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LA GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, UNION COUNTY, OREGON
April 24, 2013

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING/Work Session: The board of directors of La Grande School District met in a special session/work session in the Willow Conference Room on February 27, 2013. Chairman Merle Comfort called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

<p>QUORUM ESTABLISHED Merle Comfort John Sprenger Mike Frasier Bud Walker Robin Maille</p>		<p>OTHERS Larry Glaze, Superintendent Laurie Batten, Secretary</p>
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INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS and COMMUNICATION: None

Review of Agenda: No changes

Reports/Information:

A team from the La Grande High School including Principal Andrea Waldrop, Assistant Principal Brett Baxter and teachers Evonne Cranford-Timm, Brandon Galvez, Shauna Hendrickson, Anne March, Heidi Schultz and Wade Wright presented an overview of the work the committee has done in exploring scheduling options that would incorporate interventions aimed at improving the essential skills and academic performance of students at La Grande High School. The committee explained how they spoke to 33 other school districts that have a RTI bell schedule to see how their schedule worked for students and staff. The overwhelming sentiment was that it was not a productive schedule for students or staff.

The committee also evaluated what would happen to state-mandated instructional hours and how the bell schedule could look if an intervention block was added into the day. The final conclusion of the committee was that LHS students would benefit from a wide-range of focused interventions embedded into the school day. The interventions would target essential skills and academic performance.

Many modes of assistance to students are already in place - such as the Math Acceleration and Algebra Essentials classes for students needing extra help with math. Next year a special class, English 12, will be required for students who did not pass their Essential Skills tests in 11th grade. Also, team teaching will be piloted next year in some core courses, and a class called "Success 101" will be required for all freshmen to assist them in adapting to the rigor of high school. Students who have not passed the essential skills tests will not be allowed to have "open" periods.

Also, the current bell schedule will be adjusted slightly to add 10 minutes at the beginning of the school day for students to have time to access teachers. Lastly, a Learning Center will be created so students needing supervision to take a test, research a subject, or get assistance will be available to students.

The report ended with the Board thanking the committee for their outstanding efforts. Superintendent Glaze also commended them for their creative problem-solving, and taking into account graduation requirements and the achievement compact in exploring options.

PUBLIC FORUM: None

ACTION ITEMS: None

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVE _____ **ATTEST:** _____

DATE: _____