

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE GERVAIS CITY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF OREGON
HELD AT THE GERVAIS SCHOOL DISTRICT AT 6:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

1. Call to Order

This was a joint worksession between the Gervais School Board and the Gervais City Council. School Board Vice-Chair Ana Contreras called the meeting to order at 6:00 the Gervais High School cafeteria.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Mayor Annie Gilland	Present
Councilor Pam Foreman	Present
Councilor Baltazar Gonzalez	Present
Council President Micky Wagner	Present
Councilor Diana Bartch	Present
Councilor John Harvey	Present

Staff Present: City Manager Susie Marston, City Recorder Denise Dahlberg, and Police Chief Mark Chase.

4. Announcements/Additions

- a. Additions/deletions to the agenda

5. New Business

a. Facilities Tour

Superintendent of the Gervais School District, Dandy Stevens provided a visual tour of each of the schools in the district, explaining the details of the Pre-Bond Master Plans. The high school tour began in the cafeteria where Superintendent Stevens pointed out that windows were open for ventilation because there was no air conditioning, the ceiling is in need of repair and the kitchen is too small for both high school and middle school needs. Stevens pointed out safety and security issues when leaving windows open in the school. She spoke about the main office remodel and the need for security that would require people to get buzzed into the building. The need for upgrading the science classroom was discussed, the school's plumbing, HVAC costs, and roof repair. In the high school boys and girls locker room, a student from Gervais high school explained how crowded it was, and it was noted that one of the showers didn't work. There was a discussion about a new roof needed for the high school, and that patch work was done 4 years ago. There is no ventilation in the weight room and gym, the gym roof leaks and repairs are needed in the bathrooms. Title 9 was mentioned in the girls' locker room requiring same equipment facilities provided for women as for men. There was a discussion about seismic sheltering, requirements for seismic upgrades and grants that are available.

The Middle School tour encapsulated the need for new lockers, larger classrooms, and widening the hallways. The crowded hallways were a public safety issue because of bullying and assaults

taking place. The middle school gym still had a concrete floor, and it was noted there was no place for the kids to play because it was too dangerous. The eighth grade area was created in the 1990's and there was no bathroom. It was explained that middle school students' lunchtime of 30 minutes was limited because of the distance to the high school cafeteria.

During the elementary school tour, it was noted that attendance was low and there was currently blended classrooms. The need to prioritize students' wellbeing was emphasized. The elementary school identified upgrades and improvements throughout the school that were on the Pre-Bond Master Plan.

b. Discussion at District Office

At the conclusion of the tour, city council members and school board members met for a joint discussion at the district office board room.

Councilor Bartch asked what the next steps were for the School Bond. Ana Contreras confirmed they would be moving forward, and the bond would be back on the Ballot next May. Stevens noted they would be engaging community and gathering data during the November, December, and January meetings. There was a discussion about the seismic grant at \$2.5 million, the high school being the focus and the district having 1.3 million dollars in the budget.

There was a discussion about the heating and cooling needs, site for emergency shelter and open spaces needed to meet Covid requirements.

Ana Contreras suggested the Gervais City Council use this opportunity to ask questions because the architect was present. Contreras expressed her gratitude and gave Superintendent Dandy Stevens kudos for the work she had done on the budget. Contreras asserted the need to attract families, how good the Gervais teachers were, and how the kids are the future and they deserved better.

In response to Mayor Gilland's question, "What can you give the community to get people to vote yes? The need to be positive when talking to people about it, transparency and trusting the numbers, was specified. Dandy Stevens reported she was exploring ideas that could utilize proceeds from renting facilities to create an endowment fund that would allow people to apply for scholarships through an application process if the bond passed. They could have an opportunity to apply every year by providing copies of property taxes and income tax statements.

Council President Wagner suggested a quarterly tour of facilities. For community engagement, Dandy Stevens suggested the school board and city council commit to bringing 3 people to the tours. The discussion concluded with ideas on how to educate the community about the school bond. Some ideas shared were door knocking and information on the website and social media pages.

6. Adjourn

Dandy Steven's adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

I, DENISE DAHLBERG, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID MEETING OF THE GERVAIS CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 ARE, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, CORRECT AS RECORDED.

ATTESTED:



Denise Dahlberg, City Recorder



Annie Gilland, Mayor