



BANKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

12950 NW Main St. Banks OR 97106

Administration Building

Work Session

Minutes December 2, 2019

WORK SESSION

District Conference Room

In attendance:

Norie Dimeo-Ediger, Chairman

Ron Frame, Vice-Chairman

Dan Streblow

Will Moore

Raymond Mott

Jeff Leo, Superintendent

Joni Spencer, Business Manager

Administrators: Jacob Pence

Staff: Tony Richeson

Norie Dimeo-Ediger called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

SSA DISCUSSION

Mr. Leo and Heidi McGowan from the Northwest Regional ESD presented on the transition from the SSA (Student Success Act) to the formal SIA (Student Investment Account) application.

The SIA application will be presented to the Board for their review and approval most likely in the February board meeting.

The submission of the application has to be made to ODE no later than mid-March.

Next week at the PLC meetings staff will be asked for their input.

Mr. Moore stated he was very interested in staff input. Discussion of the school schedule, the optimal time with students and if this could improve student retention continued. A 7 period day versus the current schedule was discussed. A 7 period day would be 45 minutes, currently a block schedule allows for 88 minutes of class time. Freshmen through juniors have to have a full load and most students graduate with 26 to 27 credits. A different schedule could increase more slots and this would increase the need for more staff and lower class size. Mr. Streblow commented that he felt not all classes need to meet every day, while in other cases students would benefit from daily instruction.

Mr. Leo commented on the need for additional programs such as after school/summer programs. In those cases, transportation and food would be part of the programs.

Mr. Leo said he would recommend 2 to 3 additional counselors in the district at a cost of approximately \$200,000 to \$300,000. Mr. Moore commented he also agreed with the need for more academic advisors and social/emotional support. Mr. Leo said with the increase in Measure 98 funding there will be money to hire a grad coach - a classified position to work with all students in the district. Mr. Leo said he will meet with the classified union president to discuss salary for this new position. There is an additional \$44,000 grant that is earmarked for a family/student liaison position with an emphasis in the EL program. This position would be temporary as there is only funding for this year.

Currently there are no counselors at the middle school and elementary. We have an administrator that serves both the elementary and middle school, but does not serve in a counseling position. The district needs at least one full time counselor shared between the elementary and middle school. This is a top priority. Social/emotional support for students could be school counselor/school psychologists/school social worker. The district decision is how much FTE to put into this area.

Upgrade of the security systems is also a top priority and tentative recommendations include \$50,000 for safety and security; \$50,000 curriculum; \$200,000 to \$300,000 social/emotional wellbeing (counselors/emotional support); \$50,000 for additional programs - after-school and summer.

Phase 2 includes meetings at the schools to gather staff input. \$350,000 to \$400,000 will be allocated to the schools for additional staffing. There will be community engagements with EL groups after holiday break and more interviews with students, especially underserved students. All this data will be compiled and final decisions will be recommended by the superintendent to the board.

The board discussed the consideration for computers for every student, including the possibility of students having a computer assigned to them and checked out so they could take them home.

Discussion also included the consideration of more middle school electives - having stand-alone classes at the middle school and high school so that there are not shared teachers between the schools. Mr. Streblow asked about having a Pre-PSAT/ACT class at the high school.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.