

**NORTHERN HUMBOLDT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**Monday, August 6, 2018**

**District Office Large Conference Room**

**6:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

**1.0 OPEN SESSION**

Board members present: Brian Gerving, Jennifer Knight, Brian Lovell, Dana Silvernale (arrived late) and Colleen Toste.

Others present: Roger Macdonald, Superintendent; Cindy Vickers, Director of Fiscal Services, Nic Collart, and Tammy Pires

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

2.1 **Agenda Items**

Individuals will have an opportunity to speak on items on the agenda before Board discussion on that item. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to twenty minutes.

**3.0 ACTION ITEMS**

3.1 Resolution #2/2018-19, Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of Schools Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation with Other Elections Occurring on November 6, 2018

Superintendent Roger Macdonald shared how we have come to point that we are considering another bond measure.

- District finances: We are experiencing flat funding, increase in retirement and health insurance costs; and lack of state facilities funding. We don't qualify for Modernization funds until 2025 and even then we'd have to provide a 60% match. We currently only have about \$600,000 in Deferred Maintenance funds. There are loans available but we'd have to make payments back.
- Measure Q addressed the needs we had at the time. We have been working to complete projects that were listed. Mr. Macdonald reviewed our completed projects. We have worked to keep projects near or under budget. Discussed funds and projects remaining on Measure Q.
- Current/future needs: security, ADA accessibility, parking lots, HVAC, roofs, physical education and athletic facilities. Also, technology, energy efficiency and independence, electrical and plumbing infrastructure, bus garage, classroom and meeting space renovations to meet changing needs.
- Why pursue a bond this year? If our community is willing to support us with these needs, Mr. Macdonald feels this is the board's responsibility to consider. Rise in costs, favorable economic situation, costs lower with election, high voter turnout, positive survey results, demonstrated needs with no funding on the horizon, and modernization in 2025 will require a 60% district contribution.

Board discussion on fees for facilities being rented out by community.

Roger shared there would be a tremendous amount of work if we do move forward with a bond measure: project lists and priorities; and community and staff involvement. Colleen asked what the negatives would be for the district. Roger shared increased work to advocate for bond, planning long term and staffing accordingly. On the flip side there will be increased work from not being able to maintain facilities, etc.

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### **ACTION ITEMS continued**

A bond for \$24 million would assist with facilities needs, roofing needs, and physical education facility needs. We would not need to access the bonds until necessary, meaning we could access the funds in ten years instead of rushing to push projects through. If we put it on the ballot and it weren't to pass, what negative would that be? No negative besides no funds.

Jennifer Knight spoke also not wanting to continue to go out for more bonds constantly. Jennifer would like to see the district look at ongoing ways to generate funds to maintain our facilities. How else could we get money without bonds? Cindy Vickers shared attracting more students to our schools is the best way to generate ongoing funds. The better our facilities, the more students you attract.

Board discussed fiscal need and responsibility for our community. Board seemed to be consistent in not wanting to go above the \$19 per assessed \$100k for taxpayers. Cindy Vickers shared that she believes the \$24 million would meet our needs. What would we do if we didn't get bond funds? How will we meet our facility needs?

Jennifer shared concern of rushing to get a bond measure on ballot before we have had time to consider options. Roger agreed it has been a little rushed but with all the issues we've had arise with our latest projects going out to bid we have seen that there is a greater need. If we don't go out for a bond then we have to reconsider what we will be doing with the physical education facilities.

Brian Gerving discussed the increase in costs that will develop by postponing projects. Jennifer wants to know how to reconcile another bond to help complete projects from the last bond.

It was moved by Colleen Toste and seconded by Brian Gerving to approve Resolution 2/2018-19.

Dana wants to see more work put into the project list, how funds will be delved out, etc. Brian Gerving wants to be sure we learn from our prior experience and not commit so strongly to project list and site lists at this time because we've seen it tying hands for the board. Our needs for facilities in 5-8 years may be different.

Motion carried 5-0-0

## **4.0 ADJOURNMENT at 7:44 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Roger Macdonald, Secretary  
Board of Trustees**

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