



Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Notes January 19, 2021; 5:30-7:30 pm

The meeting was held online due to COVID-19. All committee members were provided with a link to participate in the meeting via “Go-To”.

x	Rich Arnold, Committee member	x	Ryan Noss, Superintendent
x	Amy Crump, Committee member	x	Kim Patten, Director of Facilities & Transportation, Oversight Committee Staff Liaison
x	Brad Hamlin, Chair	x	Olivia Meyers Buch, Director of Finance & Operations
x	Jennifer Richmond, Committee member	x	Brenda Downum, Communications Coordinator
x	Emily Barton, Committee member	x	Dale Kuykendall, Wenaha Group
x	Emily Valdez, Committee member		Dave Fishel, Wenaha Group
x	Gordon Zimmerman, Committee member	x	Julie Haymart, Wenaha Group
x	Jay Conroy, School Board Liaison		

1. Welcome

Kim welcomed committee members and reminded everyone of digital meeting norms. Give time for everyone to be heard. If needed, feel free to use the chat for any questions.

Member updates and community contacts:

People are excited to see construction going on.

Chair Hamlin shared an email from community member Scott Newsham that was sent to him with a request to forward to committee members. Mr. Newsham’s email was discussed with a focus on his comments about the Bond Oversight Committee’s charter and the appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. Committee members discussed the email and were in consensus that the questions and concerns have already been presented and discussed at the Bond Oversight Committee meetings several months ago. Those topics included actual costs compared to original estimates, explanation of bond proceeds, and additional projects in the bond program.

The committee discussed the district’s transparency standards.

- Bond Oversight Committee meeting notes are located on the District website, generally within a week of the meeting.
- A monthly financial update is provided to the board each month which is also available on the District website in the board meeting packet.
- There are also news items on the District website with current updates from the Bond Program. The Bond Leadership team is focused on fulfilling bond promises. The only change to date has been the Cheldelin MS elevator project which was replaced with other ADA upgrades at the school office.
- While BOC meetings are not subject to public meeting law, the meeting is available to the public for viewing by request. Board member Jay Conroy is the liaison to this committee and he reports back to the board with updates.

2. Lincoln Topping Out video

The Lincoln Topping Out video was shared. Since an in-person gathering wasn’t possible due to COVID-19, the video was created. Husky topping out is anticipated to happen by the end of next month.

3. Financial Update

The format for the Bond financial report was revised to show greater detail about projected resources and unallocated reserves.

- The [December 17, 2020 monthly board report](#) was reviewed.
- The new format helps the district show current status of funding for all projects. The final three projects include Mountain View, Franklin, and the Harding Center.

In the report, “other funding sources” now has two columns to show the amount that has been allocated and approved by the Corvallis School Board or other grants; pending allocations are those that are projected and anticipated, but not yet approved by the board. The majority of the funds have been received with interest earnings as the only significant projection.

Olivia provided a lengthy explanation about the bond premium as it is included in the “other funding sources.” Key points from the discussion are below:

- In today’s low interest rate environment, investors are willing to pay more upfront for a bond that will generate higher interest payments down the road.
- The district has received \$39.2 million in bond premium through the issuance of bonds authorized by voters in 2018.
- 100% of the bond premiums will be used to complete the projects described in the ballot measure approved by voters.
- The district’s bond oversight committee monitors the use of all bond proceeds, including bond premiums, to ensure use consistent with the voter-approved ballot measure.
- The projected bond levy rate for taxpayers is still estimated to be at or below \$1.98 per \$1,000 of assessed value until the bonds expire.
- As the cost to taxpayers is equivalent to what was originally projected, we are comfortable accepting the additional proceeds to ensure that all bond projects are completed.

4. Communications

The committee discussed their key takeaways from the meeting. Key messages include:

1. New financial reporting clearly shows “other funding sources” including the bond premium and that the district will be using those funds to fulfill the bond promise.
2. There is a lot of careful, conservative work taking place in the management of funds and the bond program. With all of the uncertainty in the world today, the bond program is going well.
3. On December 15, we sold the remainder of bonds authorized by voters. We have maintained our Aa2 bond rating by Moody’s and our bond sale attracted a premium of \$10.5 million which will result in an unallocated Program Reserves of \$11million.

5. Committee Business

Committee members are invited to join district leadership on project tours this Friday touring Cheldelin, Garfield and Lincoln. Please wear close toed shoes, long pants and masks. No other PPE will be required.

Chair Hamlin reviewed the meeting dates for the remainder of 2020-21. Committee members were invited to send suggestions for future meeting agenda topics to him. Meeting time are 5:30 – 7:30 pm and the meeting location will be virtual until further notice. Meeting dates are April 19, 2021 and July 19, 2021.

6. Review of Bond Projects

Dale shared some current photos and then reviewed the [presentation from the December 17, 2020 School Board meeting](#).

- The district's resiliency plan has been extended to Mt. View with an extensive solar array east of the walking track at the school.
- Kim addressed move coordination challenges and the volume of moves that will be required.
- The District is working to support these efforts with as little impact to students and staff as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Notes compiled by Julie Heymart and Brenda Downum