

School Board Minutes

Banks School District 13

September 13, 2010

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5:30 PM

Board Work Session – District Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Kathy Edison, Chair
Richard Bowden
Norie Dimeo-Ediger
Laurie Schlegel

Administrators Present:

Jim Foster, Superintendent
Simon Levear, Business Manager

The work session began at 5:30 PM

Home for Sale

Mr. Levear handed out information on the property for sale at the northwest corner of the elementary school. Mr. Levear said the owner is asking \$199,000 for the property/house and \$99,000 for the adjoining lot. He said the property tax statement lists the lot at \$53,900 and the house at \$169,000. Mr. Levear said one consideration is the reason for the purchase of the property. He said Justin at DLR said that the elementary school could be expanded, but since the elementary capacity is 600 students, would the district want to expand it? He said a consideration could be for parking or traffic flow. Mr. Levear said there is \$253,000 in the Buxton fund, and that proceeds from the upcoming bond could not be used to purchase property. He said that money from the bond might be used to improve the site. Mr. Bowden said that a consideration would be to shift the current elementary overflow parking lot to this site, and expand the soccer field where the current parking lot is located. Board consensus was to table the issue until after the bond election.

Annual Maintenance Contracts

Mr. Levear reported the only maintenance contract would be Honeywell, and the contract increases in cost every year. He said based on the recommendation of the district maintenance supervisor, the district is considering elimination of the contract at the end of the 2010-11 school year.

Budget Updates

Mr. Levear handed out the 2009-10 and the 2010-11 fiscal reports. Mr. Foster said the district has a larger ending fund balance from last year, which allows the district to go into this year with a full school year, and the same level of service. He said the district is using reserves to offset this year. Mr. Foster gave the board a report from COSA/OASBO concerning 2010-11 budget impact survey. Mr. Foster said that other districts have made cuts for 2010-11, including day reductions. Mr. Levear reported cutting days in the Banks School District saves \$25,000 to \$30,000 per day. Mr. Foster said the information from other districts; predictions from OSBA, COSA and the state will be shared with the unions since this is the final year of a three-year contract for both certified and classified.

Superintendent Goals

Mr. Foster gave the board his goals for 2010-11. He said that negotiations will begin this year, and in the past a district lawyer, two board members and one administrator serve on the district's negotiation team. Mr. Foster said that with the current projections from the state on school funding, the district will not be able to sustain all current programs, and will not be able to bring back programs already cut. Mr. Bowden said that the district needs an acceptable expenditure for maintenance and grounds. Mr. Foster discussed staff development, including SIOP, and the use of data teams.

Mr. Foster reminded the board concerning the upcoming OSBA regional meeting October 7 at the NWRESA. He asked any board member interested in attending to please let Marlo know.

Mr. Foster handed out a "warm body count" of students for the first 4 days of school.

Mr. Foster discussed the bond financing, and said the numbers for the cost per thousand were fluctuating, but that the number will not be higher than \$1.45/\$1,000.

The work session adjourned at 7:00 PM.

7:00 PM Regular Session

Board Members Present:

Kathy Edison
Richard Bowden
Norie Dimeo-Ediger
Laurie Schlegel

Others Present:

Lance Heggem, Sodexo Food Service Director

Administrators Present

Jim Foster, Superintendent
Bob Huston, Banks Elementary Principal
Shelley Mitchell, Student Services Director

Simon Levear, Business Manager
Mark Everett, Banks Jr. High School Principal
Mike O'Reilly, Technology Director

CALL TO ORDER-FLAG SALUTE

Board Chair Kathy Edison welcomed everyone to the board meeting, and said there is time for audience comments later in the meeting.

