

Harrisburg School District No. 7

P.O. Box 208
Harrisburg, OR 97446
Special Board Meeting
August 20, 2016

Present: Board Chair Anthony Knox, Board Vice-Chair Shelly Watson, Randy Klemm, Wayne Swango, Terry Crabb, Superintendent Bryan Starr, Recording Secretary Michele Pelkey

Terry Crabb joined the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Randy Klemm left the meeting at 12:42 p.m.


1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Board Chair Wayne Swango called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.
2. **OPEN SESSION:** Board Chair Wayne Swango declared the meeting to be in open session at 12:15 p.m.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Randy Klemm motioned, seconded by Anthony Knox, approved unanimously by the Board: ***approve the agenda as presented.***
4. **INTER-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST:** Board Secretary Michele Pelkey explained that a family with a student in first grade wishes to transfer all of their children into our district, however, the first grader was denied since there was not a slot available. The Board was asked to allot another slot, so the parent could re-apply for the first grader. Anthony Knox motioned, seconded by Shelly Watson, approved unanimously by the Board: ***allot an additional inter-district transfer slot for a first grade student.***
5. **FOOTBALL FIELD REQUEST:** Wayne Swango said that he received a request to talk about the naming of the high school football field. Superintendent Bryan Starr started by saying that it might be good to formulate some criteria, so that when these requests come up, the criteria is ready, and a decision can be made. He continued to say that he would like a committee formed that would work on this. He said he would like other things to happen this season to honor Eric Knox. Anthony Knox said that he would like it to be a community decision, and that there have been many people in the community that could be honored. He continued to say that he would like the football team from 50 years ago to come back this year to be honored. Tony Koontz said that that was going to happen this year. Shelly Watson said that she likes the idea of forming a committee and completing policy research. Randy Klemm pointed out that football is a community event, and there are many community members who contribute to the program, so it should be a community decision. He said that we will want community support when we put a bond on the ballot. Tony Koontz said that if we have a memorial stadium and/or hall of fame, we can add names of all who have supported the program. He said that he had a banner made in honor of Eric, and he would like to see the same thing for all from the past, present and future who fit the criteria. Anthony said he would like to see it be something that includes the community as a whole. Wayne Swango said that he would like to see something that is community driven. Randy said that he would like to see something done to honor Eric sooner rather than later. Terry Crabb joined the meeting. Tony said it's important to do something soon during one of the games to honor Eric. Terry Crabb said that he would like to wait until next spring to name the field, and maybe consider having a wall that would honor everyone that has worked for the program. He said that we should wait instead of making a decision while we're in the heat of emotion. The consensus of the Board was that they wanted a committee to establish criteria for naming fields. Bryan Starr said that he would work with Tony Koontz to make a committee soon.
6. **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS:** Bryan Starr said that he would like to see an implementation process in place that would drive decisions that the school district makes. He passed out a timeline for focus groups along with questions for the focus groups. Data would be compiled and

then presented to the Board, and then a planning group consisting of citizens which could eventually morph into a bond planning group. Shelly Watson said she thinks it's a good direction to help to get people talking about issues in the district. Mr. Starr and the Board then discussed rewriting the goals. Terry Crabb asked if there should be a starting point for the focus group. Shelly said that she would like to be part of the strategic plan and work with Mr. Starr. Wayne said he felt like they were all behind him and by consensus he could go forward with the plan.

7. **BUILDING PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**: Mr. Starr said that he felt that the building principal's should report one or two key things happening in their buildings at each Board meeting with something included in the Board packet. He would like it to take place after the Student of the Month presentations. Then, if there is nothing on the agenda that pertains to them, they could be excused for the remainder of the meeting. Shelly said that she likes both of the ideas. Anthony said he was for it, as well. He likes the idea of open dialog. One of the items that he would like them to report on is attendance since it has been an issue.
8. **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT/LONG RANGE PLANNING GRANT (CITIZEN'S GROUP)**: Mr. Starr said that there is another grant that could cover any remaining expenses that the seismic grant will not cover. He spoke with someone from the energy trust, and they are set up to service small rural schools. Mr. Starr said that he would like the Board's approval to work with the Energy Trust of Oregon and McKinstry to prepare for a Bond for the May 2018 ballot. Senate Bill 1149 dollars and energy trust dollars plus approximately \$30,000 to \$50,000 from the district would help the community see that we are using leveraging dollars to save energy. Mr. Starr said that he would like the Board's direction on this subject. Wayne asked what the cost of the audit would be. Mr. Starr said that the audit wouldn't cost anything, but the project would cost money. Anthony said that he would be fine with the audit, so that we would be in position for the next step if a bond passes. Terry liked the idea of having the audit done, so that we know what our needs are in the district. Shelly said that we need to make sure we don't replace things that we might replace if a bond passes.
9. **BOARD SELF-EVALUATION**: The Board went through each standard from the OSBA Board self-evaluation packet. They gave their input on each standard. They also discussed their growth and cohesiveness. Mr. Starr said that things are running well. He said that becoming an AVID school district is really going to change things for the better, and that he's going to make sure that it's data driven, and that the Board will begin to see that data.
10. **2016-2017 TOPICS**: Mr. Starr asked the Board if there were any topics that they wanted him to explore this year. Terry asked if anyone wanted to look at going to a K-8 model. Shelly thought that due to the size of our schools, it necessitates two schools. She added that our elementary school is clearly separate from our middle school. Mr. Starr said that the principal at the elementary school can focus on their issues and programs, and the middle school can focus on middle school issues and programs. Mr. Starr pointed out that some Portland schools that were on a K-8 model are going back to separating their schools. Terry said that if we saved money by going to a K-8 program, we could offer more programs to students.

11. **ADJOURN**: Wayne Swango adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.


Wayne Swango, Board Chairman


Michele Pelkey, Recording Secretary