



Union County Democratic Central Committee

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Called to Order: 5:04

Present: Kathleen Cathey, Jerry Sebestyen, Sharon Evoy, Glen Scheele, Terry Edvalson, Chris Panike, Greg Blackman (both representing the School District), Carole Halvorson, Bob Delve

Introductions: Introductions were made.

Treasurer's Report and Minutes Approval:

Item: school bond presentation – Chris Panike, Director of Business Operations, Greg Blackman – school board member, video about bond issue overview of building conditions as well as school district recommendations, significant needs in learning environments and requirements of full day kindergarten, school safety and security issues, particularly with portable classrooms



where students are having to walk in the open to use bathroom, technology needs to be updated to catch up with technology – previous bond has expired, Replacement school for Central Elem, inefficient heating system, roof constantly leaking, mold issues; invest in an old school or expending for a new school,
Q & A

Does it include the track?

The track is not on it, discussion of process and choosing priority of issues & limit to amount that is most advantageous to ask voters \$2 per thousand, so \$1.99 and could drop to \$1.48 or perhaps may keep at \$1.99 to work on the other projects, track in consensus had about half of folks in favor in comparison to other needs with higher numbers in favor

How do we know that the money from this bond is going to be administered properly?

There will be a citizens' oversight committee,

If bond passes when will work begin and what would be first?

Hope to start next summer; it will take a year for construction to begin at Central,
50 members of community involved with decision on priorities and going forth with bond, there will be a



public process in decision making, focus on what district needs,

How are you going to manage the sinking fund? Rate base,

Plan shows extended maintenance, if there's trouble now keeping up buildings how will school district keep up the new building?

We are maintaining what we had in the buildings that are old.

CP get us on a stable footing for school funding from state, finish projects such as roof, some issues of working with professionals, that is a long term plan and not coming back for more funds.

MC I like industrial arts program and that it includes repairing classrooms

CP in 2007 we did an extensive energy audit, new boilers purchased, Central is coupled with HS and steam moves from HS to Central, hot water system will replace steam, use a combination of sources when needed, on an interruptible rate

1979 tech bond provided fiber cable that was great, needs upgrading, trying to do better than the past,

CP ask us to use our social media, send them links to the school district video,



www.lagrandesd.org/bond

TE working on a candidates forum, school bond could be a part of it, approach Andrew at Observer, Editorial coming in Observer

Item: Brad Avakian –Glen brought campaign materials, take what you need, let folks know that materials are available at no cost, Glen & Bob got him linked with ORA and barn dance event,

Item: SOS basically there's a counter proposals presented to the county, the shelter is asking to own the Joseph Building & and to reside in a temporary structure until JA can be torn down, will then ask for funds (again) from Federal grant sources

Item: GOTV a few weeks to election all long term and absentee ballots have been sent out, lawn signs and campaign literature are available, need volunteers to make phone calls, drop off Democrats – those who vote in presidential but not the mid term elections target them with message that it's important to show up, Jerry has list of volunteers willing to make calls, list & scripts, modify to make them "Eastern Oregon centric",



Jerry & Glen will meet & plan this week,
Slate cards – what Dems are on ballot, position on ballot
measures?

Status of Jack Howard? Is he on the candidate forum?

October 7-9 at Middle School

Format same as League of Women Voters model, Di
Lynn offered to be moderator, need to clarify with her;

Observer is putting out a voters' pamphlet,

Barreto ask him questions if there's no one to debate,

Election mixer social event at 10 Depot - Union County
Chamber of Commerce,

Glen shares the ballot initiatives “top two primary” –
measure 90, experience in WA & CA not delivering
benefits touted such as voter turn out, campaign
expenditures, weird anomalies in elections such as 4
Dems split vote with and end with two Rs in a
predominant Dem area

Open primary not constrained can vote for anybody, non
affiliated can vote in primary, two tier is different not an
open primary, adverse to independent parties as well,
Need to stir up local involvement in Dems elections,
Need to talk about what Obama, fair pay, affordable
health care, dislodged chemical weapons from Assad
regime,



Highway clean up to be scheduled in October, Sharon has called Lyndall who will hopefully take over this project.

Next meeting: TBA

Adjourned: 6:15

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Evoy, Secretary