

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

8/A Special Meeting of the Lane County School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on November 1, 2016.

#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Vice Chair Erik Bishoff called the Springfield Board of Education Meeting to order in the Board Room at the District Administration Center at 4:43 pm. And led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Attendance

Board Members present included Vice Chair Erik Bishoff, Laurie Adams, Sandra Boyst, and Emilio Hernandez. Board Chair Tina DeHaven participated via teleconference.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Sue Rieke-Smith, David Collins, Tom Lindley, Jenna McCulley, Suzy Price, Judy Bowden, Kristin Denmark, Linda Henry. Alisha Roemeling of *The Register Guard*.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one who wished to offer public comment

#### 3. ACTION ITEMS

##### A. Ballot Measure 97 Discussion

**Motion:** Ms. Boyst moved, seconded by Ms. Adams, to open the Board discussion on Ballot Measure (BM) 97. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

Mr. Bishoff said he had visited District schools, participated in the Sit with Sue discussions, and talked with teachers who were concerned that the Board had not taken a position on BM 97.

Dr. Hernandez arrived at 4:45 pm.

Ms. Adams appreciated Mr. Bishoff bringing the issue to the Board for discussion. She was concerned that the Board would do more harm than good by taking a position so close to the election. While there would always be conflict, she was concerned that taking a position now would not allow others to express their concerns, which could damage the District's relationship with corporate partners that supported the District. Although she was personally in favor of BM 97, she would vote for a motion that the Board not take a position. She had spoken with several Oregon Legislators who were in favor of BM 97 but did not think it would pass. They did feel that after the election, there would be a strong emphasis on fixing the school funding problem during the 2017 Oregon Legislative Session. She felt this was not the right time for the Board to take a position.

Mr. Bishoff said this was not just about corporations, but it was about school funding, and giving students, teachers, and administrators the funds they needed to be effective. He noted schools had been underfunded for 25 years.

Dr. Hernandez asked if this was not the right time, when would be the right time. He opined there had been a lot of misinformation disseminated about BM 97. It would be better to take a position now than never.

Ms. DeHaven was concerned about the timing of the Board taking a position now and was not confident that funds from BM 97 would be directed to schools.

Mr. Bishoff stated corporate partners and the School Board could advocate that the funds be used for school funding.

Ms. Adams called for the question.

**Motion:** Ms. Adams moved that the Springfield School Board not take a stand on BM 97. There was no second to the motion.

**Motion:** Mr. Bishoff moved, seconded by Dr. Hernandez, that the Springfield School Board endorse BM 97.

Ms. Boyst was concerned with the BM 97 language on the ballot and suggested the Board review the ballot. She wanted to support the students and the staff, but she had a hard time with the BM language.

Mr. Bishoff and Dr. Hernandez voted in favor of the motion, Ms. Adams voted against the motion, and Ms. Boyst and Ms. DeHaven abstained from voting.

School District legal counsel Kristen Denmark confirmed the motion failed on the 2 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions vote by the Board.

**Motion:** Ms. Adams moved that the Springfield School Board not take a stand on BM 97. There was no second to the motion.

#### B. Measure 98 Discussion

**Motion:** Ms. DeHaven moved, seconded by Ms. Adams, to open the Board discussion on Ballot Measure (BM) 98. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Ms. Adams noted the Board had agreed to endorse BM 98 and to approve a resolution supporting BM 98 in previous discussions, but had not taken action to approve a resolution.

**Motion:** Ms. Adams moved, seconded by Mr. Bishoff, to support the resolution and support BM 98. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Mr. Bishoff read the following:

#### Resolution in Support of Ballot Measure 98: The High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Act

WHEREAS: Oregon continues to have one of the lowest graduation rates in the country and one of the highest rates of graduates needing remediation upon entering college; and

WHEREAS: High schools across Oregon have demonstrated that creating more opportunities for students to pursue career technical education (vocation education) programs, gain access to college-credit courses, and benefit from support services can boost graduation rates and better prepare students for success in college and career; and

WHEREAS: Continuing economic growth and record-setting levels of

employment in Oregon are expected to generate more than \$1.6 billion in new revenues in the next budget period over and above what the state is collecting and spending in the current biennium; and

