

Minutes of Special and Work Session

The Board of Directors Ashland School District

A Special and Work Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ashland School District was held Wednesday, May 15, 2019, beginning at 6:00 PM in the District Office Board Room, 885 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland OR 97520.

1. **Call to Order / Roll Check**

Chair Zeve called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. A roll check confirmed that a quorum was present consisting of Directors Zeve, Westrick and Skuratowicz. Also present were Superintendent Raymond, IT Director Mitzel and HMK partner David McKay. Director Strong arrived by 6:10 pm and Director Prud'homme was absent.

2. **Bond Update**

Superintendent Raymond stated that she has obtained some data about student transfers and acceptance rates at John Muir with the goal of beginning a conversation about the school's placement. She thinks we need to look at options and bear in mind our goals of designing for flexibility for future educational needs, changing student enrollment over time and careful stewardship of bond resources.

Mr. McKay presented very rough cost estimates for site options for John Muir School. He offered his view from a project manager's perspective, stating that design and construction are key partners. It won't be possible to have a full picture or better estimates until we have all perspectives at the table.

Mr. McKay assessed the current usage in square footage by John Muir within the AMS footprint, counting classroom space and shared spaces. JMMS currently uses about 13,000 square feet. In Mr. McKay's opinion, there is ample square footage at AMS that could be used to re-purpose space for JMMS and result in quality education facilities. He cited the southwest corner of the building complex as an area that could be re-configured to generate quality space. He also stated that the AMS gym could be renovated with a seismic grant and that could result in two gyms for the middle school. He noted that a number of shared spaces already exist within the AMS complex and they would have to be built in a different site location,.

There was some discussion about possible advantages of aligning JMMS with an elementary school rather than the middle school. The student populations would be more similar and age appropriate activities easier to maintain. There would be challenges with traffic flow and there could be significant budget implications. Mr. McKay's very preliminary estimate was that building at a site like Walker could increase the total cost.

5. Adjourn

There being no further business, Chair Zeve adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

ASHLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS FOR 2018-2023

- A. Improve student achievement
- B. Recruit and retain high quality and diverse staff
- C. Create and maintain an environment that is welcoming, supportive and inclusive of all students and staff.

Submitted by:
Jackie Schad, Board Secretary

Dated for Board Approval: June 10, 2019

Board Chair, Deneice Zeve

Superintendent Kelly Raymond