



West Linn-Wilsonville School District  
**Joint Board Work Session with the West Linn City Council**  
**February 24, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

A Joint West Linn-Wilsonville School Board & West Linn City Council Work Session was held Monday, February 24, 2020, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Administration Building 22210 SW Stafford Road, Tualatin.

**(Please access the online video of this meeting for full verbiage in its entirety.)**

**1. 5:00 p.m. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS -School Board Chair Regan Molatore**

**Chair Molatore called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.**

**West Linn-Wilsonville School Board Members present:**

Chair Regan Molatore  
Vice Chair Chelsea King  
Director Christy Thompson  
Director Dylan Hydes  
Director Ginger Fitch

**West Linn City Council Members present:**

Mayor Russ Axelrod  
Council President Teri Cummings  
Councilor Bill Relyea  
Councilor Jules Walters  
Councilor Richard Sakelik (*via conference call*)

**2. 5:05 p.m. COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE**

Jan Smith addressed the Board with concerns of moving Athey Creek Middle School to Dollar Street.  
Laura Wirth addressed the Board with concerns of moving Athey Creek MS to Dollar Street.  
Bogdara Clarke addressed the Board with concerns of moving Athey Creek MS to Dollar Street.  
Dick Bailey addressed the Board with concerns of moving Athey Creek MS to Dollar Street.  
Leslie O'Rourke addressed the Board with concerns of moving Athey Creek MS to Dollar Street.  
Robert McCarthy addressed the Board with concerns of parking at West Linn HS.  
Kathy Selvaggio addressed the Board with concerns of moving Athey Creek MS to Dollar Street.  
Dean Riddle addressed the Board with concerns of moving students from Athey Creek MS to Dollar Street.  
Alice Richmond addressed the Board reminding everyone we are making decisions to benefit our children.  
John McCabe addressed the Board concerning the Bond sales, moving Athey Creek MS and district capacity.

**3. 5:20 p.m. WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTATION**

**A. Capital Bond Projects Update**

1. West Linn HS Stadium Expansion and Parking
  - a. Process & Timeline
2. New Middle School on Dollar Street

- a. Process & Timeline
- 3. Facility Improvements
  - a. Safety & Security
  - b. District-wide Improvements

Board Chair Regan Molatore welcomed the West Linn City Council Members to the Joint Work Session in support of continued partnership and community support. Both the City Council and School Board Members introduced themselves and additional staff in the audience.

Superintendent Dr. Kathy Ludwig thanked the Council Members for attending the joint meeting stating we value the importance of our partnership with both the City of West Linn and the City of Wilsonville.

Superintendent Ludwig introduced Mr. Remo Douglas, Senior Project Manager for the District to present upcoming bond projects including:

Projects in West Linn:

- West Linn High School Stadium Expansion and Parking
- New Athey Creek Middle School on Dollar Street
- Facility Improvements
- Safety and Security
- Districtwide Improvements
- Learning with Technology

West Linn High School Project to Address:

- Additional stadium seating and parking to better accommodate full student body gatherings as well as spectators already attending athletic events, improving safety and security

Timeline and Process:

- Conditional Use Permit application is expected summer of 2020
- Design Committee: Will be formed comprised of District and School leadership, staff, students and community members
- Bolton Neighborhood Association: Presentation to neighborhood association as part of Conditional Use Permit process
- Traffic Study: Will be included in the Conditional Use Permit
- Construction is expected Spring and Summer 2021

Communication with our Community:

- Stadium and parking updates will occur during the design and construction phases and community members can access the website and sign up for Listservs specific to their interest

New Athey Creek Middle School on Dollar Street Project to Address:

- New Athey Creek MS on the Dollar street property creates a neighborhood school and provides a central location at the former site for the third option high school

Timeline and Process:

- Conditional Use permit application is expected early 2021

- Design Committee: Will be formed comprised of District and school leadership, staff, students and community members
- Land Use Planning Consultant to facilitate community engagement process
- Two additional Community Forums during early design to solicit input from community
- Willamette Neighborhood Association: Presentation to neighborhood association as part of Conditional Use Permit process
- Traffic Study: Will be included in the Conditional Use Permit
- Construction is expected early 2022 through summer 2023

#### Communication with our Community:

- Communication Updates will occur during the design and construction phases and community members can access the website and sign up for Listservs specific to their interest

#### Facility Improvements Projects to Address:

- These projects across the District will roll out in phases and include safety, life cycle replacement of building systems, energy efficiency upgrades and renovations

#### Timeline and Process:

- Summer 2020 projects include: Secure entries at Cedaroak Park Primary, Rosemont Ridge Middle School and Stafford Primary school
- Summer 2021 projects include: Renovations at Bolton Primary, Cedaroak Park Primary, Stafford Primary and Willamette Primary Schools. Scope includes security upgrades, classroom air conditioning and other improvements

#### Communication with our Community:

- Communication: Updates will occur during the design and construction phases and community members can access the website and sign up for Listservs specific to their interest

#### Learning with Technology Projects to Address:

- Money for technology would go to projects such as re-wiring existing schools, WiFi upgrades, phone system updates, an updated printer fleet, end user device rollouts and video monitoring upgrades among other projects.

