SUMNER-BONNEY LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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We will know, value, and support every student, helping them graduate ready to pursue a promising future.

September 13, 2023 - Study Session Minutes

Central Office Board Room
1202 Wood Ave
Sumner, WA 98390

Call to Order

School Board President Erin Markquart called the September 13, 2023 Board Study Session for the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:01 pm.

Superintendent Dent provided an opportunity to recognize staff in the technology department for their amazing work over the summer and throughout the year as they carried out the district's promise in action.

Sumner-Bonney Lake School District Levy Work Session

An in-depth discussion of the Educational Programs and Operations Levy as well as the Technology Funding were presented to the board by Chief Finance and District Operations Officer, Bang Parkinson.

Superintendent Dent provided context for the conversation by reminding the board about the information that has been shared for the last few months on the EP&O and Technology levies. The purpose of the session was to give the board an opportunity to look at the numbers and ask questions in preparation for resolutions that will be presented for action in October. The EP&O and Technology Levies are critical to the operation of the district's work in supporting students.

The focus of the presentation explained the relationship between levy rate and assessed valuation; specifically, how the levy dollar is calculated according to current laws. Bang shared projected levy and rates based on enrollment but shared that the projections changed because the county reported assessed values are flat, which negatively impacted calculations. Tonight's presentation reflects the rate based on new assessed values and enrollment rates which do not reflect the 3% increase originally projected. These changes result in a reduction in the levy

amount the district is requesting from tax payers.

Superintendent Dent clarified to the board that the district is using both equations for calculating levy dollars in order to determine which is most accurate for the levy ask.

The Technology levy presentation highlighted resources the district has acquired as a result of funds collected from the six-year levy as well as future projections for a four-year and six-year technology levy renewal based on the assessed value.

Presentation Feedback

Director Williams asked if the district expects the law the change in regards to limiting levy dollars. He also shared the need for clarity on the total collection amount for the year and how those changes affect the tax payer based on the current law. Director Williams proposed presenting a scenario where projections based on both enrollment and assessed values is shared with the board.

Director Lewis solicited clarification to Director Williams comments regarding the changing laws and information communicated to the public regarding the volume of the levy.

Bang will prepare a scenario for the September board meeting that reflects projections using both calculations.

Director Henricks asked with the rate at which technology changes, what would be the advantage of promoting a four-year vs a six-year levy.

Bang shared that the advantage of a four-year levy is that it matches the EP&O cycle but it would not allow the district to finish plans A & B, it would result in going to voters more often and because the levy rate increases each year there would be an increase to the tax payers.

Adjournment

With no further business the board adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Attest:

Laurie Dent
Secretary Board of Directors

Erin Markquart
President of Board of Directors