A workshop and regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Camas School District was held on Monday, November 9, 2015, at the Zellerbach Administration Center, 841 NE 22nd Avenue, Camas, Washington, in the Dennison Board Room. Board members present were Mary Tipton, Julie Rotz, Connie Hennessey, and Casey O’Dell. Doug Quinn was excused.

1. **WORKSHOP – Bond Recommendation Planning – CALLED TO ORDER 3:00 PM**

   A. School Board President Mary Tipton and Superintendent Mike Nerland opened the workshop.

   B. Deputy Superintendent Jeff Snell presented an overview of the timeline/work and bond recommendation.

   1. **New High School**

      - Community building through project-based learning.
      - Integrated learning across content areas.
      - Adjacent to Camas High for some cross-over opportunities.
      - Fully functioning, self-contained school.

   2. **Why not a second comprehensive high school**

      - Currently there is not enough students to support two balanced schools.
      - With the smaller additional building, we create more opportunity and increase our choices.
      - The district does not own property necessary for a second comprehensive high school.
      - The infrastructure is not currently in place for property North of Lacamas Lake.
      - Current bond capacity and the ability to maintain a balanced tax level does not support a second comprehensive high school at this time.
      - At today’s costs, a large, comprehensive high school is projected to cost $100 million plus.

   3. **Student & Community Enrichment**

      - To create extra-curricular opportunities for all students.
      - Modernize the Joyce Garver theater and Garfield building for an early learning, preschool Center.
      - Adding turf and lighting around the JV softball and JV baseball fields to create additional space for multi-purpose fields.

   4. **Next Steps**

      - On November 23, a Bond Resolution will go before the board for approval.
      - This bond will go before the public in the February 2016 Special Election.
      - As we implement Phase IV with this bond we will be planning for Phase V.

C. **Questions and Answers from Board Members**

   1. **Improving Student Safety:**

      - **QUESTION** – Mary Tipton: What is the strategy for improving security for our portables within this bond proposal?

      - **ANSWER** – Director of Capital Projects Mick Hoffman responded that this would be addressed with additional fencing and we are looking into fob controls that would be made available to students.
2. **Taking Care of Our Existing Facilities:**
   - **Question** – Mary Tipton - Why has this overall estimate gone up a bit from the numbers we have been working with to date?
   - **Answer** – Operations Administrator Cathy Carlson responded that the estimates for carpet and work on the roof at Dorothy Fox Elementary School is higher than previously estimated.
   - **Question** – Julie Rotz – Is this work on the Dorothy Fox Elementary roof for the older building or the new addition?
   - **Answer** – Director of Operations Bryan McGeachy responded that this work will be on the older building roof.
   - **Comment** – Casey O’Dell – I understand that portables are part of the equation, no matter how you look at it, and I think we need to plumb and prepare all new sites for portables.
   - **Question** – Casey O’Dell – What are the details around the line item, “Maximize land around bus barn for 30 additional buses”?
   - **Answer** – Bryan McGeachy replied that existing district property around the transportation area will be developed for additional buses that will need to be purchased in the next few years.
   - **Question** – Casey O’Dell – Can you tell me why the line item “Technology upgrades, infrastructure and equipment” would fall under this bond and not a technology levy?”
   - **Answer** – Director of Technology Sherman Davis responded that infrastructure items that would last more than 10 years and not items that students would use day to day would come from bond dollars.
   - **Question** – Casey O’Dell – Will parking at Doc Harris stadium be addressed in this bond?
   - **Comment** – Connie Hennessey – Hasn’t this been addressed through options such as rooter buses and such?
   - **Answer** – Mike Nerland – Other solutions as Connie mentioned are being looked at, along with the area around Garfield where we can add some additional parking. Right now, with the parking we have close by and weighing the cost for building a parking structure and resources of a bond, you would have to decide if this is the direction you would like to go in with this bond.
   - **Comment** – Bryan McGeachy replied that cost estimates were obtained a few years ago for a parking structure and those costs were significant.

3. **Serving a Growing Student Population:**
   - **Comment** – Mary Tipton – I am glad to see that the comments we heard from the public during our Listening Posts, which resulted in the additional items to modernize Lacamas Heights Elementary School, have been incorporated into this proposal.
   - **Response** – Deputy Superintendent Jeff Snell - it is always good to know that something could change to keep efficiency in the equation at all times to leverage all our resources.
   - **Response** – Mike Nerland replied that JDZ is a great example of repurposing an older building.
   - **Question** – Connie Hennessey - Has anything changed from phase one and two related to traffic around CHS.
4. **Enhancing Student & Community Recreation:**
   - **Question** – Connie Hennessey – Will the entire area between the JV softball field and the JV baseball fields be turfed?
   - **Answer** – Athletic Director Rory Oster – Yes.
   - **Comment** – Casey O’Dell – Working with the architects to be sure the new high school is flexible and easily repurposed was a very high priority in this process.

