Alsea School Board Meeting Thursday, April 27, 2023 Executive Session 6:00 PM Open Session to follow Alsea School Library



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- 1. Call to Order 1800
- 2. Flag Salute
- 3. Approval of the Agenda
- 4. Executive Session
 - ORS 192.660(2)(b) To consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent who does not request an open hearing.
- 5. Call Meeting to Order Open Session 1837
- 6. Action Item:
 - a. Board approval of complaint procedure

In an Executive Session the board reviewed the matter of a complaint by an employee against an individual board member and has discussed the matter. She is now placing it before the board members for recommendation on a resolution. Soren Rounds motioned to obtain a third-party investigator to investigate the situation. Linda Montanez seconded. All in favor yea.

b. Fencing project approval – Bart Rothenberger

Sean Gallagher let the school board know that this was a way to be able to spend some of the excess MOE SPED funds for safety issues. ODE agreed that this would fall under the guidelines since the school currently has students who are at risk of running off campus as well as the highway that runs through town and a river on the other side of the school grounds.

Bart Rothenberger let the Board know that he visited other school districts that have fencing surrounding their schools to find the best option to try to make Alsea School not look like a prison. We are staying strong with the black vinyl 6' high fencing all the way around the yard perimeter.

- Gate #1 is a 20' wide gate that will swing open but be closed once school has started as this gate affects our handicapped parking.
- Gate #2 will have a remote that the front office will control. So, for example, if a parent comes at 10 and needs to drop off a student, once they are recognized they will be let in. This will be a 4' wide gate that will have a panic bar on the opposite side for fire safety.
- Gate #3 will be open during the time of bus unloading and loading only.
- Gate #4 will be locked during school hours but will remain open on weekends and non-school days for community access.
- Gate #5 is a 12' wide gate that will always be locked. This is for mower and life flight, ambulance access.
- Gate #6 a 10' gate that will be always locked. This gate is mainly for summer work to get items out of the classrooms as needed etc. This will go from the front office to grade 4. This is our second tier of safety. This will take care of the current issue of the 4-6 grade students currently walking to the front of the school to use the restrooms. Where the current bus office is located will be turned back into unisex bathrooms for gender equity. Off that fence there will be a 4' gate with a panic bar for fire drills.
- Gate #7 will have a 10' gate and a 4' gate on the back side of the 4-6 grade classrooms from the play shed to the side of the 4th grade classroom for fire drills as well.
- Gate #8 in front of the highway will be temporary fencing until we know what is happening with the Vocational building. There will be a 4' gate located by where the recycle bins are located with a panic bar on that also. Students will no longer be able to cut across the back parking lot to get to classes. They will be going in different directions for safety.

• Gate #9 In the back of the school there will be a fence that goes all the with a 4' gate and a panic bar so that students can get to the field during fire drills. The gate that currently goes to the weight room will have a panic bar installed on it as well.

The nice part about all of this is our students will now have one point of entry to get into the school in the mornings. This will be the front of the school. Instead of seven different entrances. The current HS parking lot will become staff parking. The current parking lot across the street by the bus garage will become student parking. Sean Gallagher interjected that the reason we are acting so quickly on this is because we need to spend the funds for fencing by June 30th. Currently the bis is around \$45,000. This is from only one bid currently, and we need to get three. Risteen asked if there is a timing issue for the RFP process to obtain bids. If we only get one, are we stuck in the water? Bart and Sean said that the answer is no, there is a timing component. The current bid that we have is the same company that did the Corvallis schools.

Linda Montanez had a concern with taking up parking spaces if the parking along the sidewalk is not available. It would be very helpful if a spot near the front of the school is designated for both handicap and a spot that has a sign that says "30 minute parking Only".Currently we have lost quite a bit of parking with how much has to be 'coned off' for buses. Deb Lindberg had the same concern. Bart also let the board know that there will be additional parking along the back drive by the library. As per the bond plans the row of trees that is currently along the drive will be removed and set up for an additional 25' of parking.

Other clarifying questions were asked Keenan Elbers said that Benton County came out today and there is not a problem with the sidewalks at the front of the school being wide enough. The only place we will need a handicap ramp is where the crosswalk is. Ryan VanLeuven stated that a ramp would need to be also installed at the #2 gate as there will be about a 3" ledge otherwise. Risteen Follett confirmed that the sidewalks do not need to be widened.

Risteen Follett clarified that the board does not need to approve this project until it costs over \$75,000. Sean Gallagher confirmed that this is correct. What he and Bart are asking tonight is the board approval to move forward with the fencing project so that materials can be ordered and a schedule can be obtained from the fencing company.

Risteen asked the board if they had any further questions. Deb Lindberg expressed the concern of what the community will think of the fence. Sean Gallagher stated that he has asked Sara Cash to write an article for the community based on the board decision to communicate why we are fencing the property. Ryan VanLeuven stated that even though this will be an end to an era it is something that for the safety of our students is a necessity.

8. Action Items

a. Fencing approval to move forward with ordering supplies and securing a fencing company for installation. motioned to approve the fencing project up to \$75,000. Anything over \$75,000 would have to come before the board for approval. Soren Rounds seconded. All in favor yea.

7. Adjourn 1921

Risteen Follett, School Board Chair

Sean Gallagher, Superintendent