PUBLIC WELCOME/RECOGNITION/COMMENTS

There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Norie Dimeo-Ediger made the following motion: "Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented." Laurie Schlegel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

There were no presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignations

Kim Nusser, .8125FTE HS Instructional Aide effective 8/30/10
Melissa Corwin .4FTE JH Counselor effective 9/2/10

Hiring

Lori Haney .225FTE Kindergarten Aide effective 9/7/10
Kristina Bunn .8125FTE Physical Activity Aide effective 8/30/10

Extra Duty Contracts

2010-11 School Year

Jeremy Kelley High School Event Coordinator shared stipend
Kevin Cliff High School Event Coordinator shared stipend
Jonathan Pearson JV2 High School BBX Coach
Sandy Sinner JV2 High School VB Coach
Suzanne Alley High School VB Head Coach shared stipend
Diana Herb High School VB Head Coach shared stipend
Katie Kalhar High School Dance/Drill Head Coach shared stipend
Emily Johns High School Dance/Drill Head Coach shared stipend
Lisa Gerber High School Dance/Drill Head Coach shared stipend

Richard Bowden asked about the high school event coordinator. Mr. Foster said that these employees provide supervision at games, and allows for two people for supervision at each game. Richard Bowden made the following motion: "Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors approve the consent agenda as amended." Laurie Schlegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of proposed travel for overnight athletic/activities events 2010-11

Mr. Foster said that there is a new playoff system for the high school in place – as the trips come up, they will be brought to the board for approval. Mr. Foster said that Tim Eggleston has the FFA trips planned, arrangements made, and chaperones in place. Mr. Foster said that the report on the Greece trip in 2011 was an update on the planned trip. He said that, as in the past, Banks School District combines with other schools on the tour for chaperones. Mr. Smith said he would bring additional planned overnight events to the board next month. Mrs. Dimeo-Ediger asked Mr. Smith if he had any concerns about the proposed trips. He said that he had no concerns, he knows the chaperones, and there will be a detailed itinerary for the trips as the time gets closer.

Norie Dimeo-Ediger made the following motion: "Be it resolved, the Banks School District Board of Directors approve the proposed travel for overnight athletic/activities events for 2010-11 as presented." Laurie Schlegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Policy and Administrative Regulations Revisions – 1st Reading

DBK- Budget Transfer Authority

Mr. Foster reported the changes are the results of legislative action. Mr. Levear said he had no problem with the policy revision.

Richard Bowden made the following motion: "Be it resolved, the Banks School District Board of Directors move Policy DBK to Action Items." Laurie Schlegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Action Items.

ACTION ITEMS

Policy and Administrative Regulations Revisions – 1st Reading

DBK- Budget Transfer Authority

There was no further discussion.

Richard Bowden made the following motion: "Be it resolved, the Banks School District Board of Directors approve Policy DBK as outlined." Laurie Schlegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Administrator Reports

Shelley Mitchell had nothing to add to her report. She introduced her daughter who was attending the board meeting for her high school government class.

Mr. Huston had nothing to add to his written report. He said the first day and week went extremely well.

Mr. Everett had nothing to add to his written report. He said the custodial crew did a great job this summer.

Mr. Smith said the high school had a great start to the year, the building looks great. He complimented Shelley Mitchell on the 504 and tags plans being ready for the start of school.

Mike O'Reilly said things are going OK – very busy.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Foster thanked Rhonda Hancock and the group from her church that came in and worked on trimming shrubs and plants in the district recently – he said they took two truckloads of trimmings out.

He thanked the administrators for their hard work. He said the latest reported test scores resulted in all three schools meeting AYP. Mr. Foster echoed the positive comments for the maintenance and custodial staff.

AUDIENCE TIME

Lance Heggem reported that breakfast is now available at the junior high and high school. He said it would be free to all students for the first two weeks. He said participation has been 11 at the jr. high; 13 at the high school and 92 at the elementary.

Mr. O'Reilly said this has been one of the smoothest starts of a school year he has experienced. He thanked New Horizons for the donations of computer tables and chairs to the elementary school.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Laurie Schlegel said Banks School District is a great district, and there is a positive, good-feeling attitude by staff and students alike.

Norie Dimeo-Ediger said she appreciates everyone's efforts.

Kathy Edison thanked everyone for their attendance, Mr. Foster for all his attendance at bond informational meetings. She said there would be signage at all three schools concerning the bond later this week.

ADJOURN

The board meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.