

On February 6, 2023, members of the Central Linn School Board met to discuss facilities planning and funding along with board goals. The meeting was held in the Central Linn High School Room 804 and via Zoom. The meeting began at approximately 6:08 p.m.

1.0 ATTENDANCE

Members Present: David Karo, Carie Simon, Jason Curtis, Kirt Glenn, Suzy Parker, Parker Leigh, Tony Isom

Others Present: Candace Pelt, Dena Crowell, Celeste Van Cleave

2.0 FACILITIES PLANNING & FUNDING

Dr. Pelt started the meeting by informing the Board that the Central Linn Education Association's Memorandum of Understanding passed today then proceeded to agenda topics.

Funding Options for Facilities Improvements:

- 1) **General Fund**, General Fund is a funding option where we have the most flexibility of spending on facility improvement. This year the District set aside \$500,000 into the Maintenance Reserve Fund and anticipate another \$500,000 set aside next year.
- 2) **Grants (ESSER/Seismic)** The District can apply for Seismic Grants, like we did for the CLHS Domes projects and Elementary roof. We currently have approved \$800,000 from the ESSER Grant that can be used for CTE Capital improvements of the CLHS AG building.
- 3) **Bond** We can go out for community bonds which allows flexible use of funds for capital new construction or renovation projects though requires a community vote.
- 4) **Local Option Levy** We can go out for a local levy where funds can be used for capital improvement and/or towards specific learning programs though requires a community vote. Levys do not carry as high of a rate as a bond.

CLSD bond history:

In May 2016, the District attempted a \$32.14 million-dollar bond with \$4 million OSCIM match. The bond included a new K-12 building of brick and mortar constructed campus, sports complex and technology upgrades. Estimated tax rate was \$1.74 per \$1,000 assessed value. 43.10% voted YES, 53.76% voted NO.

In November 2017, the District attempted another bond at \$28.95 million. Project included a new K-12 dome constructed campus, track complex and technology upgrades. Estimated tax rate was \$1.72 per \$1,000 assessed value. Voter turnout was 54.24%; 32.18% voted YES, 67.18% voted NO.

Potential Projects:

Presented to the Board for consideration towards facility improvements included: CLHS AG/Shop, CLHS Locker Rooms, CLHS Classrooms, and CLES cafeteria/gyms/windows/kitchen.

Solution Survey:

Board members were surveyed:

- 1) *When applying for a seismic grant, would you prefer to:* update CLES cafeteria/gyms/windows/kitchen; update CLHS AG building or neither option. Board survey results indicated that 100% prefer to update CLES.

- 2) *When thinking about the AG building, I would prefer to:* update the existing building using general funds where grants do not apply; remove the building and create a new metal structure or neither option. Board survey results indicated that 100% prefer to remove current structure and build a new metal structure.

- 3) *When thinking about the locker room project, would the board prefer to:* update existing buildings using general funds where private donations do not cover costs, remove the building and create a new metal structure using general funds where private donations do not cover costs or neither option. Board voted 100% to remove the building and use general funds where private donations don't cover.

Other facility concerns noted: CLES asbestos removal, CLHS security, CLHS boiler/transformer rooms

Bond Rates:

Discussed bond rates pulled Spring 2022.

\$5 million over 5 years = \$1.25/\$1,000

\$5 million over 10 years = \$0.64/\$1,000

Bond Timeline:

The District is looking to potentially go out for a May 2025 bond. Part of the Board's job is community engagement and to be factual and clear about what the bond will cover. Once the measure is filed, district employees can no longer campaign but can provide information. The District still has the opportunity to apply for the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching (OSCIM) Grant of \$4 million, at random draw, in addition to the bond.

Board Survey Bond Results:

1) *When thinking about a bond, we should:*

- 16% I believe we should pass a repair-only bond for repairs at CLHS;
- 50% Pass a construction-only bond for repairs and CLES and CLHS;
- 33% Pass a new CLHS construction bond;
- 0% Pass a new construction bond for program staffing and materials;
- 0% I don't like any of the options.

2) *When thinking about a bond, we should:*

- 14% Keep costs under \$1.00 per \$1,000;
- 31% Costs between \$1.00 - \$2.00;
- 14% Costs associated with new building;
- 0% None of the options.

3) *When thinking about a bond*, the Board agreed that they would like to form a Political Action Committee (PAC) to campaign and support bond work and hire a consultant to support bond work versus completing the bond work themselves.

3.0 BOARD GOALS DISCUSSION

Dr. Pelt reported that current superintendent & board goals sunset after this school year and that the Board should work together to develop their own Board goals; separate from Superintendent goals. The goals should be clear and work towards allowing great success for the students they serve. The goals should include three goals that are adopted under a one to three year plan, reviewed annually, and be shared in a public meeting.

The Board developed several suggested goals such as: 1) Communication, 2) Safety and Security, 3) Family and Community Engagement, 4) Student Success, 5) Fiscal Transparency and Accountability, and 6) Long Term Facilities Plan. After extensive discussion on which three to four goals to focus on, the board was unable to come to consensus. Further discussion on goals was tabled for another worksession.

With no further business before the Board, Chair Karo adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:12 p.m.

Dena Crowell, Board Secretary

David Karo, Board Chairman

Date Approved

**Board meeting minutes approved on February 13, 2023.
Original minutes with signatures on file at the District Office.**