

**Knappa School District
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**

April 11, 2023

Present:

Brian Montgomery, Chair

Judy Rund

Paul Isom

Marc Gendelman

David Ramsey

Dr. Bill Fritz*

Ann Gyde* - Klosh Group

*denotes non voting members

Old Business:

Paul Isom motioned to approve the meeting agenda, Judy Rund seconded the motion- the motion was unanimously approved

Judy Rund motioned to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Paul Isom seconded the motion - the motion was unanimously approved Judy approve minutes, Paul Isom 2nd

New Business:

Presentation by Dr. Fritz

- After initial estimating of subcontractors, current estimate is approx \$2 mill over budget
- Adjustments will not be obvious to the end user (ie different materials and slope of roof on new gym) can reduce costs
- Based on the estimates of construction costs, the 6th grade will remain in the main building and the new middle school will be 7&8th grades
- The project will also require construction of a larger water line and pump to increase pressure for fire suppression and daily water use for a larger building.
- These adjustments bring the estimated cost to within \$200,000 of the budgeted cost
- KSD has a "buyback" list of items that are not currently in the scope and may be funded. The construction management team will prioritize these items based on a number of factors and will continue to update stakeholders as contingency funds become available.

The bond oversight committee discussed the rationale behind constructing a freestanding middle school vs. a connected building (seismic, fire sprinkler and engineering systems).

Dr. Fritz provided an update on a grants to improve KSD facilities and potentially offset costs included in the bond package.

- A grant was submitted to the federal government via the office of Senator Merkley. This grant request is for \$1.5 million and the award would be made fall of 2024. This grant

would fund additional sprinkler and water lines for fire suppression separate from the bond funding.

- A request was made to Clatsop County to assist with the waterline project. The county has ARA funds available and KSD has requested assistance with funding the water line project. This would offset costs on the bond budget and would be
- Seismic retrofit grant awarded to KSD for upgrade to KHS gym, cafeteria and library. Amount is \$2.5 million. This grant is separate from the bond, but may increase the interest in bidding on the middle school project.
- District is also exploring a grant to add an emergency generator to KHS

Discussion of public feedback to the committee members - many comments have been about the gym. Members report excitement in the community and believe that this will only increase once construction starts.

The committee reviewed current conceptual drawing based on value engineering.

The committee reviewed the budget to date and agreed that spending was in accordance with the scope of the bond.

The committee agreed to meet again on June 8, 2023 at 1800. At this meeting the committee will prepare a report for the KSD school board..