   - **Response** – Mike Nerland - Locating all of our pre-school programs would free up space at Woodburn Elementary and Camas High School, which will help the populations at both of these schools. Additionally, we have tried every angle we could possibly try to use that space for K-12 education, and, at this time, we haven’t been successful in finding anything. But, we could continue to try.
   - **Question** – Casey O’Dell – Does the Joyce Garver theater need to be off the books during the school day for K-12 instruction?
   - **Answer** – Mike Nerland - Yes, but it can be used after school hours and during school breaks.
   - **Question** – Casey O’Dell – Are there plans for capital improvements at Camas High School for the auditorium there?
   - **Answer** – Camas High School Principal Steve Marshall – We cannot access the full 600 seating capacity of the auditorium during the lunch hours because it takes up too much lunch room space.
   - **Comment** – Camas Community Education Director Mary Weishaar – There are some incredible opportunities at the Garfield/Garver building to not only use this for our schools afterhours but for the community as well.
   - **Question** – Julie Rotz – What is the scope of the work proposed at Garver?
   - **Answer** – Architect from ELA Antoinette Lettiere – The plan is to keep what’s there and modernizing it. Cleaning up the external look, entry way and updating the electrical work, structural, plumbing which will allow us to modernize. Giving it a fresh coat of paint, re-upholstering the seats will give it a new feel and look and improve this asset for the community.
   - **Question** – Doug Quinn – If the Garfield building will be used for the Pre-K program, I’m assuming that the plumbing will be sized for these kids and that this is part of the estimate?
   - **Answer** – Mary Weishaar – Yes, that is part of this plan.
   - **Comment** – Doug Quinn - Even though we can’t use this building for K-12, I feel that it would serve our long-term interests very well for the Pre-K and after-school use.
   - **Question** – Connie Hennessey – Why turf the field at Camas High School and not the field south of Doc Harris Stadium?
   - **Answer** – Mike Nerland – We heard from the community during our Listening Posts that the fields south of Doc Harris are in great shape and that by turfing the fields at CHS we serve the students where they are and have better parking for those events.
Comment – Connie Hennessey – There are also the concessions and restrooms available at Camas High School as well.

Question – Casey O’Dell - Are you anticipating that these newly turfed fields could be used for all sports?

Answer – Mary Weishaar – Yes.

5. Camas School District 2016 Bond Program Cost Summary

Comment - Julie Rotz - I would have to say I’m pleasantly surprised to see that the numbers are slightly less, and that there are some additional items that have been added as well. It seems like a balanced plan to accommodate the needs at this point in time. These projects won’t solve everything for the future, but moves us forward in the right direction.

D. Mary Tipton opened the floor for public questions and comments:

Comment - Dave Lattanzi (2612 NW 42nd Avenue, Camas) I have some criticisms about your proposals, but I feel it is constructive feedback. I wanted to be on this committee, but was not, and I do feel that I am coming in at the back end, but I want to say that in looking down the road to 2021 and building a new high school then, the amount you will need for that bond will be $125 to $150 million. You say you don’t have the bond capacity or student capacity at this time, yet you’re building an elementary school, and I don’t like a large community, you lose the personal touch. The bond amount you’re looking for in the next bond I believe will be well over $200 million. My wish, had I been on the committee, would be to repurpose the dollars for the new small high school and build a larger, comprehensive high school and add on to the core as the years go on. I don’t happen to agree with your plan.

Questions - Troy Hull (2034 NW Douglas Loop, Camas) Questions I have are what will the new high school look like and who will attend? Why would this new 600 student high school cost $100 million to build when Woodland just built a new high school for $43 million? I’m concerned that $100 million is more than it should be.