#### Communication with our Community:

- Communication: Updates will occur during the design and construction phases and community members can access the website and sign up for Listservs specific to their interest

#### The Board and City Council held a brief discussion including:

- It is always recommended to hold meetings with our community and talk about concepts early on
- Community members have asked to see drawings and sketches, they are not available as of yet, it is too early
- The Land Use Consultant will be very important as we move forward with our projects
- The additional parking spaces at West Linn High School will be in alignment with city code and standards
- There will be a traffic study done

- The stadium seating and parking are to accommodate members of the public that are already attending events
- The bond project will allow the entire student body to gather together as a whole, as of now, there is not a large enough location on campus for this
- The District does not anticipate restructuring any middle school boundaries when Athey is moved to the Dollar Street property, we may look at choice zones as communities and neighborhoods grow
- The School Board created a Safety Committee that reviewed current practices and provided areas of improvement which informed the bond projects

**B. 6:00 p.m. CITY OF WEST LINN PRESENTATION**

1. Transportation Projects/Traffic Plans and Update
  - a. Willamette Falls Drive
  - b. Highway 43, I-205 and 10th St. Projects
2. Joint Library Projects
3. Exploration of Intra-City Transit

West Linn Mayor, Russ Axelrod thanked Superintendent Ludwig and the School Board for hosting the joint meeting and introduced Interim City Manager John Williams, Public Works Director Lance Calvert and Library Director Doug Erickson to provide updates.

Interim City Manager John Williams provided an update to Board of Directors including: Citizens of West Linn passed a bond in 2018 and the City was able to sell the bonds all at one time so the funds are available for projects such as the upgrades on Main Street, however it does not cover all the upgrades needed. He encourages everyone to please visit businesses on Main Street as they are open and appreciate the community's support.

The Bond funded a lot of work, but is not adequate to fund Hwy 43, nor the improvements needed for 205 as they are dependent upon the state.

With regard to the bond projects the District has planned, the City is ready to have the conversations and is committed to getting the answers people will be interested in because they care so much about their community.

Mr. Williams invited Mr. Lance Calvert, Public Works Director to present.

Mr. Lance Calvert thanked the Board of Directors for the opportunity to present and provided an update on City projects including:

The City is in discussion with Metro and Clackamas County on a potential transit study to look at intra city shuttling between Oregon City, West Linn and Tualatin. The City has redesigned their website and this information should be easy to find and if anyone is interested, he invites them to reach out to the City.

The Historic Willamette Main Street and 10<sup>th</sup> St. Interchange Streetscape Project is designed to be multi-mobile friendly by widening sidewalks and giving bikes their own lane, one of the challenges is the slope of the grading. As construction funds become available they can move quickly as the design is already in place.

Hwy 43 does have some regional grant funds, however ODOT is taking the lead on this and they are a large entity and they move slowly.

Safe Routes to School is also on the City's bond list; They have a few more neighborhood associations to talk with about improvements in their area; They worked in coordination with the School District over the past year reviewing Safe Routes to School for elementary and middle school students; They are in the process of engaging parents, teachers, PTA's and Principals to learn more about prioritization of those dollars; One member of the City's Lead Staff recently left and since they are down a person, they are working very hard to move the project forward with less staffing.

The Board and Council held a brief discussion including:

- We have heard from community members they are grateful for the crossing lights around school zones
- Safe Routes to School directly impact our students and the School Board is greatly appreciative of the work
- The Portland Rose Quarter project is delayed and its purpose was to allow for increased capacity and flow on 205
- Rep. Rachel Prusak has put together proposed amendments for ODOT and they hope the work can begin soon
- When Athey Creek Middle School is moved to Dollar Street, ODOT designates the street as a school area so mapping applications in cars and on phones will not reroute them through

Mr. Williams invited Mr. Doug Erickson, West Linn Library Director to provide a library update.

