

SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Work Session

May 29, 2012

The Board of Directors of Sherman County School District met at Sherman Junior Senior High School in Moro Oregon on May 29, 2012 at 9:00 am. The following were present: Bill Martin, Chair, Verna Simantel, Vice Chair, Ken Melzer, Ted von Borstel, Directors; Km McKinney, deputy clerk; Ivan Ritchie, Superintendent/Principal, Gary Thompson, County Judge, Wes Owens, Principal.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 9:05

**ENERGY SAVING PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING DISCUSSION**

The Board discussed with Judge Thompson the failure of the ground source heat pump project to pencil out for a 15 year payback. It is the most efficient option, but expensive to install. Chairman Martin questioned Judge Thompson on potential loans for projects. Judge Thompson said that almost all the funds they had allotted for loans this year had been used. In the future a loan from the County would be an option at 2.7 % which is what they are loaning out at now to cities. Chair Martin asked if the County would loan at a lower rate to the School District and Judge Thompson said he did not have the authority on his own to commit to that. The School District has through Johnson Controls a 3% municipal lease to fund the project. Judge Thompson talked about the possibility of other grants through The Oregon Department of Energy/Cool Schools and USDA. The Board wanted those options explored before committing to a project. The poor payback for the cost of a \$300,000 solar array was discussed. Judge Thompson agreed that the renewable grant could be used for efficient windows and the ducted heat recovery system in the high school.

The work session ended without formal action taken.

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Chair, Bill Martin

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Superintendent/Principal, Ivan Ritchie

