

HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS—MINUTES
January 10, 2017
District Administration Center, 3083 NE 49th Place, Hillsboro, Oregon

WORK SESSION

Board Present:

Wayne Clift, Chair
Glenn Miller, Vice Chair
Monte Akers
Lisa Allen
Erik Seligman
Janeen Sollman (speaker phone)
Kim Strelchun

Staff Present:

Mike Scott, Superintendent
Travis Reiman, Assistant Superintendent, Academic Services
Dayle Spitzer, Assistant Superintendent, School Performance
Kona Lew-Williams, Chief Human Resources Officer
Adam Stewart, Chief Financial Officer
Beth Graser, Director, Communications
Michelle Morrison, Director, Business Services
Val Bokma, Assistant to the Board
Laurie Boyd, Assistant to the Superintendent
Diana Kleintob, Technology Support

Others Present:

Devin Hunter, HCU
Jill Golay, HEA

Board Chair Wayne Clift called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM.

a. **Bond / Long-Range Planning Update**

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Adam Stewart reported that the Bond Advisory Committee conducted its third meeting on January 4, and reviewed six school bond package alternatives. CFO Stewart reviewed each package with the Board, explaining how the packages were developed. Board members discussed various aspects of the packages, funding priorities, cost savings, and the importance of effective communication with the public.

Selected packages will be presented at a public open house for community feedback. The Bond Advisory Committee is currently scheduled to make recommendations to the Board during the April work session, and the Board is scheduled to take action during the April regular session.

Documents that have been received and reviewed by the Bond Advisory Committee, including the alternative bond packages, have been posted on the District's website.

b. **Budget Process / Priorities**

Superintendent Mike Scott and Chief Financial Officer Adam Stewart presented the most recent information regarding the District's 2017-18 budget, and a preview of the budget development process, including an update on the work being accomplished by the Smarter School Spending team. Based on the Governor's proposed budget that was released in December, the District anticipates a budget shortfall for 2017-18, but the initial budget proposal of the Oregon Legislature's Joint Ways and Means Committee Co-Chairs has not yet been released.

c. **ACTION: Adopt Legislative Priorities**

Director of Communications Beth Graser presented for adoption the Board's 2017-2019 legislative priorities, which are included in the Board packet. The Board

previously provided feedback on the draft legislative priorities during the December 6 Board meeting.

Director Graser also presented a proposed brochure format for highlighting the Board's legislative priorities, and received feedback. The brochure is expected to be ready to share with legislators during the 2017 Washington County Schools Legislative Summit. Board members discussed the scheduling change for this event, and their attendance plans.

Director Kim Strelchun MOVED, SECONDED by Director Lisa Allen, to adopt the 2017-2019 legislative priorities, as presented. The MOTION CARRIED (7-0).

d. Board / Superintendent Advisory Team (BSAT) and Student Communications (S-COMM) Team – Student Input Report

Superintendent Mike Scott discussed the development of the Board / Superintendent Advisory Team (BSAT), and explained that he and Board members who serve on the committee have spoken with approximately 80 students (primarily ninth and tenth graders) at four schools in the past couple of months, receiving the students' input on matters that are important to them. Superintendent Scott and Directors Janeen Sollman, Kim Strelchun, and Lisa Allen shared key points of these conversations, which included suggestions for facilitating students' transitions from middle school to high school, the importance of forming good connections with teachers, suggestions for designing an ideal school experience, access to counselors, willingness to travel to other schools within the District for electives, and access to additional information regarding course offerings.

Additional meetings with students will be scheduled during the upcoming months.

Director of Communications Beth Graser discussed the development of the Student Communications (S-COMM) Team, which provides an opportunity for students to present their stories, receive mentoring, and work on projects. Nineteen students applied, were interviewed, and were welcomed to the S-COMM Team. The team blends aspects of a club, an extracurricular activity, and a long-term job shadow, providing a valuable opportunity for students to learn together.

e. Board Discussion

Board members discussed the need to replace the District iPads that were issued to them several years ago, and provided input regarding their preferences.

Board members discussed a request from Hillsboro Classified United and Hillsboro Education Association that Hillsboro School District be designated a sanctuary district. Key points of the discussion included the level of anxiety recently expressed by students and community members, decisions being reached by cities and school districts within the local region, and the District's request for legal advice regarding practical implications of a sanctuary designation.

Chief Human Resources Officer Kona Lew-Williams provided an overview of the District's grievance procedures and appeal process.

Superintendent Scott and Chief Human Resources Officer Lew-Williams provided information and answered Board members' questions regarding this year's anticipated timeline for developing an inclement weather makeup recommendation, and factors that are relevant to this decision.

Director of Communications Beth Graser asked for Board members' input regarding the scheduling of information sessions for potential School Board candidates. Director Graser will schedule both a lunchtime and an early morning event.

Board members whose terms will end in June discussed their plans for the upcoming election. Director Glenn Miller said that he plans to run for reelection. Director Erik Seligman indicated that he is leaning against running for reelection, but has not yet made a firm decision.

Board members discussed District events and processes, and the Board's working agreements.

Adjourn Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.



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