

Members Present: Chair Trina Comerford, Vice Chair - Dan Jones, Brian Kohlmeyer, Jenn Larson

Administrators Present: Superintendent/Principal – Eric Milburn
HS/MS Principal/AD – Dan Dugan

Visitors Present: Alex Graber, Anna Scharf, Justin Scharf

Minutes by Agenda Item:

1. Call to Order/Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chair Trina Comerford

2. Items for Board Action

General Obligation Bond Election – determine to continue for May election or postpone to the November election.

Trina Comerford asked if everyone had a chance to read the letter from the Department of Education. She asked Eric Milburn if there was more insight or only what was emailed. Eric said that the only information given was what was emailed and they had to have the board's decision by 5:00pm on Friday, April 24th.

Trina Comerford stated that she thought it was too late to pull out as far as the County was concerned. If they notify ODE that they are pulling out and the bond passes, the district will not get matching funds from the OSCIM Grant.

Eric Milburn and Brian Kohlmeyer both agreed that that is what they determined the information to mean.

Discussion on the bond already being printed on ballot, but not in the voters' pamphlet. Dan Dugan stated that it was too late to pull from the ballot.

Jenn Larson asked if it would be confusing for voters.

Trina Comerford stated that if it passes, we will not be able to put it on the November ballot.

Discussion that we would need to get a mailer out to voters with the circumstances.

Jenn Larson asked what happens if it passes and we tell voters we won't cash them in until later.

Dan Jones clarified that we would not get the grant money, so we would only get half the money.

Trina Comerford stated that there are two parts to the OSCIM Grant.

Eric Milburn clarified that there is a First time which bumps up considerably and the regular matching funds grant

Trina Comerford stated that she is not sure May to November is enough time to recover. November is also not a statistically good time to go for a bond, especially in a Presidential election year.

Dan Dugan read through the email from ODE to clarify what was stated.

Trina Comerford read an email from Loren Lindquist, bond committee member, where he stated that the bond should be postponed until the fall.

Eric Milburn also read an email from Board member Amber Burns, where she also stated with a heavy heart, she felt there was no other option than to postpone.

Trina Comerford asked our guests if they would like to comment.

Justin Scharf stated that he thinks fall will not be any better, but needs to be considered. He referenced the email and specifically the "maintain waitlist" statement and asked if it was better waiting until next May?

Discussion about our spot on the list not changing and sharing funds with other districts in the same spot. Also if this same thing will happen in November and push out again to May.

Anna Scharf asked if the funding allocation was tied to the biennial budget. Will it be there next May? It is rolling the dice, but waiting until May may not be a bad idea.

Trina Comerford clarified that it is tied to the biennial budget and her best guess is that ODE would wait to the last minute to roll to May. She also stated that she had intended on reading about penalties on pushing it out farther. She think that it either has to be May or November or there would be penalties.

Further discussion on what penalties would be in place.

Jenn Larson asked if they know any details of tax paying families who have lost jobs.

Eric Milburn stated that we don't know that information and wouldn't be able to share that if we did.

Anna Scharf asked if there was any indication from ODI what will happen after Department of Revenue budget cuts. With the SSF budget in jeopardy would that put the OSCIM Grant funding part of those cuts?

Trina Comerford stated that the OSCIM Grant is not part of the SSF, it is completely different. The OSCIM Grant is considered plush. She also stated that, with a heavy heart, she is in favor of a motion to wait for November.

Jenn Larson motioned to put the bond on hold until November.

Brian Kohlmeyer seconded.

Dan Jones stated that they need to figure out how to message the community that it will be on the ballot, but we don't want them to vote for it.

Dan Dugan stated that we need to be honest with them

Eric Milburn said that Michael Elliott was adamant it will only be until November. There needs to be an aggressive campaign to get the message out.

Brian Kohlmeyer said that there needs to be a postcard made up.

Trina Comerford asked if Amber and Brian could get a postcard or simple letter send out and put it on social media. Work will get out quick and should be immediate.

Trina Comerford called for a vote.

All in favor and motion passed with four votes.

Trina Comerford asked that Amber and Brian get a postcard done and admin to get it posted by Monday at the latest. She will do an all call and read a letter.

Dan Dugan stated that we will use all modes possible.

Meeting went in to Executive Session at 5:31pm

3. Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2)(b) 5:31 p.m.

4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.