

McKenzie School District
School Board Meeting
September 18, 2019

5:32 P.M. Meeting called to Order

Present: Tim Halloran, Alyssa Brownlee, Melissa Norlund, James Rudisill,
Patence Winningham arrived late
Absent: Kent Roberts, George Beverly

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Actions that are routine or usually call for no discussion, such as approving minutes of previous meetings, acceptance of donations and similar actions, often handled together in one vote by the Board.

Agenda Amendments: add Action Item 4: Behm Property purchase amendment

1. Minutes Regular School Board August 21, 2019
2. Approval of Financial Report/Statements
3. Acceptance of Donations:
Jarod Anderson donation of gas powered Harley Davidson golf cart for maintenance department
4. Personnel
Hire Makaila Hiddleston Youth Transition Participant Coordinator position
Hire Sandra Acevedo Substitute Food Service
Hire Huckleberry Preschool Instructor Alicia Thorndyke & JoAnne Auchtung
Extra Duty contract Fred Heins- Concessions
5. Enrollment
6. Policies First Reading- none

Melissa Norlund moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Alyssa Brownlee and unanimously approved.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

District Report

Superintendent/ Principal

- A highlight of staff in-service week was tree climbing
- The new playground equipment is being assembled on the intermediate playground
- Many staff members attended a two day Wilderness First Aid course August 19 & 20th
- Soderstrom Architects have finished up the Facility Assessment, Seismic Assessment and Long Range Facilities plan proposal drafts. The final report should be finished next week.
- Focus this year working on CIP and SSA

Building Report

Assistant Principal

- School climate and culture will continue to be an area of emphasis this school year
- First Friday Healthy Eagles tradition continued in year two. Topics of discussion included stress management, student handbook review, and bullying; new class credos were created. The credos will be made into posters and placed around the halls of the MS/HS
- ASB led student assembly, students broke into work groups and readied the school for the Welcome Back BBQ and football game. Over 200 people attended the BBQ, special thanks to Josh Cloke, James and Stacy Rudisill and Marshall and Tabitha Eck for helping with the food and clean up
- McKenzie River Salmon Celebration September 28th at the Community Track. A great free family friendly day, local artists and food vendors, fly casting lessons, interactive stream table, water quality testing booth and children's art activities. Sponsored by the McKenzie Watershed Council.

Financial

In August we received \$115,110 revenue, expenditures \$ 198,067.

Accounts payable: \$145,368.60, of that, \$15,211.09 is charter expenditures.

August paid PACE \$56,307 and purchase fuel for \$18,496.25

August payroll \$45,305.72

High School Student Body \$2,751.93

McKenzie River Community School

Josh Cloke, chair, was present to show a commercial to advertise MRCS. The commercial is scheduled to air over the next several months. The charter board is currently looking for a parent representative on the board, preferably a parent of a 7-12 grade student. Applications are available at the district and high school office and on line. The charter board will be looking at fundraising for advertising.

Facility Report

Once the final Assessment reports are presented from Soderstrom Architects the facility committee will meet to review the recommendations. The committee will look at cost for repairs vs replacement and make recommendations to the board.

Behm Property Report

Daniel Dietz was present to say that the McKenzie River Trust (MRT) will not be exercising Grant of Purchase Option for Conservation Real Property that was signed by Tim Halloran of the McKenzie School Board, and Louise Solliday of the McKenzie River Trust Board in its current form.

In accordance with section 14 of the option, MRT is requesting that the Option be modified, or amended. This modification will occur in writing and both the Owner and the Optionee will need to agree to and sign this modification.

Specifically, MRT is seeking to modify section 2.4, Purchase Price for Property Interests. This section states that "the consideration for the Property at Closing will be determined by the value ascribed to the Property by an appraisal." MRT has reviewed the appraisal, and does not

dispute the results. The decision to value the timber based on a two year average price over a current valuation is unusual, but not unheard of. However, it does capture an atypical spike in prices that occurred in 2018, and led to an unanticipated increase in the appraised value.

The increased appraisal value is above what MRT is able to pay with the funding sources that it had lined up, and MRT is not able to purchase the property at the value listed in the 2019 appraisal. Negotiating a new purchase will allow us to continue pursuing the property, if we can reach a price that is amenable to both the school district and MRT.

James Rudisill feels that the 2018 high value skewed the numbers, currently the value is going down. He feels the \$197,000 price is reasonable, to see the property just sit won't give scholarships to our students. Nancy Behm said in an optimal world you hope for the higher amount of money but Jerry and I feel that \$197,000 is fair. We would love to see this move forward with MRT and we feel OCF is a good place for the funds. We look forward to the funds moving into scholarships for McKenzie students.

The board is behind this transaction moving forward putting the funds to work for the students.

Board Evaluation

Tim explained the process of the OSBA self evaluation. There was board discussion, Alyssa and Patence liked the idea of having OSBA come to the district for a 3 to 4 hour board workshop to help with the evaluation process.

ACTION ITEMS

1. OSBA Legislative nominations

George Beverly is interested in the legislative committee and possibly representing our region. There was discussion on the responsibilities of each board member considering a future school bond, the Behm property sale, the upcoming board self evaluation process, developing a Strategic plan and continuing the implementation of the Charter action plan and oversight. Considering these current responsibilities the board took no action.

2. OSBA Self Evaluation

Alyssa Brownlee moved to approve contracting with OSBA for the Board Self Evaluation services, seconded by Melissa Norlund and unanimously approved.

3. Resolution 19-G Construction Excise Tax

Wendy Whitson read the resolution to the board

James Rudisill moved to approve Resolution 19-G Imposition of Construction Excise Tax, seconded by Patence Winningham and unanimously approved.

4. Behm Property Purchase Amendment

Melissa Norlund moved to grant Board Chair Tim Halloran authority to sign an amendment to the Grant of Purchase Option for Conservation Real Property that was entered into between the McKenzie School District and the McKenzie River Trust in July of 2019. Specifically, the amendment will change section 2.4 to reflect that the acquisition price will be \$197,000.

All other agreements will remain in place, seconded by Alyssa Brownlee and unanimously approved.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

- James Rudisill would like to see the 2019-20 school calendar on our website in an easy place to find. He asked about a student run website.
- The Forest Service (FS) is currently evaluating the possibility of working with the U of O to get the U of O to perform an analysis on the schools heating system. The FS is working out details and would like to present at a future school board meeting to discuss the proposal and get approval before moving forward. More to come.
- Patence Winningham announced September is National Preparedness Month, she wondered if the school was participating

FUTURE AGENDA

School Report Cards

Public Hearing Behm Property October 16, 2019 5:15 P.M.

Regular School Board Meeting October 16, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

6:45 P.M. James Rudisill moved to adjourn, seconded by Melissa Norlund and unanimously approved.