

GRESHAM-BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 JT.
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting / Work Session

April 6, 2017

The Gresham-Barlow School District Board of Education held a work session on Thursday, April 6, 2017, in the council chambers conference room of the Public Safety and Schools building, 1331 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, Oregon.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by the vice-chair, Kris Howatt. Other board members in attendance were Sharon Garner, Kent Zook, and John Hartsock. Matt O’Connell arrived at 5:15 p.m. Carla Piluso and Kathy Ruthruff were absent; however, a quorum of the board was present.

The following members of the superintendent’s cabinet were present:

Jim Schlachter	Superintendent
James Hiu	Deputy Superintendent of Secondary Education and Operations
Teresa Ketelsen	Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
Mike Schofield	Chief Financial Officer
Randy Bryant	Executive Director of Human Resources
Julie Evans	Executive Director of Elementary Education
Sara Huston	Executive Director of School Performance
John Koch	Executive Director of Student Support Services
Athena Vadnais	Director of Communications and Community Engagement

Guests present included the following:

Bruce Schmidt	Principal, Sam Barlow High School
Mike Schaefer	Principal, Gresham High School
Terry Taylor	Director of Facilities
Rick Rainone	President of Cornerstone Management Group
Cheryl Pin	Cornerstone Management Group, Inc.
Randall Heeb	Opsis Architecture, LLP

Note: All handouts provided at this session will be uploaded to the School Board page on the district’s web site: www.gresham.k12.or.us. Copies are also on file at the district office.

BOND PROJECTS UPDATE: GRESHAM HIGH SCHOOL (5:05 p.m.)

Mike Schaefer presented information on the Gresham High School reconstruction and modernization design concept. His report included a summary of community feedback, timelines, etc. (A copy of his slide presentation has been filed with these minutes.)

Principal Schaefer described three design elevations referred to as “New,” “Traditional,” and “Urban.” He explained that community members have liked various features of all three designs; however, the Traditional style was the preferred option by the majority.

Following discussion, board members concurred with submission of the Traditional design to the City of Gresham planning department. It was acknowledged that elements of all three styles are desirable, and modifications to the Traditional style are likely to occur as the design work progresses.

BOND PROJECTS UPDATE: SAM BARLOW HIGH SCHOOL (5:30 p.m.)

Bruce Schmidt presented information on the Sam Barlow High School bond projects, including security upgrades, landscaping, bus and car circulation, redesign of entrances, parking improvements, field use, the addition of a second story, community presentations and communication, etc. (A copy of Mr. Schmidt’s slide presentation has been filed with these minutes.)

RECESS/RECONVENE (5:59 p.m.)

The meeting was recessed at 5:59 p.m. and reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS UPDATE AND THOUGHT EXCHANGE SURVEY RESULTS (6:08 p.m.)

Amy Pol, a stakeholder engagement facilitator at ThoughtExchange, summarized results of a survey pertaining to characteristics desired in a new superintendent. (Her presentation was provided remotely by a Zoom video conference via the internet. A copy of her presentation slides and materials has been filed with these minutes.)

John Hartstock handed out a list of suggested superintendent interview questions for board preview prior to the April 13, 2017, board work session.

BOND BUDGET UPDATE (6:44 p.m.)

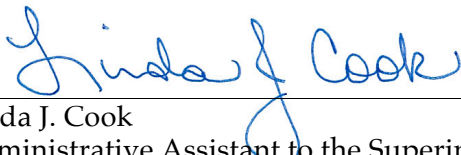
Mike Schofield explained bond premiums and how they impact the district’s bond measure. He also summarized information provided in a handout titled, “Gresham-Barlow School District, 2016 Capital Improvements Projects, Program Contingency Summary.”

Rick Rainone and Mike Schofield answered questions of the board regarding sewer connection costs for Sam Barlow High School, which is outside of the Urban Growth Boundary, the supply and accessibility of fire suppression water for Sam Barlow, and seismic upgrades at Gresham High School.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. A regular business meeting followed in the council chambers at 7:03 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on May 4, 2017.

Submitted by: 
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