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Finance Advisory and Bond Oversight Committee Minutes
August 22, 2019

Committee Members:

Present: Dr. Sara Hahn-Huston, Sandra Buchanan, Michael McElwee, Chrissy Reitz, and Nancy Rowley

Absent: Jesus Becerra, Rich Truax, Kelly Beard, Charlene Ames, Brent Emmons, Rich Polkinghorn, David Russo

Welcome & Call to Order – 4:35 pm

Dr. Sara Hahn-Huston called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm on August 22, 2019 in the Nathaniel Coe Administrative Center Board Room.

Public Comment

Sandra Buchanan opened the meeting for public comment, but there were no comments shared.

Reports & Discussions – 4:36 pm

- a. Review purpose of committee
(reference Board policy DIA Finance Advisory Committee)
Sandra Buchanan went over the purpose of the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC). She announced that an opening on the FAC committee is currently available and an application is available online.
The calendar for the Finance Advisory Committee is set for the year. It is also available online.
- b. Update on the Capital Projects
Jose Aparicio, project manager with the Wenaha Group, shared a PowerPoint presentation giving updates on the capital projects & improvements program, budget and bond project schedule update.

The report included highlights of each school being improved:

Cascade Locks

The fences are in place. The asphalt has been put in, there are upgrades to the vestibule, and dry rot has been removed from the overhangs.

Some improvements are still being done after school starts, but classrooms will be moved around to keep kids safe.

Wy'east Middle School

The driveway was completed before the start of the County Fair, installation of Solar panels has been completed, and gravel has been applied in areas where it was needed.

Parkdale Elementary School

The new administration area has been completed. More windows were added, improving visibility and atmosphere. Improvements were made to the health room. Outside improvements included remaking the play structure with an added covered area.

The sewer challenge: there was an elevation issue – the sewer line was lower than Parkdale sanitation line. A pump was installed, which fixed the problem.

Westside Elementary School

Principals Bill Newton & Amy McConnell are back in their offices. An improvement was made to a modular to increase ADA accessibility to the Arts & Education building. The sidewalk was extended along the side of the school so kids have a safe path along Belmont. The junipers were removed so there is greater visibility. All heating, cooling, and ventilation units have been replaced.

May Street Elementary

A letter from Kirby Nagelhout was reviewed regarding the stages and timing of construction at May Street.

Plans are in place to welcome the community to see the building on October 3, 2019. Teachers are setting up classrooms already.

Overall outdoor work is lagging, but it will all be caught up by November. Gardens and lawns will be fenced off to help them root. Bark chips, asphalt are installed. Surprise: An old fuel tank was discovered with 7000 gallons of fuel in it. It was pumped and removed this week.

Trees are planted along outside, will be blocked off as students return to school. Courtyard – playground. 75% of equipment in place. Wood chips will be laid.

When school starts, the builders will start their work at 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Large panel pictures of great Gorge places will be displayed near the doors to the “Neighborhood” courtyards. Bottle fillers have been installed. The library is being filled with books. The library desk is made of the old bleacher wood from the original building. The wood was refinished and it looks beautiful and has been placed throughout the school.

Chrissy Reitz noted the Wenaha group took care to reclaim the wood and belongings from the old school when it was practical to do so. This allowed some of the historical charm to be saved.

Buchanan noted that there have not been any new buildings built since the early 70's. This bond was timely and needed.

The 4:00 meeting start times will be kept for the FAC meetings moving forward.

Dr. Hahn-Huston adjourned the meeting at 5:31 P.M.

2019-20 Meeting Schedule (District Board Room 204 or as announced)

2019 Dates	Meeting Times	2020 Dates	Meeting Times
August 22, 2019	4:30 – 5:30 pm	January 16, 2020	4:00 – 5:30 pm
September 19, 2019	4:00 – 5:30 pm	February 20, 2020	4:00 – 5:30 pm
October 17, 2019	4:00 – 5:30 pm	March 19, 2020	4:00 – 5:30 pm
November 14, 2019	4:00 – 5:30 pm	April 16, 2020	4:00 – 5:30 pm
December 19, 2019	4:00 – 5:30 pm	May 21, 2020	4:00 – 5:30 pm

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