

**ADEL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL SESSION BOARD MEETING
MAY 16, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Hiatt
Jason Jaeger
Aja O’Keefe, phone in

STAFF PRESENT: Lane Stratton, Superintendent
Tonya Stratton, Clerk, phone in

PUBLIC PRESENT: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Aja O’Keefe at the Adel School in Adel, Oregon.

AGENDA

Jim Hiatt moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jason Jaeger seconded and the motion carried.

1. Information/Discussion Item

1.1 Stem Room

Mr. Stratton stated he received the original bid and it was over our budget. The contractor stated that there was some cost saving items that he noticed and that he would go back through the bid and change some items to save some money. We got the bid back with some savings and it came in at \$315,420. This does not include the Smart Lab furniture, fixtures and equipment. That cost is \$176,429. Currently we have \$243,000 in the construction fund, \$88,500 in ESSER funds and \$22,000 in SIA money all for this project. Total is \$353,500. Mr. Stratton stated the options are build the room and get the smart lab, build the room or not do any of it. He also stated some budget numbers for next year. We have paid a \$7500 deposit to the smart lab folks. Board chair asked how long the smart lab fee would be for? Mr. Stratton stated 3 years for curriculum and license to all the software and professional development for the teachers. This includes a 3-D printer, another printer, TV, computers, stem kits, furniture, and fixtures. Board chair also asked what are cost would be after 3 years. Mr. Stratton responded it depends on what the teachers feel like that they would need. Jason Jaeger asked if we need all the stem lab stuff or is there any way we could scale back on it. Mr. Stratton replied that they dropped the curriculum cost down by 50% if we purchase it by the end of the month. It was a \$15,000 license. The rest of it is what gets the classroom started. Jim Hiatt asked if the cost was mostly permanent. Mr. Stratton said most of it is permanent and not disposable items. If we don’t need IT support or professional development it would cost approximately \$5k-10k per year after 3 years. Jim Hiatt said he is onboard after 3 years if we don’t need it we can let the smart lab curriculum go. Jason Jaeger asked where the money would come from? Mr. Stratton said we are short \$138,341 and are looking for some grants. If we get a grant we cannot retro the grant back. The other idea is holding summer stem camps to make some money from our lab. This money would come from our general fund. Mr. Hiatt asked what the bottom line for our cash carry-over be for 24-25? Mr. Stratton stated that for next year that would put us at a 20% cash carry over vs prior years where we are usually sitting at about 60% cash carry over. Jason Jaeger feels the building is a capital improvement, and we can wait on the smart lab and if something presents itself such as a grant then we can pursue the smart lab. That would be more fiscally responsible. It makes him nervous to have a 20% cash carry over. Jim Hiatt stated that if we put off building the building that is it never going to get any cheaper to build. Its \$300-\$400 to build a school because of the prevailing wages and just traveling from Lakeview to build. Board chair Aja O’Keefe stated that having a 20% cash

carry over is concerning and that we should apply for some grants. Cabinetry is in the bid from the stem lab. We could use the space with some of the other stuff we have.

2. Action Items

2.1 Stem Room

Jason Jaeger made a motion to go ahead with the bid of \$315,420 using ESSER, SIA, & construction fund dollars to build the building and holding off on the smart lab. Jim Hiatt seconded the motion and all were in favor.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Jim Hiatt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Jason Jaeger seconded and the motion carried.

Lane Stratton, Superintendent

Aja O'Keefe, Chair