

**CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP SESSION**

JANUARY 4, 2007

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The workshop session of the Canby School District Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Rod Beck at 5:28pm on January 4, 2007 in the Knight Elementary School library. Board members present were Rod Beck, Dr. Mike Harms, Dick Adams, Andy Rivinus, Sandy Ricksgger, Marty McCullough and Guy Gibson. Other attendees were Deborah Sommer, Linda Martin, David Moore, Debbie Pearson, Wayne Layman, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Rich Thompson, Jennifer Turner, Lou Bailey, Noel Hygelund, Joe Morelock, Carol Meeuwsen, Matt Madeira, Scott Enyart, Danielle Peterson, Joel Sebastian, Hank Harris, Joel Stuart, Pat Johnson, Ricardo Marquez, Marilyn Wood, Dennis Burke and two new district parents and child from Ninety-one Elementary. Dr. Harms left the meeting before 3.2 Calendar Survey Data, Attendance and Performance Results.

**2.0 PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jennifer Turner wished everyone a Happy New Year. Dr. Mike Harms reported Mike Doty received the Coach of the Year Award for football.

**3.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Deborah Sommer gave everyone copies of Intergovernmental Agreements between the City of Sherwood and the Sherwood School District and the agreement between Hillsboro School District and F.C. Portland on their athletic fields for language review.

Deborah also gave copies of the updated Criteria for Use of Land/Open Space based on discussion November 16, 2006 and December 13, 2006.

**3.1 Field Development Presentation**

Matt Madeira from Canby Kids Soccer gave a presentation on the possibility of constructing two all-weather soccer fields at Baker Prairie Middle School. The cost including site preparation, fencing, lighting and equipment is approximately \$1.2 million with annual maintenance needed once a year at the cost of \$3000. Rod Beck said maintenance costs proved to be higher at the Tigard all weather field than previously expected, and that field life had been less than promised. Matt said he would double check on the maintenance cost. The artificial grass needs to be replaced about every 10 years and the cost for this would come from fees collected throughout the year. \$10,000 has been received from US Soccer

and several grants possibilities are available, He anticipates support from the US Soccer Foundation if approval is received from the district. Other funding would come from donations. There will be no district funds involved at all if the project is approved.

Guy Gibson confirmed there would be a locked six foot fence around the fields. There was discussion on the perception of the community with a locked field and Matt explained this facility use would be patterned after a basketball facility. The public does not have access to the basketball facilities without scheduling. This issue needs to be resolved.

Canby Kids Soccer would provide oversight and scheduling of the fields. Baker Prairie would get unrestricted use during school hours; however, Canby United Soccer would have primary access after school for club soccer. Sandy Ricksger asked if the high school could use the proposed fields. Matt's answer was no, as a general rule; however, it is a community facility but primary use would be club soccer. If the fields were made available for other sports, they would be expected to pay a fee for use.

Rod Beck asked how we address taking two fields out of commission and Matt said it's a different kind of field. Rod also asked who would be collecting and setting aside fees to make sure the money is there for maintenance. That is yet to be determined.

Dick Adams asked how the fields would be used compared to regular fields. Matt said the fields could be used 24/7. Dennis Burke asked if 24/7 was what the district wants since the fields are for the advantage of US Soccer? Andy Rivinus said we need to address parking issues. The approval from the city is for the existing building, so the City needs to be approached. Matt's response was we still have two fields regardless of the type of field or service. We now have a conditional use permit for the two grass fields and Marty asked Debbie Pearson if we would need additional permits for turf. Debbie thought we possibly would and the lighting could be another issue.

Deborah asked if there would be an increase in the soccer fees. Presently, \$13.00 goes into a fund for grass maintenance. Matt said he would predict that less money might be allocated for grass maintenance.

David Moore reported the Sherwood field was funded with Urban Renewal dollars and asked if the City of Canby had been approached. Scott Enyart said the Honda pits" property had been suggested but they had been told it was not available. One of the funding sources does require involvement with the city and they have not been approached regarding a partnership at this time.

Wayne Layman commented about parking issues and activity with numerous activities at the school. We need to be sensitive to the surrounding neighbors. There was concern

expressed that operational issues would result in the school district being called/blamed even if Canby Kids was the oversight agent.

Scott Enyart said, due to short timeline and the hopes to break ground in June 2008 to be ready for September 2008, we need agreement soon. Chair Rod Beck and Deborah Sommer will set a meeting with Matt Madeira, Scott Enyart, Wayne Layman, Dennis

Burke, Lou Bailey to identify/resolve the several policy issues that must be addressed if approval is going to be given by the Board.

### **3.2 Calendar Survey Data, Attendance and Performance Results**

Deborah reviewed assessment data showing an definite increase. Joe Morelock reported attendance actually improved with the current calendar. In the past attendance dropped between 25%-31% during Thanksgiving Break. Andy Rivinus felt the breaks were too long.

Carol Meeuwsen explained the survey was posted or sent to the list serves on each school web site to give parents and CSD staff an opportunity to complete the survey. CHS student were also asked to complete the survey. We received responses from 165 parents, 224 staff and 1384 CHS students. The board said the survey was helpful and the responses clearly show differing opinions due to family or staff situations.

The principals from each school shared their comments. Each principal said the current school calendar accomplished the goals of increasing the number of full instructional weeks and the staff training days together made a positive impact. The natural break at the end of the trimester was also good. The current calendar did not give much time for grading and the short timeline at the end of the year was a little difficult. Overall the principals liked the current calendar better than the “old” calendar.

The board felt the results from the surveys and data were very informative. We need to look at options regarding the winter break and the start and end of school. We just need to take the information and improve on it. Both Rod and Deborah said we need to be consistent with our calendar. Andy said if we go back we have made no progress. All noted that 45% of parents who responded said they didn't really care about the calendar details as long as they knew in advance what the schedule looked like. The board feels we have made a good start on the calendar. Ultimately, the board agreed the first priority is the academic responsibility to our students.

Carol Meeuwsen will add the survey results to each website. Continued discussion on the calendar data and sample calendars will be available at the board meeting on January 18, 2007 to be held in the CHS Omni room. Public comments can be made during the public forum at the meeting and as well as the workshop on February 8, 2007, to be held in the Eccles cafeteria.

### **3.3 Budget Information/Process/Timeline**

Deborah and David shared the Budget Calendar. We will be inviting district patrons to prioritize district needs. The Board's four current budget priorities are not changing. These priorities are 1) increase student achievement; 2) positive

school/community relations; 3) a K-12 culture that promotes student, parent, staff success; and 4) effective use of resources. These priorities, plus the "menu of options" we anticipate from the Legislature will need to frame community input. Meetings will be scheduled in January and early February to include members of the Local School Committees, PTA members and Superintendent Luncheon attendees.

### **4.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Rod Beck adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin  
Board/Superintendent Secretary

Rodney J. Beck  
Board Chair

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