

On August 10, 2017, the Central Linn School Board held a work session in the conference room of Central Linn High School. The meeting began at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: David Goracke, David Karo, Parker Leigh, George Frasier, Eric Gerber, Rebekah Schneiter.

Members Absent: Mark Penrod

Others Present: Brian Gardner, Susan Beaudin, Celeste Van Cleave, Robyn Bailey, Stacey Meneses, Jordan Parish, Katie Cheney, Brian Tenbusch, Sue Frasier.

Superintendent Gardner stated the main question for tonight's meeting is if the Board decides to pursue a bond to address the facilities at Central Linn School District, shall it be a one or two campus solution?

Mr. Gardner provided some history by providing copies of the power point presentation Board members used for their recent community meetings, and copies of the survey results from 2016 - 2017. Mr. Gardner cautioned the group the results were anecdotal, not scientific. The Fall 2016 survey was sent only to those who voted in the last election and the results divided into people who voted yes and no but had potential for changing (soft no), and those that would seemingly vote no regardless of additional information (hard no). The top three issues patrons had: need to see better plans and costs; separation between age groups; and a plan for the CLES building if it is closed. The most recent door-to-door survey was demographically balanced to reflect again those who voted in May 2016, i.e. 50% of those who voted in Precinct 73 were over the age of 60, the sample was 50% over the age of 60. An effort was made to not poll a husband and wife and to balance gender as much as possible. The sample was random with no respect to names. Results reflected Brownsville came out the same as was voted but Halsey had changed and more open to a K-12.

Comments/Discussion from the Board:

Need to think long-term what is best for the students/district and be sustainable; need to make a decision and state the rationale addressing better plans and costs, separate age groups and plans for the Halsey building if we don't use it; agree with the K-12 but what is easier to sell; 2017 Survey reflects upswing in supporting a K-12; felt we were close to passing last May.

If the Board goes with a K-12, the Halsey City Administrator would like the opportunity to help plan what might be done with the Halsey building, i.e. keep the athletic fields, install a no depth pool, form a partnership and obtain grants. The Board discussed if it went with one campus, a small benefit would be, if needed, the district having the option to become a charter school, building two campuses throws that option away; need to have clear separation; tour Yamhill-Carlton in October; inform voters taxes will go up anyway if kids go to a different district; tax rates higher in surrounding districts; don't use scare tactics if effects students and staff; if the Board waits until May costs and interest rates keep going up.

Members of the Board Sub-Committee on Facilities were Present and Commented:

Agree on the K-12 it's what is best for kids, but go with what will pass the bond; when researching a campaign manager, they suggested, in their opinion, not closing a campus to students, hard sell to community; when talking to Junction City School Board (took two elections to pass their bond) they used a consultant instead of campaign manager; find what is driving our community and then address those issues; promote new school to be used as an emergency community shelter to gain voters with no kids; have to have a plan (drawings) for CLES with a K-12 plan; Halsey Mayor wants to continue holding the Bloom N' BBQ and kids served free meals during summer at the Halsey site; when breaking down costs for voters, a smaller amount is a better sell; shouldn't sell out for the easiest sell option; rally the young patrons to vote.

Although there was a previous consensus this past winter to pursue two campuses, after additional community meetings with Board members and district surveys, the question rose again on how best to address district facilities.

After discussion, there was consensus among the school board members present to pursue a bond for a K-12 school on one campus on the November 2017 ballot. The Board will officially address this at its' regular August school board meeting.

Superintendent informed those present he had met with Joey Running, sub-committee treasurer, as to plans for opening a bank account for the PAC and establishing a PAC with the state at the appropriate time. He had also scheduled a meeting with Ken Volante next week to discuss his possible interest in serving as consultant for a bond committee.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:23 p.m.



Susan Beaudin, Board Secretary



Chairman

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Date Approved