

HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS—MINUTES

January 13, 2015

District Administration Center, 3083 NE 49th Place, Hillsboro, Oregon

Board Present:

Kim Strelchun, Chair
Wayne Clift, Vice Chair
Monte Akers
Adriana Cañas
Glenn Miller
Erik Seligman
Janeen Sollman

Staff Present:

Mike Scott, Superintendent
Debbie Ashley, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Steve Larson, Assistant Superintendent, School Performance
Adam Stewart, Chief Financial Officer
Matt Smith, Executive Director, Secondary Education
Michelle Morrison, Director, Business Services
Beth Graser, Director, Communications
Greg Timmons, Principal, Liberty High School
Val Bokma, Assistant to the Board

City View Charter School:

Jeff Hays
Bassam Khalifeh
Becky Mills
Mark Needham
Larry Thompson
Kristine Sullens

Others Present:

Greg McKenzie, Window to Leadership
Devin Hunter, HCU
Maureen Barnhart, HEA
Jill Golay, HEA
Hannah Leone, The Oregonian
Kathy Fuller, Hillsboro Tribune

WORK SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

Board Chair Kim Strelchun called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. (Due to an activity with students prior to the work session, the meeting began later than scheduled.)

1. Update on Policy IKF: Graduation Requirements

Executive Director of Secondary Education Matt Smith presented options for revising policy IKF: Graduation Requirements, explaining that revisions are required in order to align the policy with new legal requirements and the District's college and career goals for students. He requested Board members' input, and answered their questions.

Aspects of the discussion included:

- The process of developing the options
- The importance of defining priorities, values, and expectations – and providing opportunities – that will provide multiple pathways for student success
- The need for early communication with parents and students regarding opportunities and requirements

Board members were advised to contact Executive Director Smith with any additional input they would like to provide.

2. PERS Bond Discussion

Chief Financial Officer Stewart provided information regarding an opportunity to issue bonds to offset the District's unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) with the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), which currently totals \$40.2 million. The potential gains and risks of the proposal, and variables impacting the outcome, were discussed. Board members asked clarifying questions and requested additional information, which will be provided at a future date. This item is scheduled for Board action on January 27.

Board Chair Strelchun called for a motion to revise the agenda, moving the City View Charter School renewal request discussion forward on the agenda, as a courtesy to participants. Director Akers MOVED, SECONDED by Director Sollman, to revise the agenda. The MOTION CARRIED (7-0).

3. Discuss City View Charter School Renewal Request

Board members discussed the City View Charter School Board of Directors' request for a ten-year renewal of its existing charter. The request includes an increase in the enrollment cap to 432 students, and an increase in City View's percentage of the State School Fund to 90 percent. City View Charter School principal Jeff Hays, board president Mark Needham, and board member Larry Thompson were present to answer District Board members' questions.

Superintendent Scott recommended that the requests for a 10-year charter renewal and an increase in the enrollment cap be approved, but did not recommend approval for the request of increased funding. He explained that the District provides support to City View Charter School in several areas, including staffing, business services, student services, and access to professional development for staff members; that students who attend City View Charter School do not decrease the District's set costs (since these students are not all from a single class or area, the District's costs for staffing, transportation, and other related expenses, remain the same); that, after several years of budget reductions, the District needs to address challenges related to class size, curriculum renewal and adoption requirements, investments in college and career programs, restoring funds to athletics and activities, the arts, etc.; and that a decision to increase funding to City View Charter School is a decision to decrease the funding that supports students enrolled in the District.

Chief Financial Officer Stewart presented a comparison of City View's funding request and the District's funding recommendation for Board members to review.

Principal Hays shared that City View Charter School is educating students to the best degree possible with the available resources, and said that the reasons cited by Superintendent Scott for needing to retain the funds within the District are the same reasons why City View Charter School needs the additional funds. He also discussed City View's plans for expanding and relocating the school and providing additional services for students. He said that City View is making progress in working toward its goal of providing a special niche for students as part of the District.

Board members requested an opportunity to review the current contract between the District and City View Charter School, and the charter school's strategic business plan. They also requested additional information regarding the District's actual cost per student, and asked about potential methods for calculating the funding rate for charter school students. Board Chair Strelchun stated that, although staffing plans are developed using a student/staff ratio, the budget for schools within the District is not based on a per-student cost, but involves many considerations.

Additional key points of the discussion included student achievement requirements, teacher salaries, class sizes, services provided to students, staff retention, and training expenses.

Superintendent Scott and members of the Board emphasized that City View students are District students, and their success is important. They expressed appreciation for the learning options that City View Charter School provides for District students, the good working relationship between the District and the charter school, and the fact that City View students participate in District activities and athletic programs.

A public hearing regarding the City View Charter School renewal request is scheduled for January 27. The Board will take action on the request on February 24.

4. Board Leadership Discussion

Consultant Greg McKenzie from Window to Leadership, LLC, led the Board in a discussion of the evaluation tools / process for the Superintendent and the Board, and focus group facilitation skills.

Highlights of the discussion included:

- Revisions to the Superintendent evaluation process
- Aspects of the new Board evaluation process
- The future development of a District evaluation process
- The basis of the evaluations, and the interrelationships between the Board, the Superintendent, and other factors impacting the District's success
- Plans for scheduling and conducting focus groups within the community to receive input toward developing the District's budget and new strategic plan, and to provide insights into the roles and contributions of Board members
- Guidelines for facilitating group discussions

5. Discuss Legislative Priorities

Director of Communications Beth Graser presented a draft of the Board's priorities for advocacy during the 2015 Legislative Session. The draft was based on discussions that took place during the November 18 and December 9 Board meetings. Legislative priorities are scheduled for adoption on January 27.

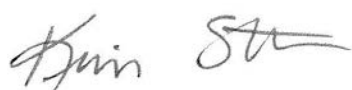
Superintendent Scott reminded Board members of the upcoming Washington County Legislative Summit.

6. Board Discussion Time

Director Graser reminded Board members of the Hillsboro Schools Foundation Auction and Gala (February 21) and the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Crystal Apple Awards (February 26).

Board members had no additional information to share.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.



Approved February 24, 2015