

**Bend La Pine Schools  
Bend, OR 97701**

**The Board of Directors of the Bend La Pine Schools met in a regular meeting on April 4, 2007 at noon in the library of Pine Ridge Elementary School, 19840 Hollygrape Street, Bend 97701.**

**Board Members Present**

Bill Smith  
Tom Wilson  
Nathan Hovekamp  
Carolyn Platt  
Nori Juba  
Janelle Wilcox  
Scott Reynolds

**Bend Metro Park and Recreation District Board Members Present**

Suzanne Johannsen  
Ruth Williamson  
Don Smith  
Bob Woodward

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:03p by Chair Reynolds. The flag salute followed. Reynolds welcomed the Bend Metro Park & Recreation Board and staff to the meeting. Park Board Chair Suzanne Johannsen thanked the school Board for the invitation to have a joint discussion.

**Review of the Agenda**

Superintendent Nelson indicated he is recommending six administrative positions be approved for hire instead of the four originally listed on the agenda. The Board was given an updated administrative hire list.

**Principals Report**

Kevin Gehrig, principal at Pine Ridge Elementary, welcomed Board members and staff to Pine Ridge. He introduced Jan Bawanan, music teacher, and the Pine Ridge choral ensemble. The group recently performed at a festival held at Summit High School. The ensemble performed two songs for the Board.

**Action**

*Appointment of Administrative Staff*

**Nathan Hovekamp moved to approve the appointment of:**

- **Timothy Comfort, Principal at Elk Meadow Elementary**
- **Tamara Doty, Principal at La Pine Elementary**
- **Michael Hecker, Principal at Cascade Middle School**
- **Kathryn Legace, Principal at Mountain View High School**
- **Jay Mathiesen, Principal at La Pine High School**
- **William Rhoades, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction**

**Tom Wilson seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.**

**Discussion**

*Discussion with Bend Metro Park & Recreation District (BMPRD) Board*

Both Boards felt that since both districts touch the same students, that this meeting is a great way to start a discussion on a number of items.

Assistant Superintendent of Operations John Rexford, and Director of Planning and Development for BMPRD Bruce Ronning explained two projects currently in progress between the two districts. Ronning explained about the BMPRD pine nursery site in northeast Bend. He indicated the park district acquired 185 acres, and then dedicated 15 acres for a new elementary site. Many athletic facilities are planned for the remaining 170 acres. Rexford stated there will be access from Purcell to the new school. It will be a prototype like Pine Ridge, with the option to add additional wings. Superintendent Nelson said the original conveyance was from the Forest Service to the park district, and then to the school district at no cost to the schools. Ronning went into an explanation on the phases of development for the park, and that the new school will have access to the park.

Rexford stated the second project is located at the High Desert Middle School site. The Sites and Facilities Committee recommended to surplus the north portion of the property, and to discuss with the BMPRD use of an area in the lower corner over the natural gas lines. He indicated 15 acres to the south of the school will be retained as a future elementary site. Rexford noted there are use restrictions over the natural gas line. Don Horton stated the BMPRD have an interest in developing a park in that area of town. The master plan for the whole area includes space for a community park along with the elementary sites. The pipeline that runs across the section of property is a challenge for both districts. It is possible to put sport fields and trails over the top of the pipeline, but not buildings. The development of a community park would coincide with development of a school in that area according to Horton.

#### *Joint Use of Facilities*

Chair Reynolds asked what the agreements were now, and how they could be improved. Rexford stated the official agreement is approximately 16 years old. The agreement has generally worked well. The agreement has benefited members of the community, and both districts remain committed to the concept of public facilities for all community members to use. Director of Recreation Services Wayne Smith stated the BMPRD is considered the best in country. He said the schools have allowed an opportunity for the community to use the facilities. Rexford stated the schools have priority for use, and the second priority would go to BMPRD at no cost. The same is true in reverse. He stated the agreement has evolved over time, and every effort has been made to minimize the impact on principals and their staff. Rexford reiterated the evolution of the agreement, and adjustments are constantly being made as needed. School Board member Carolyn Platt wanted to know if the district was charged for use of park district facilities. Smith stated the only charges are those incurred based on law, such as lifeguards, there are no facility use charges.

BMPRD Board member Don Smith stated a specific area of schools is used for after school programs by Park and Recreation. He would like to see an opportunity to expand the programs, and possibly build a classroom specific to Park and Recreation, or place modulars at sites for park district use. He feels there would be less impact on schools, but benefits for students. BMPRD Chair Suzanne Johannsen stated this is aimed at the elementary school level. The funding would come from BMPRD. This may be outside the normal box of thinking, but Chair Reynolds thinks it is a great concept. Discussion ensued on the amount, and size of space needed, and on those programs that could possibly be expanded or provided. School Board member Bill Smith wanted to know how many programs are currently being offered. Wayne Smith indicated currently at the elementary level Kids Inc., and Kindergarten Care, as well as youth sports is being offered. Smith went on to state that the BMPRD is far ahead of what is seen across the country due to the cooperation of the two districts.

School Board member Platt sees the biggest obstacle as transportation for students. She asked if there was a possibility for joint transportation. Discussion ensued. Rexford will look at the opportunities to provide additional space for BMPRD programs. All felt transportation to the aquatic center would be wonderful in the summer. Transportation discussion ensued. It was stated by both boards that the City needs to be included in the transportation discussion. Smith stated more space would allow the BMPRD to service more students at each site. Right now there is a waiting list at each site due to lack of space.

School Board member Janelle Wilcox asked about the financial impact of Park and Recreation programs, she wanted to know if there are plenty of scholarships and grants for those students that may not be able to afford the cost. Wayne Smith indicated they awarded \$90,000 in scholarships, and have not turned anyone away. Both boards felt there still may be a portion of students who are missing an opportunity either because they cannot afford the fees, or do not have the transportation. Discussion ensued.

Chair Reynolds would like to get a group together in the near future to further discuss several of these issues. School Board member Nori Juba feels the boards should approach the City with several of these issues. School Board member Tom Wilson wants to know where modulars are placed now and where could they be left as dedicated space for BMPRD programs.

Superintendent Nelson summarized five areas of interest for future discussion as follows:

1. Joint planning and development efforts
2. Joint planning of space at elementary schools
3. Transportation to after school and summer programs
4. Outreach to Latino families
5. Working with the City

Meeting adjourned at 1:28p.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board Secretary  
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