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LA GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, UNION COUNTY, OREGON
February 27, 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.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED	ABSENT	OTHERS
Merle Comfort Mike Frasier Bud Walker Robin Maille Greg Blackman	Joe Justice John Sprenger	Larry Glaze, Superintendent Gaye Young, Secretary Pat Des Jardin, LEA Rep Dwight Dill, CHD Andrea Waldrop, Principal, LHS Patrons

INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS and COMMUNICATION: None

Review of Agenda: No changes

PUBLIC FORUM: None

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF:

The Re-Roof Project at La Grande High School

MOTION: Director Maille moved, seconded by Director Frasier to approve Re-Roof Project at La Grande High School as presented. **Unanimous**

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION:

Review Weapons Policies: JFCF and JFCF-AR~ Weapons in the School- Students and GBJ~ Weapons in Schools-Staff- Superintendent Glaze reviewed the policies with the Board.

Chairman Walker has been asked a question from his constituents and he wanted to ask the board to make it an official public record and also for clarification; "Is it the intention of the school district to take a side on the political debate regarding teachers and staff having concealed weapons or is it our primary concern on taking a side with our rules and policies we are making for this political debate or is our main concern the safety and liability of the schools"

Superintendent Glaze -responded that our highest priority we should consider as a school board and as a superintendent is always the safety of kids, that is your number one priority and when you look at an issue like this , you look at what is truly the overreaching safety issue for all the students, all the staff, what makes the most sense, what is practical, what works and what ensures safety to the best of the ability and safety with regards to liabilities.

Chairman Walker would like to keep the policy as is but with exemptions for staff that would include; Superintendent approval, proof of ongoing training and certification, provide liability waivers, provide liability

insurance coverage, this seems to answer all the issues we have on the debate and by doing that, it seems like it would not only support those that are very pro 2nd amendment- don't take away my rights- but would ensure that unqualified and unapproved or individuals of concern for those staff that are not carrying guns, something that's being monitored and being laid out on the table, it would give more weight to the termination in his view of employees that violate. It would be available if they were willing to meet certain standards- more weight for us administratively to act on violations. We will have a complete prohibition stance thereby not making it a political issue or possibly detour of future acts by of violence by allowing staff in the process of defending themselves- Comment he has heard; Anybody who is certified or qualified can come into the schools carrying guns, but teachers are not allowed to protect themselves, by at least changing policy to provide exceptions to where they can do that by following certain criteria it may give us a more neutral stance on the matter than a policy of strict prohibition. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Comfort – when we put this work session together it wasn't necessarily to decide whether we were going to have guns in schools or even put the perception out there. The questions that arose from the past incidents recently caused us to need to take a look at the policy that we have in place for just those kinds of incidents. In some cases, I think that the circumstances surrounding those tragic events sometimes cause us to make knee jerk reactions and that wasn't the intent of this meeting tonight was to at least look at the policies that we have, maybe take some discussion like you are throwing out but not to come to any decisions because I think that every issue you mention comes with a new set of issues that come along with it and I don't think any of us are prepared necessarily to start rewriting the policies in order to incorporate even one or two of those things you suggested. We don't know what the actual outcome is and so I think we are waiting for some directions. I am not prepared personally to rewrite all our policies nor to incorporate all those things, but I think they are good suggestions.

Superintendent Glaze- wanted to add that this is a complex issue when you look at it in the perspective of liability, it becomes extremely complex. He directed the board to the attachment in the board packet from PACE, our insurance company regarding liability, it is an example of the complexity of this issue.
(Attachment A)

Update Board on Emergency Action Plan- Chris Panike reviewed the updated changes that were made to the Emergency Action Plan and this is the final review before document goes to print. The Plan was vetted with local law enforcement; city and county, LGSD Safety Committee and our Administrators. New inserts have been added for "Active Shooter" and "Bomb Threat". The Board also viewed the video, Run. Hide, Fight.

Update Board on Anti-Bullying/ Suicide Prevention Efforts- Superintendent Glaze updated the Board on recent efforts on anti-bullying and suicide prevention by reading the minutes from the Mental Health Programs at LGSD Meeting that was held on February 22. The minutes included a discussion on suicide prevention programs at LGSD, *Crisis Flight Team* Training in Union County and the *40 Developmental Assets Training*. LGSD and CHD will be working together on a comprehensive high school based suicide prevention program that will be offered to staff, parents and students. Deanne Mansveld, CHD will be coordinating this program with Andrea Waldrop and Kyle McKinney. Andrea Waldrop has been researching Cyber Bullying Hotline, this is a service that is part of the SchoolReach program that we currently use which would allow anyone to call in tips anonymously.

Intent to Award Window In-Fill Contract for LHS- Chris Panike on behalf of the QZAB Oversight Committee reviewed two bid options from three contractors for the windows at the high school. The QZAB Oversight Committee recommended the job be offered to M. Becker with the option to replace 3 windows with no performance bond; Base proposal- \$41, 223.00, supply and install windows- \$3,700.00, Interior paint-

\$4,500.00 for a total of \$49,503.00. Chris needed a consensus from the Board to move forward. the Board voted and the consensus to go ahead was given to Chris Panike.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

APPROVE _____ **ATTEST:** _____

DATE: _____