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"It's not like we're putting it off, this is just how long it takes to get it right," said board mem-ber and Latham parent Taylor Wilhour as discussion broke out among the board about the timeliness of this report.

"We just want to make the right decision whether we maintain the building or we close the building. I want the best information out there so that we can make that decision," said Sullivan.

To start the board meeting, Latham parents Melanie Stuhlmiller and Ashley Rigel spoke during the public comment to urge the board to make a decision as soon as possible.

"I just really ask that instead of this slow, painful peel of the band aid, we just get it over with whatever your decision is," said Stuhlmiller who also serves as an EA and Librarian at Latham. "And not a lingering, we're going to wait one more year and reassess. Or a we're going to wait until February to make a decision. We kind of just, do your due diligence, go over everything, hear everybody, like I know you guys will and make your decision."

"Our kids' education is limbo and our lives are kind of in limbo," said Rigel.

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School board considers options for full-time superintendent

By Zach Silva zsilva@cgsentinel.com

The South Lane School District superintendent search will be at the heart of next week's (Monday Oct. 15) meeting.

The school board is faced with two choices: work with Oregon School **Boards Association** (OSBA) to find a fulltime superintendent who would start next school year or bring back interim superintendent Larry Sullivan for one more year.

After board members voiced their approval for Sullivan to stay at September's school board meeting, the twice-retired Sullivan announced at last week's meeting that he would like to serve one more year.

"I'm certainly at a stage of my career that I look forward to retirement and do some things that are really important to me. But at the same time, the same reason I came here is the same reason I would want to stay: you have a terrific staff," he said. "A terrific cabinet and leadership in the district and principals; the teachers are

phenomenal. It would be hard for me to walk away from that."

Board chair Alan Baas expressed interest in keeping Sullivan for another year while making sure that the board stays true to their word.

"I remind us that we have told the district that we will move forward as quickly as we feel rea-sonable with the superintendent search," said Baas, adding, "I would lean towards keeping Larry and thoroughly examining and making sure that we're fulfilling our responsibilities towards the district."

The sentiment was echoed across the board.

"I've done several searches for superintendents and it's very, very time-consuming," said board member Sherry Duerst-Higgins. "And it seems like we have a full plate every month so it would be my recommendation that we keep you for two years and then we search so we can fulfill and continue what we started this year.

"We had a very difficult year and we're rolling down that hill now."

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