

Corvallis School District #1
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND BOARD WORK SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10/23/2018

Special Session Meeting in Handley House

1. Called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Becky Anderson, Chairman.

The School Board Trustees of Corvallis School District #1 met at a duly constituted and properly noticed meeting Tuesday evening in the Handley House.

Trustees

Present: Becky Anderson, Tonia Bloom, Jennifer Channer, Kathi Harder-Brouwer, Ginny Hoffman, Dan Wolsky, and Todd Wyche

The Superintendent was present throughout the entire proceedings.

Others present: Employees and /or community members as listed on the sign in sheet attached to the minutes.

2. *Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items*

None

3. *Strategic Plan – Revised Goal Sections*

Trustee Anderson thanked Allison Nys for preparing and sending out a color-coded Strategic Plan. Allison Nys informed everyone the blue areas are goals for the School Board. The yellow/green areas are goals for the Administrative Team.

Tonight, we would be looking at the blue, School Board areas and updating the plan from there.

Allison also shared that with the Advanced Ed review, commonalities within the plan were noticed and suggestions were made. For example, the academic excellence in Advanced Ed should match the goals. There does not need to be 2 and 5 year objectives, and we should build on to the goals from the objectives.

Focus Area 1: Academic Excellence - After a lengthy discussion between all present the wording in Focus Area 1: Academic Excellence, was agreed upon by the Board.

Focus Area 2: Student Readiness for College/Career - Discussion took place and agreed that no change was needed in Focus area 2: Student Readiness for College/Career.

Focus Area 3: Positive School Climate - Discussion took place and the wording of Focus Area 3: Positive School Climate was agreed upon.

A discussion was had on the tense (past/present/future) wording within the Strategic Plan and it was agreed upon the document should reflect the same tense throughout.

Focus Area 4: Technology - A discussion was had on the need for this area to be an evolving area of focus, as technology changes. Wording was decided upon and everyone agreed on Focus Area 4.

Focus Area 5: Community Engagement and Support - A discussion was had on the wording and Focus Area 5: Community Engagement and Support was agreed upon.

A discussion was had on the next step for the Plan and it was agreed the wording would be finalized for School Board approval in November.

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4. *Facilities*

A Lengthy discussion took place between all present regarding the future facilities of our district with the main focus being on the REC property and new development.

Main topics discussed were:

- Is it feasible to the district to involve an architect at this stage?
- Would a consultant be better?
- When should we engage the community in the plans for future development?
- What should the timing be in introducing a drawing/plan to vote on?

Trustee Bloom noted that districts usually have more success if a concrete example can be shown to the public. It's a better opportunity to conceptualize the idea.

Trustee Wyche commented on the importance of validating responses from the community and how the feedback from the community might be more positive if we include them.

Trustee Harder-Brouwer suggested we let the community know what our highest needs are within the district.

Superintendent Johnson brought up the recent survey sent out to Corvallis School District. He said that 80 people have taken the survey. 30 online and 50 by mail. November 1 will be the cutoff for the survey responses.

Trustee Wyche suggested we draft what we are looking for tonight. For example, looking at ways to engage the community, providing them with drawings to visualize, deciding on the best practices for our goals and schools needs, and what the time frame is going to look like.

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Trustee Anderson said she feels there is not enough information known at this time. She suggested contacting other schools of class A size and coming back with more concrete information.

Trustee Bloom said the last additions haven't taken that long and we should try to time the project with the next general election.

There was a discussion regarding names and businesses used other places.

Trustee Hoffman suggested we initially look for someone who can help with some of the general issues.

Trustee Wolsky said it needs to be someone to facilitate and keep the project on track.

Trustee Channer suggested we be specific with what the facilitator is providing.

Trustee Bloom asked if we knew when the firms start charging for the services used.

Trustee Anderson said we need a list of what we need now.

Superintendent Johnson asked everyone to write down the wants/needs we have. These sticky notes were placed on a white board. Mr. Johnson has a picture of this list. He said he will talk to different firms about these wants. He will also call a variety of schools to ask what firms they have used and then look at their websites.

Superintendent Johnson asked what do we want to have for the next board meeting? What info has been learned and what pre-bond services are available.

Trustee Harder-Brouwer noted there is 18 months before we should start campaigning before the general election. Should we use this as a timeline?

Trustee Anderson decided because there was so much discussion covered this evening, there is no need to meet next week.

5. Adjournment

Trustee Anderson moved to adjourn.

Adjourned 8:36 p.m.



Heather Smart for
District Clerk



Board Chair