Mr. Doug Erickson thanked the School Board for the opportunity to share including:

Dolly Parton Imagination Library:

- DPIL is the largest children's literacy program in the world and provides a free book mailed to each child's home monthly from birth up to age 5
- This is an extension of story time in each and every home
- Please share this information so all families have free access to books

Early Release Days, Kid's STEM Programs for K-5

- Programs for grades K-5 offered at 1:00 and 2:00 pm
- Catapults 101
- Candy Construction Challenge
- Pop Up Makerspace
- Oreo Taste-Off!
- Wind tunnels and more

Book Drops at Schools

- The Library has book drops at every primary and middle school in West Linn to make it easier to return materials

Services for Educators:

- Educator Cards
- Gathering of resources for classroom units

- Primary School Newsletter
- Professional Development Resources
- Classroom sets are also available for use

Children’s Book Author Matt de la Pena

- In collaboration with both West Linn and Wilsonville libraries, author Matt de la Pena visited a few of our schools during the day and presented an evening event at the West Linn Performing Arts Center
- The Library proudly shares they have a 62% completion rate for their summer reading program

The Board and Council held a brief discussion including:

- Parents really appreciate the book drops at primary and middle schools
- As the School District’s Dual Language Programs grow, can the library also grow their Spanish and Chinese collection

**C. 6:40 p.m. WLWV and WL City Equity Initiatives**

Chair Molatore addressed the Board and City Council stating Board Goal No. 1 has been in place for many years and this year they added language to “disrupt systems of racism” which gives the leaders permission to do the work necessary to accomplish those goals. The Board adopted a Commitment to engage in additional equity learning opportunities and the District itself is also engaged in learning such as:

The Oregon School Board Association’s Annual Convention

Clackamas ESD trainings around racism and implicit bias

At their Board Retreat - they view the documentary “Intelligent Lives”

Reading books on equity

Monthly Leadership Form – 75 District Administrators

Each school has an Equity Team

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, the School Board Work Session was Part 2 of the Equity Summit

The State of Oregon is in the process of giving grant funds for the Student Success Act

West Linn Alliance for Inclusive Communities is supporting the newly formed Wilsonville Alliance for Inclusive Communities

The District Equity Plan is available on our website

The Board and Council held a brief discussion including:

Most school districts are moving away from having an “Equity Director” on staff because people tend to look to the Director as the one doing the work

Our School District has Equity Teams in each of our buildings so the work and ownership of equity belongs to everyone

Equity starts with Board leadership and the Superintendent/Mayor lead the work

The next Multi-City Equity Summit is being discussed by the planning team, more information will be coming in the next few weeks

The School District has been asked to host the next summit, we are reviewing bond project timelines now

The City of West Linn is exploring ways to work with neighborhood associations on equity

The City is also in discussions for an adult community center

The Board and City Council thanked one another for the opportunity to share and affirm partnerships in support of equity and safety of our students and families.

The District bought the rights to show the Intelligent Lives documentary and it will be shown on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the theatre in West Linn and we are in discussion with Wilsonville Regal Theatre as well.

4. **7:15 p.m. IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE BOARD**

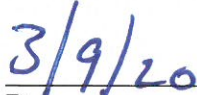
- A. 3-9-20 @ 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
- B. 4-6-20 @ 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
- C. 4-20-20 @ 5:00 p.m. JOINT Work Session with the City of Wilsonville (location City Hall)
- D. 5-4-20 @ 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting (Superintendent's Budget Message)
- E. 5-18-20 @ 5:00 p.m. Budget Committee Meeting & Board Work Session
- F. 5-20-20 @ 5:00 p.m. Additional Budget Committee Work Session Meeting (ONLY IF NEEDED)
- G. 6-2-20 @ 7:30 p.m. West Linn HS Graduation
- H. 6-3-20 @ 7:00 p.m. Arts & Technology High School Graduation
- I. 6-4-20 @ 7:00 p.m. Wilsonville HS Graduation
- J. 6-5-20 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- K. 6-8-20 @ 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting (Adoption of Budget)
- L. 6-22-20 @ 5:00 p.m. Work Session

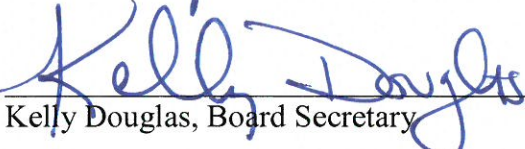
5. **7:15 p.m. ADJOURN**

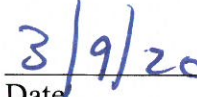
Chair Molatore adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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Regan Molatore, Board Chair

  
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Kelly Douglas, Board Secretary

  
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