

MINUTES OF JOINT WORK SESSION
GLADSTONE SCHOOL BOARD & GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL
SCHOOL DISTRICT #115, CLACKAMAS COUNTY
GLADSTONE, OREGON

November 29, 2017 Minutes

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Kristin Eaton, Vice Chair
Greg Lind, Member
Jay Schmidt, Member
Steve Stewart, Member
Nicole Vera-Vera Couzens, Member

BOARD ABSENT:

Tracey Grant, Member
Sharon Soliday, Board Chair

Bob Stewart, Superintendent
Natalie Weninger, Board Secretary

The joint work session of Gladstone School District Board of Directors and Gladstone City Council was held at the Gladstone Senior Center on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

The joint session convened at 5:30 pm.

1. Introduction of City Council and School Board Members
Jackie Betz, City Administrator, Tammy Stempel, Mayor, Michael Milch, Linda Neace, Matt Tracy, Neal Reisner and Thomas Mersereau, Council Members were in attendance and introduced.

2. Review Map of City and District Boundaries

Mayor Stempel and Jackie Betz presented a map that overlaid city boundaries with school district boundaries. The group recognized the school areas outside the city limits and vice versa. There was a brief discussion of the history regarding boundaries of the Oregon City School District on the other side of Gladstone School District. Superintendent Stewart noted that in 1950 Gladstone High School and Rex Putman were not built. At that time it was believed that the whole area would become Oregon City. He said most school districts include multiple cities. It is a complicated process to change property lines for school districts.

3. The Community Library Solution

- Gladstone and Oak Lodge Libraries

Ms. Betz presented the Clackamas County November 2017 fact sheet, A Community Library Solution: Gladstone & Oak Lodge Libraries. The Oak Lodge site is yet to be determined. If the Gladstone Library building is built as projected, new tax revenues would not be required. At this time the City is looking at the current city hall site for construction. As it is now the site would provide 6,000 square feet of library space.

- Stakeholder Input from School District

There was discussion regarding the need for a bigger space for the new Gladstone Library. There were recommendations for a business partnership within the building and housing added to the construction to help with costs of a bigger space. In addition materials used to construct were referenced including possible assistance for an environmentally-friendly building. It was mentioned that the library could contain a Gladstone Museum and history of the area. The design should be forward thinking so community members will want to visit.

It is important to show what the Library funds will purchase. Ms. Betz said in May they will begin to show what the 1.8 million will buy.

4. Students in Government

High School Student on City Council

Mayor Stempel would like to see a high school student on the city council. The School Board welcomed the idea. Students look for volunteer opportunities to put on college applications and resumes. Superintendent Stewart suggested the city develop an application and contact Gladstone High School. Council members could visit Key Club meetings and/or Associated Student Body (ASB) meetings, talk about the need and promote the position. It was recommended that the City seek high school students to do videos for things like the library construction. Students want to make a difference at local levels. There was a brief discussion regarding internships at the city or job shadows. In the past there has been concern about the student member not having voting rights. However, it was agreed that the emphasis should be on the fact that they are going to become voters. Mayor Stempel said the consensus from both groups was to get students involved.

5. City of Gladstone Five Year Strategic Plan

- Civic Buildings Update

Ms. Betz reported on the City's strategic Plan for 2017 through 2021. She said the year-end report card will be ready next month.

- Portland Avenue Downtown Revitalization Plan

Ms. Betz reported project managers have been interviewed and one will be selected soon. The next step is Request for Proposals (RFP) will go out. They are looking forward to moving forward this spring on the development of three new civic buildings. There was a brief conversation regarding property owners on Portland Ave. and their willingness to be part of the revitalization. There was a comment regarding community projects and big developers' involvement in moving developments quickly.

6. School District Equity Family Visits

Superintendent Stewart said two years ago the District began an equity journey with administrators. After the first year, two different cohorts of teachers and staff were formed and they joined the journey. Last summer the School Board attended a two-day work session on equity. Then at the fall district in-service all staff heard a keynote speaker on equity. He had each Board member share their equity training experiences. The current Gladstone School District Demographics show 27 percent attending are students of color. The School District hosted family voice focus groups in November 2016. Each night a different racial group was invited to come and share their stories. Daryl Dixon of Diversity Resource Group was the facilitator. Dinner was served and stories told. In addition the district surveyed groups. Superintendent Stewart shared the questions and answers from the focus groups and surveys. What the School District learned was that there are real issues for students of color every day. Most importantly, people want to talk about it. It was mentioned that there is a patron who wants to have a cultural festival. The consensus was that everybody needs to feel welcome and the city will join in the equity work. Superintendent Stewart will share the school district equity lens and facilitator's information with the city.

Superintendent Stewart reported there has been a 10 percent drop in resident enrollment in the Gladstone School District. Housing costs have been a major factor in the drop. Affordable housing for families is hard to find in Gladstone. It is believed to be a county-wide issue not just a Gladstone issue. New minimum wage requirements have boosted incomes. However, families then lose supports such as qualifying for free and reduced meals. There was a brief conversation regarding stable housing affecting graduation rates and the need for conversations about local solutions.

Superintendent Stewart said the district contacted neighboring school districts to find out how they estimate enrollment when there is new development. He thought their calculations were high so he did not follow their lead. The district estimated at a lower rate and planned for 50 new students in fall 2017 to come from new development. However, only 6 new students enrolled.

7. Public Safety Levy Renewal Election in November 2018

- School Resource Officer Job Description

Ms. Betz shared the School Resource Officer's job description. The city levy is up for renewal. The plan is to ask patrons to renew the current \$0.68 per thousand for five more years. That would involve keeping the School Resource Officer position funded.

Superintendent Stewart mentioned there are no levies or bonds planned at the school level in the near future.

8. Assignments to attend School Board meetings and Council Meetings in 2018

- Mayor Stempel passed around a 2018 calendar of meeting dates so City Councilors can sign up to attend one School Board meeting in the year and School Board members can sign up to attend one City Council meeting in the year.

Round Table

There was a question to Superintendent Stewart regarding graduation rates. He said the district has a good shot at meeting the 90 percent graduation rate and 40 percent college enrollment goal in a couple of years. There was conversation about the cost of college. The school district offers many classes with dual credit as well as numerous Advanced Placement classes. He talked about the process to get teachers accredited to give college credit. The high school principal has been challenged to develop a plan for students to have one year of college credit at high school graduation. Last year the school district hired a College and Career Counselor to help assist students and families with the path to college or career.

There was a brief comment about the Lutheran Church needing volunteers for the warming center.

The city appreciates the school support. Superintendent Stewart complimented the city plans to move forward and congratulated them on their work thus far.

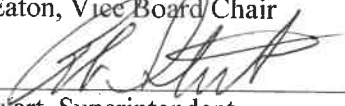
Next Agenda Item: Engaging youth in after school/summer activities and significant needs for adolescents.

The joint work session adjourned at 7:48 pm

ATTEST:



Kristin Eaton, Vice Board Chair



Bob Stewart, Superintendent

12/13/17

Date

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