

Community Bond Advisory Committee
Meeting #11
Tuesday, October 6, 2026
Scappoose School District

CBAC members present: David Wasylenko, Kendall Williams, Beth Rajski, Vance Chauncey, Monica Ahlers, Jeff Howard, Joanna Wagner, Jennifer Herrick, Jarrett Trtek, KaraLyn DeWalt, Darlene Marquardt, Joe Backus, Michael Sykes, Haley Zieres, Natalie Howard, and Cabella West.

CBAC members absent: Josh Komp, Lucy McCoy, George Dunkel, Triison Meza, Robert Kessi, and Ben Burgener.

SSD Board of Directors present: Gwynn Klobes, Pat Kessi, and Phil Lager

SSD staff support present: Tim Porter, Paje Stelling, Adam Strachan, Jerimy Kelley, Darla Meeuwsen, and Julie Hinkle

Others present: Cassie Hibbert and Bobby Daniels, Wenaha Group; Kyle Laier, Assist Education Services; and Abby Dacey and Brian Gerich, Mahlum Architects.

Cassie Hibbert of Wenaha Group called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Community Bond Advisory Committee reconvened to continue its work on potential future bond options. The committee reviewed its ground rules, consensus-based decision-making process, community feedback, and the School Board's goals of developing a no-tax-increase proposal, approaching the work with an ethos of "scrappiness," focusing on the educational needs of middle school students, and developing communication and community outreach strategies.

The committee reviewed the updated work schedule, with October focused on "the what," November on "the where," December on "the how," and January on district-wide projects. The committee will refine options in February and March, conduct additional community engagement in April and May, and consider a final recommendation in June regarding a potential November 2027 bond election.

Using current projections, the committee reviewed a preliminary model showing that a 20-year bond at approximately the existing tax rate could generate approximately \$48 million in bond proceeds, plus an estimated \$8 million OSCIM grant. The committee emphasized that this was a starting point for discussion and not a final bond amount or term.

Mahlum Architects presented a baseline educational program for a middle school serving approximately 325 students. The proposed program included general education and science classrooms, special education and learning-support spaces, art and CTE/STEM, music, athletics, commons and kitchen areas, library, administrative and student-support spaces, and building support areas. The baseline program was approximately 86,000 square feet and was described as a relatively tight program for 325 students.

The committee discussed opportunities to reduce or combine spaces while maintaining necessary educational functions. Members also discussed the potential for shared spaces if the middle school and high school were located together, while emphasizing the importance of maintaining age-appropriate environments for middle school students.

The committee also discussed the possibility of designing the middle school to accommodate sixth grade. Architects estimated that adding sixth grade could require approximately 18,700 additional square feet, bringing the total to approximately 105,000 square feet.

A representative from the City of Scappoose provided an update regarding potential future interest in the existing middle school property. The City sees potential for the property to serve as a community-focused asset, but expressed concerns about the cost of renovating the existing building and the need to understand community priorities before committing significant resources.

The committee's feedback and exercises will be compiled for a report to the School Board. The next CBAC meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.