WHEREAS: Ballot Measure 98 will commit one-sixth of these new revenues (at \$800 per high school student per year) to K-12 districts in Oregon to add and expand career-technical education programs, college-level courses and drop-out prevention strategies in our high schools; and these resources will be in addition to the total amount otherwise appropriated by the legislature to fund K-12 public education in the next biennium; and

WHEREAS: Ballot Measure 98 allows local school districts to customize funding for these programs to improve graduation rates and the readiness of our high school graduates for college and careers;

NOW, THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Springfield Public Schools Board of Education supports the investments proposed by Ballot Measure 98 with the goal of ensuring that high school students have access to meaningful career-technical education programs, college credit course and the support they need to stay on track to graduation, with the flexibility provided by Ballot Measure 98 to customize and prioritize these investments to improve our graduation rate and the readiness of our high school graduates for college and careers; our Board hereby expresses its support for the passage of Ballot Measure 98 in the November general election in Oregon.

IN WITNESS THEREOF: In accordance with Springfield Public Schools, as board members we have hereunto set our hands and caused the official signatures of the school district of the City of Springfield, State of Oregon, to be affixed this 1st day of November 2016.

Tina DeHaven, Chair  
Erik Bishoff, Vice Chair  
Laurie Adams  
Sandra Boyst  
Emilio Hernandez

Ms. Adams reopened the discussion of BM 97.

Ms. Boyst suggested that the Board revote on endorsing BM 97 based upon the discussion and revisions to the Resolution Relating to Ballot Measure 97 And a Better Oregon.

Board members discussed and revised the resolution language.

**Motion:** Ms. Boyst moved, seconded by Ms. Adams, to close the discussion. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

**Motion:** Ms. Boyst moved, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to amend the resolution based upon the Board's discussion. The motion passed 5:0.

The Board took a short break and directed the legal counsel to revise the resolution based upon the Board's discussion.

Ms. Boyst left at 5:47 pm

Kristin Denmark read the revised Resolution Relating to Ballot Measure 97:

Resolution Relating to Ballot Measure 97  
And a Better Oregon

WHEREAS: It is the responsibility of the Springfield Board of Education, according to the SBE Platform of 2012-2014, to “advocate on a local, state and federal level to ensure quality policy decisions and a level of revenue and funding that aligns with stated educational goals for the students of Springfield Public Schools;” and

WHEREAS: Ballot Measure 97 is a product of “A Better Oregon” that is comprised of more that 700 coalition partners, including educators, parents, social justice, business and political organizations; and

WHEREAS: In the absence of additional revenue, the state of Oregon is facing a historic revenue shortfall in the 2017-2019 biennium, which will require massive spending cuts to education and social services in order to balance the state budget during the next legislative session; and

WHEREAS: Ballot Measure 97 seeks to increase funding schools, health care and senior services through increasing the corporate minimum tax on the largest corporations doing business in Oregon; and

WHEREAS: Springfield Public Schools (the “District”) has many corporate partners who provide substantial financial support to the District; and

WHEREAS: The District appreciates these partnerships and recognizes that some of these corporate partners would be affected by Ballot Measure 97; and

WHEREAS: At the same time, the District has historically supported and will continue to support ballot measures that seek to increase funding for schools; and

WHEREAS: It is anticipated that Ballot Measure 97 will immediately provide \$10 million to the District for fiscal year 2017-2018, and \$17 million each school year thereafter; and

WHEREAS: The Board supports Ballot Measure 97 with the understanding and strong expectation that the legislature will provide these much needed funds to the District.

NOW, THEREFORE: We, elected board members of the Springfield Public Schools, of Springfield, Oregon, by the authority vested in us, resolve to endorse Ballot Measure 97 and support efforts to raise revenues to help fund education and social services in Oregon.

IN WITNESS THEREOF: In accordance with Springfield Public Schools, as board members we have hereunto set our hands and caused the official signatures of the school district of the City of Springfield, State of Oregon, to be affixed this 1st day of

November 2016.

Tina DeHaven, Chair  
Erik Bishoff, Vice Chair  
Laurie Adams  
Sandra Boyst  
Emilio Hernandez

**Motion:** Ms. Adams moved, seconded by Mr. Bishoff, to approve the amended resolution and support BM 97. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, Mr. Bishoff adjourned the meeting at 5:55 pm.

*(Minutes recorded by Linda Henry)*