Answer – Jeff Snell - We don’t know what it will look like or who will attend at this point. We have discussed having it be a place where kids are coming together and working collaboratively. I believe we have many kids in our system now that need a different teaching style than what is currently offered. Maybe a project-based learning program and this school could have the ability to bring relevance to these students. Who goes there? It’s a challenge to get parents and kids to think beyond Camas High School. This will leverage the opportunity to participate in programs at both Camas High School and the new school and try new ways of teaching. As to your question of the $100 million cost to build, it’s hard to make comparisons. We have done our due diligence and we cannot see that this project could be done for less. I share your concern, but we have been very strategic and thoughtful going through the estimating process.
o **Comment - Mary Tipton** – I was part of the team looking at other schools and saw some of these next generation schools and what they are already delivering; expanding more choices to students, more hands on environments, less sitting in the classroom. Teachers have a lot more collaboration and the students were doing very, very well in assessments in these schools. These models would allow us to be innovative with a more flexible school. We know it’s going to be another choice and this will be positive.

o **Question - Phil Bourquin with the City of Camas** - Lighting of fields, modernizing Garver/Garfield and repurposing of Lacamas Heights Elementary is an opportunity for leasing out of these facilities for community events, and I’m wondering what would the revenues be coming back to the district?

o **Answer – Bryan McGeachy** - Money we get for renting fields and/or facilities goes right back in to maintaining these assets. For example, the Camas High School weight room is used during summer months for a Strength and Conditioning program. The proceeds from this program is supporting replacement flooring and re-upholstering the benches, and such.

o **Comment - Julie Garver** (Post Office Box 2626, Vancouver, WA 98668) – My mother was Joyce Garver and I want to thank you for bringing the Garver building back to the table. I have been to some of your meetings and I appreciate the work you have done throughout this process. I will commit what my share of taxes would be if I were living in the Camas School District to be put back into the arts in the district.

o **Question – Marilyn Boerke** – Originally the new building being built on the CHS property was thought to be a 6- to 12-grade configuration. Why is this now only 9-12?

o **Answer – Jeff Snell** – A 6-12 configuration was considered, and studied, but the capacity issues show that we need this to be a 9-12 configuration. Now could 6-8 be addressed at another site, or a later date? Hearing from the public and staff during our Listening Posts was that parents generally do not want their kids at a 6-12 building. Finding ways to address this learning idea of a 6-8 configuration is one thing to build, but to build and get kids to come to it is another thing.

o **Question – Karen Fox** – (1531 NW 31st Avenue, Camas) I’m not hearing much about seismic retrofitting the Garfield/Garver building and I’m wondering if this is part of the work.

o **Answer – Mike Nerland** – Yes, it is the first and foremost part of the modernization that needs to be done to bring the building up to code and is part of the dollar figures you see in the cost estimates.

o **Question – Karen Fox** – Will this work be for the exterior and/or the interior of the building?

o **Answer – Mike Nerland** - both the interior and exterior.
E. Mike Nerland – Recognized Mark Klein as the president of the Camas Citizens for Quality Schools. Mr. Nerland went on to say that the work Mark has already put into this process, the volunteer time, and the work going forward, I want to take a minute to thank him.

2. **WORKSHOP ADJOURNED AT 4:30 PM**

3. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 PM**
   A. Flag Salute lead by – Board President Mary Tipton

4. **OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AND STAFF**
   A. Presentation of a Knock Our Socks off Award to Camas High School student Isaac Hodapp for his prestigious awards of Army All American Band.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

6. **STUDENT REPORTS**
   Liberty Middle School ASB Representative Clayton Lukens shared the following:
   - Volleyball and wrestling seasons have begun
   - Magnet and math clubs will be starting where students can get help with math and play games
   - Clothes Closet is now open every Wednesday during lunch
   - First school dance was a success with a neon theme
   - ASB had an interactive workshop to develop plans for this year
   - Veterans Day Assembly was today with a veteran as our guest speaker
   - Jazz Band extracurricular activity is currently underway

   Skyridge Middle School ASB Vice President Tyler Fomer shared the following:
   - Link crew has begun
   - “You matter” is the motto this year and we will be having an assembly for this in January or February
   - The Skyridge football team went undefeated this year
   - Veterans Day assembly will be taking place tomorrow
   - The Stuff the Bus food drive is starting up

   Camas High School ASB Representative shared the following:
   - Stuff the Bus food drive is underway and will end December 4
   - Homecoming dance last week was attended by 720 students
   - To celebrate Veterans Day tomorrow instead of an assembly, students will be placing flags around the campus inside and out
   - Cross Country state tournament – girls won their 4th state championship. Boys finished 6th in the state
   - Varsity football are league champions and will go on to the first round of state playoffs, playing this Saturday against Skyview here at Doc Harris Stadium
   - Girls Soccer will play tomorrow night here at Doc Harris
   - Volleyball played at Eastlake High School.
   - Golf finished earlier in October and took 3rd in the league. One will go to state
   - Fall play at CHS, Murder Mystery of 1940 will run for three weeks
7. **BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Board Member Julie Rotz shared the following:
- Met with Eric Linthwaite and Stewart Morgan at their request. We had a general discussion and they invited me to come in to view their classrooms.
- Had the opportunity as a parent to view the Sexual Education program for middle school students.
- As a parent, I was able to participate in Camp Liberty. Interesting experience to give the students a chance to bond together.

