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**CROOK COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020
CCSD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Scott Cooper, Patti Norris, Gwen Carr, Doug Smith, Walt Wagner

Administration Present: Sara Johnson, Anna Logan, Stacy Smith, Joel Hoff, Jim Bates, Kurt Sloper, Marques Hase, Leland Bliss, Pete Goodrich

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Flag Salute
- 1.2 Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
- 1.3 Recognition of Visitors
- 1.4 Agenda Additions, Deletions, or Revisions & Agenda Approval

Board Chair Scott Cooper called the meeting to order, established a quorum, and recognized visitors. There were no agenda adjustments.

Patti Norris moved and Doug Smith seconded the agenda be approved as presented. The vote was unanimous 5-0 in favor as follows: Yea – Scott Cooper, Doug Smith, Patti Norris, Walt Wagner, and Gwen Carr.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments may be made to the Board at this time on non-agenda topics. Please state your name and keep your comments to no more than two minutes. A group of visitors with a common purpose should designate a spokesperson for the group. If you wish to add an agenda item, please contact the superintendent's office two weeks prior to the new Regular Board Meeting (second Monday of the month).

There were none.

3.0 AGENDA TOPICS

3.1 Final Review and Approval 2020-21 School Calendar

Curriculum Director Stacy Smith came forward to present two versions of the 2020-21 School Calendar – one showing school starting the week prior to Labor Day and one showing school starting the day after Labor Day.

Doug Smith moved and Patti Norris seconded the Board approve Draft Calendar #3, with school starting September 8, the day after Labor Day. The vote was unanimous 5-0 in favor as follows: Yea – Scott Cooper, Doug Smith, Patti Norris, Walt Wagner, and Gwen Carr.

3.2 Resolution #07-2019-20 – Bond Refinance

Anna Logan provided an explanation regarding the Bond Refinance Resolution.

Doug Smith moved and Patti Norris seconded the Board adopt Resolution #07-2019-20 – Bond Refinance as presented. The vote was unanimous 5-0 in favor as follows: Yea – Scott Cooper, Doug Smith, Patti Norris, Walt Wagner, and Gwen Carr.

Anna then showed scenarios of possible General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020. She reviewed three scenarios and the general consensus of the Board was in favor of Option 3, but they are not opposed to Option 2.

Scenario 2 – a larger sliver off of each year except the first two years, but bring those two years up to \$1.03

- Makes a larger drop in 2023 (sooner and more substantial)
- Brings next year up to the \$1.03 target
- Can stay at \$1.03 target with no tax increase for a new bond
- The increase in the first year should be minimized by additions to tax base (like apartment complex)
- Will likely be less than \$1.03 because it's assumed as 3% growth, which is probably too low
- Frame the communications that we are still the lowest in C.O.
- If the bond doesn't pass, there is an even more drastic drop in the tax rate in 2023
- You could refinance again in 2038 to avoid the drop

Scenario 3 – increase to \$0.95 or something like that – but make it just like Option 2

- All the benefits of Scenario 2 without as substantial an impact to taxpayers
- It would be less of an increase to taxpayers next year (still immediate, but not as high of a jump)
- Again, there is some built-in prudence in the \$0.95 and it may not even end up that high

3.3 Board Review and Approval of Five Potential New Elementary School Names

The Board reviewed the potential names, mascots, and school colors submitted as possible names for the new elementary school. The Board then chose their top five names from the list as follows:

(In no particular order)

- Frontier Elementary School
- Steins Pillar Elementary School
- Caldera Elementary School
- Grizzly Elementary School
- Ochoco Elementary School

The name "Elementary" may change to "Academy", "Community", "Adventure".

The Board then asked Jim Bates to come back on March 9 with a proposed mascot and school colors for each of these school names.

3.4 Discussion on Options To Fund Middle School Construction Projects

Doug Smith estimated the bid would come in for Pioneer North the same as Pioneer South. However, there has been changes in the tax structure and material costs. It looks like it will be \$200,000 to \$300,000 more than the \$1.5 million range we currently have. The boiler in Pioneer is very old, with probably a three to five-year life span. To replace a steam boiler, it would probably be close to \$500,000 - \$700,000.

The Facilities Committee will come back to the Board asking for some additional funding in order to complete the Pioneer North remodel project. This will be on the March 9 Board agenda. He added that we have \$1.2 million from the Capital Fund Reserve. The question is where does the other \$200,000 - \$400,000 come from? There are several options. We could move funds from other fund accounts, borrow from other fund accounts, or budget to replace the funds.

Doug then talked about the middle school issue. We have grown 11% this year and are out of classrooms, which is dictating class size. We are at the point where we have talked about what do we do. We need to do something for 2021-22. We need to figure out how to come up with 6-8 classrooms for the middle school. We have been looking at modulars that are built offsite, which does not require BOLI wages. Once your order has been placed and accepted it takes about 6-8 weeks to complete the building process and be put in place. Once on site it is a matter of putting it together and becomes available quickly. If we use \$200 per sq. ft. for raw construction with only water and sewer (for restrooms), we are looking at 10,000 sq. ft. at a cost of \$2M. It would become a 6th grade wing, with some students walking to another wing for Science.

We currently have approximately 700 students now at CCMS. There is talk about how large does it need to be to split into two schools. For instance, if we reach 800 students, should we have two 400-student schools?

Doug indicated to the board that the Facilities Committee will be coming to the Board on March 9 with a proposal for funding for the new elementary school, as well as possibilities for future funding for the middle school.

3.5 Board Policy Review and Approval Process

The Board reviewed the options presented to keep Board policies updated. Scott has asked Jan to check with OSBA for complete information and cost on continued Board Policy Updates and policies prepared by OSBA. Also, she will provide information regarding a service offered by OSBA to maintain our policy website. Scott would also like to have an OSBA representative available by phone at the March 9 Board Meeting to answer questions the Board may have. Jan will check into this possibility.

3.6 Review of Board Self-Evaluation

The Board completed their self-evaluation in January. Patti Norris indicated the evaluation document they completed was from 2014, which Jan had found on the OSBA website. There is a new evaluation document, which had not yet replaced the 2014 document online. After Patti talked with OSBA, they have now removed the old form and provided a link to the new evaluation form. They have also offered to provide a free summary report. The updated evaluation has 69 multiple-choice questions. OSBA is pushing hard for every district in the state to complete the new evaluation. All data will then be aggregated and normed.

The Board discussed the possibility of holding a quarterly work session to dive deeper into topics so that the Board members are all on the same page. Board members agreed this would be a good idea.

4.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Scott Cooper

Scott Cooper, School Board Chair

Jan Martin

Jan Martin, Board Secretary

March 9, 2020

Date Minutes Approved