarding the McCleary case. Staffing reductions for next year have been completed and the district was able to reassign several teachers to eliminate the need for layoffs to certified staff. He thanked all staff who agreed to voluntarily move to a new position in such a professional manner and appreciated the two associations that worked together all year in preparation for this fiscal impact. Staff that must relocate to new rooms will be provided time and assistance if needed.

The 2019-2020 school calendar adopted in January 2018 was discussed; this calendar reflects only two built in snow days and spring break will be April 6-10, 2020. There is one half-day at Thanksgiving break. The Board decided to leave the calendar as adopted since the associations had input into the adoption.

Documents are being prepared for the incoming superintendent that include collective bargaining agreements, substitute costs, curriculum and special education programs. Dr. Perconti will be in district on May 30th to attend the middle school barbecue event and the FFA field day activity. There was discussion on possibly changing meeting dates once she arrives if it is best for the district.

A patron has asked to give public comment on health education standards at the next regular board meeting regarding House Bill 5395. Ms. Heart noted that the local Grange has passed a resolution to lobby on behalf of the Goldendale and Centerville School Districts.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, the work session was adjourned 8:14 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary to the Board

Recording Secretary