Board Member Casey O’Dell shared the following:
- Met with Julie Swan regarding their emergency plan and discussed the planning for a full-blown event that will include a full reunification plan.

Board Member Mary Tipton shared the following:
- Both Doug Quinn and I attended the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting at Lacamas Heights Elementary School.
- Attended Career and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.

8. **ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

- Human Resources
- Donations
- Quality Facility and Resources

9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Minutes** - Approval of regular board meeting minutes for October 26, 2015

B. **Accounts Payable** figures for October 15, 2015:

   **2015-2016 School Year Budgets**
   - Direct Deposits (ACH) $75,505.14
   - General Fund (Vendor) $107,643.26
   - Department of Revenue $4,783.39
   - A.S.B. Fund $51,765.22
   - Capital Project Funds $143,556.15

C. **Payroll Register** for October 30, 2015 - $4,897,278.06

D. **Human Resources**:

   The following classified employees recommended for hire:
   - Zackary Crain, mechanic’s helper for Operations, effective 10/28/15
   - Molly Geaslen, paraprofessional at Liberty Middle, effective 11/2/15
   - Amy Hart, paraprofessional at Dorothy Fox Elementary, effective 11/2/15
   - Maria Ruiz, food service at Grass Valley Elementary, effective 11/16/15
• Kathleen Smith, protech at Camas High, effective 11/4/15
• Bruce Tubre, paraprofessional at Dorothy Fox Elementary, effective 11/2/15
• Margaret Guisti-Nordsiden, paraprofessional at Camas High, effective 11/6/15

The following employee has requested long-term leave without pay:
• Shauna Johnson, protech for Community Education, effective 11/23 to 6/15/16

The following employee have submitted their letters of resignation:
• Laura Ericcsen, server helper at Grass Valley Elementary, effective 10/23/15

The following items were also submitted for approval:
• Supplemental Contracts
• Extra-Curricular Winter Contracts

E. Travel Requests – As submitted

F. Donations:
• Camas High Choir received $500 from Upkes Group Inc. These funds will be used for various choir program activities.
• Camas High F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Team 2471 received $1,500 from Rotary Foundation of Camas/Washougal. These funds will be used for program activities.
• Camas High Band received drums, marching harnesses and stands at a value of $1,469.95 from Diane Clay.

Motion made by Connie Hennessey, seconded by Casey O’Dell. Motion carried unanimously approving all consent agenda items.

10. REPORTS
A. Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Mike Nerland shared the following:
   o Board members and I visited Skyridge Middle, Grass Valley and Woodburn Elementary schools on Thursday, November 5.
   o CEF Phone-A-Thon took place last week and I have heard that they raised over $20,000.
   o Sodexo Expectations meeting is set for Thursday, at 10:00 AM. Mary Tipton might need to take Casey O’Dell’s place.
   o Travelled to Pasco for the Cross Country state tournament.
   o WSSDA travel packets will be ready and delivered to board members next week.
   o The CSD has a couple of members presenting during the WSSDA Conference.
   o This evening you heard the recommendations regarding a potential bond. We are at a point where we need to bring a board resolution and would like to hear an endorsement to move forward with a resolution from the board.
   o Board Member Responses: Mary Tipton, “I’m in support.”, Connie Hennessey, “I’m also in support.” Casey O’Dell, “I think we are going in the right direction. The new high school is the big question and I think this model we are looking at is the right decision. I like what I heard tonight, and what we have heard from the community.” Julie Rotz, “I think there has been a lot of thought behind the process. I would agree and endorse moving forward with a resolution.”
11. QUALITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES
   A. Purchase of Transit Vans – Director of Operations Bryan McGeachy requested Board approval
      to purchase three 2016 Ford Transit Vans from Westlie Ford in the amount of $85,116, plus tax.
      The Operations Department requested bids through direct contact and advertising in the
      Columbian. Bids were received from two dealerships and ranged from $85,116.00 to
      $85,963.44.

   Motion made by Connie Hennessey, seconded by Casey O’Dell. Motion carried unanimously
   approving the purchase of three (3) 2016 Ford Transit vans from Westlie Ford for a total of $85,116
   plus tax.

12. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING – 6:10 PM

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROPERTY (RCW 42.30.110(b)) – 6:20 PM

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - ADJOURNED AT 7:05 PM

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