

## **BANKS SCHOOL DISTRICT 13.**

Board of Directors – Work Session

450 S. Main Banks, OR

July 28, 2008 5:30 PM

District Conference Room

Present: Doug Nordholm, Duane Lundsten, Angi Duyck, Kathy Edison  
Marv Ott, Superintendent, Simon Levear, Marlo Mosser, Secretary

### Student Transportation update

Mr. Ott discussed the use of cabs to transport students. He said he forwarded the question on to Andrea Hungerford. Mr. Ott said that the insurance certificate does not say additional insured but the cab company was not averse to adding this to the policy. Mr. Nordholm said that he felt it was important to have the additional insurer endorsement. Mr. Ott reported that Elaine Fox has resigned. He said she has family in Hillsboro, and the change does not increase her income.

### Property Acquisition Update

Mr. Ott said that the property acquisition deal is final, and the process will close in January, as Mr. Ward does not want the income this year. Mr. Ott said that an evaluation of the property by Don Bake, a local realtor, put the value of the property at \$287,000, and Mr. Ward settled for \$230,000. Mr. Ott said the elementary school land is currently zoned commercial, but the city would like to consider rezoning it community facility, which would give the city the ability to zone other land as commercial. Mr. Moore asked if the process was different in relation to the zoning. Mr. Ott said that Mr. Rainone would know how this could affect the school process. Mr. Moore asked if the district had hired an attorney for the bond process. Mr. Ott said that Mr. Rainone has said there is a process for the preparation of the bond, and if the district waits it could put the building process off for a year. Mr. Lundsten asked if any other district property is zoned commercial. Mr. Ott said that he believes only the new lot, and the elementary are zoned as commercial.

### High School Bingo

Mr. Ott said that there was a fine due to the parent's club, through the district, not applying for the appropriate bingo license. He said bingo earned \$28,000 and this required a different license than had been applied for in the past. There was a \$250 fine, and the parent's club paid the fine. The district has purchased the appropriate license for this year. Mr. Ott said the district holds the license not the parent's club. He said that there is a district member present for the bingo, and Mr. Levear will review the books. The board discussed the legal ramifications of the group not being a district organization, and discussed checking into the liability of the district.

### Bond Resolution Information

Mr. Ott reported that the bond resolution was written by Jeanne Magmer, with Ann Sherman reviewing the resolution. Mrs. Edison asked about the consideration of moving the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to the jr. high. Mr. Ott said the idea was to spread enrollment across the district. Mrs. Edison asked if consideration was made for a separate wing for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Mr. Ott said the discussion has included have the 6<sup>th</sup> graders in a somewhat self-contained block. Mr. Nordholm said that the sentence could be interpreted both ways "will allow" creates the possibility, or could be taken as "this will be done". He said that the explanatory statement could possibly have a negative impact, with some 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents voting "no" because of the consideration of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade move. Mr. Moore said that he thought the proposed plan included the junior high with 300 students, and the high school with 500 students. Board consensus was to leave the resolution intact, and edit the explanatory statement, ending the 4<sup>th</sup> bulleted item with ...."relieve crowding at the Elementary School."

### Policy Update

Mr. Ott said the policy updates included new laws concerning charter schools and the treatment of Title I and 504 similar to private schools to serve these students. He said the board and staff communication change came about due to a situation in the Lebanon School District. Mr. Ott said the policy addresses labor relations communication issues. Mr. Ott said the kindergarten tuition policy deals with allowing the charging of tuition for supplemental kindergarten, and the rules concerning not charging low-income families this tuition. Mr. Ott reported that driver's education is not offered through the district, but that this policy addresses the notification of parents of available driver's education opportunities.

### Grant Writer Discussion

Mr. Ott said that he has discussed this with other Washington county Superintendents and no other district has a grant writer at the district level. He said that some districts hire a grant writer for a specific project, and he suggested a stipend basis, as some of the district's teachers are taking classes in grant writing. He said he is skeptical of other options, and he does not feel the district can afford it. Mr. Lundsten said that he found it significant that no other district has an employee whose purpose solely is grant writing.

The Board adjourned the work session at 7:00 PM. Executive Session was rescheduled for after the regular board meeting.

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Duane Lundsten, Chairman

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Marlo Mosser, Secretary

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Date approved by Board