

Work Session Meeting of the Board of Directors
Sutherlin School District 130 - Sutherlin School District Office

Call to order and roll call

Board

JR Guthrie
Trixy Moser
Mike Boehm
Justin Peterman
Nikki York

Staff

Terry Prestianni
Wendy Fennell
Della Mock
Rick Holder

Guests

Brian Prawitz

After establishing a quorum Board Chair JR Guthrie called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion Items

Community Communications

Superintendent Prestianni reported after the bond levy in 2018 he had discussions with Kevin Miller, Superintendent of Winston-Dillard and how Winston went about introducing their bond to the community and getting community support for said bond. Superintendent Miller indicated he had used Brian Prawitz to assist in the communications of the Winston community. Board chair Guthrie and the superintendent met with Brian Prawitz discussing what worked and what had not in bond levies in districts in the county.

Mr. Prawitz commented polling, flyers, social media, a dedicated PAC, canvassing, phone calls and a concerted effort in the last days to get information out all contributed to the successful passage of the bond in Winston.

Items the Board needs to consider include:

- a tax rate per \$1000 assessed property value;
- items/improvements the community sees a need/interest in;
- funding amount needed to do improvements;
- and identify improvements the district could make through staff and operating budget.

Polling is a critical component of a bond endeavor as it helps establish the best guess the community would approve to make an impact on the community.

Possible election times were discussed -- May of 2020 would be a better time than Nov of 2020.

Board member Guthrie commented if a decision was made to go out after a bond, he would like to have a professional handle it. The Board has not had those conversations.

Board member Peterman commented he too would like to have a professional handle a bond effort, if the Board decides to go this route. He noted the board should explore the possibility of retrofitting the middle school now that the 6th grade has been moved to that location.

Board member York noted in conversations she had with community members, she realized the community did not understand how bond funds are used.

Superintendent Prestianni also noted community members do not understand the tax structure.

Mr. Prawitz is willing to work with the district as a consultant for a couple of months to explore the possibility of a bond. He would charge a fee of \$500 per month for the period of July through October 2019. If the board determines they would like to pursue a bond levy, then a contract would be needed and it would be necessary to go out for quotes/bids of the service.

Mr. Prawitz reviewed a sample time-line that was used by Winston-Dillard, which identified the responsibilities of the consultant, and the PAC. The consultant gives information, the PAC is who pushes for the YES vote. PAC is responsible for paying for signage, buttons and banners.

Board members indicated they would like to begin meeting to discuss a potential bond levy, a work session of the board will be held on August 19th at 6pm prior to the Board's regular meeting.

Adjournment

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

JR Guthrie, Board Chair

Wendy Fennell, Executive Assistant