

GOLDENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404
BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - BOND
August 6, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

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Board Members Present: Carl Conroy, John Hocter, John Miller, Deborah Heart, Virginia Amidon and Mark Heid, Superintendent.

Others Present: Lori Hackbarth and Brandon Wilm & Joe Morgan of Design West Architecture. Committee members: Dennis Birney, David & Carmen Bischoff, J.P. Enderby, Greg Gallagher, Jennifer Mitchell, Earlene Sullivan, Dana Peck, Larry Weyer, Dave Barta, John Westerman, Angie Hedges and Steven Randall.

Worksession Discussion: Discussion was held regarding the identified projects that have been prioritized by the Board of Directors. Mr. Heid noted that the architect firm will prepare final display boards that outline the identified project priorities that the committee has selected.

It was reported that an outside agency is making efforts to bring a world class performing arts center to the area. With that information, the auxiliary gym was identified as a priority (rather than an auditorium) and would be the best use for our students and community. Mr. Heid noted that there are storage devices that will enable proper storage of the wrestling mats, basketball hoops, and batting cages.

Mr. Heid noted that these display boards will be created and posted at all school buildings, fliers will be created/distributed and he, along with other key staff, will speak with all community groups to share information on this bond measure.

Brandon Wilm explained that the priority is the high school facility for this improvement bond. The other two buildings will receive upgrades to the internet infrastructure and reader boards. Mr. Wilm shared that the two new additions were the tennis court replacement and the track repairs. The ground is not supporting the tennis courts correctly which creates an unsafe court that requires costly repairs each year. The track has continuing drainage and surface issues that should be addressed.

Discussion included adding an ADA restroom/concession building to the football/track stadium. It was supported by the committee to add this project since it will be twenty years before we can ask the voters to improve our facilities again. Most agreed that the school should address all these major projects now.

The high school parking lot is unsafe with cracks and holes. Many members spoke to various falls and concerns. It was also agreed that this area must be included in the bond. Mr. Westerman spoke to the diminished use of the current chemistry lab due to its inadequate venting system; this room could be used by the science teachers with two classes per day with 15-20 students and the chemistry/biology classes could grow with an updated lab. The enclosure of the breezeway between the vocational building and the main high school building will provide the security that is needed. The roof top HVAC system would be new and is the best option for updating vs. tearing into interior walls and floors. It was suggested to place a fence partition around the track to keep dogs and wheels off the track.

Mr. Wilm noted that the state matching funds would be paid a year later after we expend the local funds on this renovation. That state has always paid the matching dollars to the school district. It was suggested that some community members that do not use our facilities or attend school activities must be sold on the justifications of these planned improvements. It was also suggested that we hire a professional marketing consultant to assist with the bond proposal. Open houses, information at schools, community presentations, phone polls, door to door marketing, media and radio advertisements are some of the marketing plans. Mr. Peck noted that we find the exact number of supporting votes to pass the bond.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary to the Board

Recording Secretary