

**MINUTES OF THE CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
EXEMPTION HEARING AND REGULAR SESSION**

February 15, 2007

**EXEMPTION HEARING**

Chair Rod Beck opened the Exemption Hearing at 6:14 p.m. in the Canby High School, Omni room on February 15, 2007. Board members present were Rod Beck, Andy Rivinus, Dr. Mike Harms, Dick Adams, Sandy Ricksger, Guy Gibson and Marty McCullough. Other attendees were Deborah Sommer, Linda Martin, Ken Triplett, Bill Harper, Jennifer Turner, David Moore, Joel Sebastian, Rich Thompson, Debbie Pearson, Skipper Maine and Conor O'Callahan-Maine.

David Moore shared the findings supporting a resolution authorizing the Canby School District Board, acting as the Local Contract Review Board, to exempt the Summer 2007 Capital Bond Improvement Project for the Canby High School Expansion Project from the Low Competitive Bid Process and instead use a Request for Proposal competitive procurement process to select a contractor for the Project.

There were no public comments.

The hearing closed at 6:17 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Rod Beck called the Regular Session to order at 6:29 p.m. Board members present were Rod Beck, Andy Rivinus, Dr. Mike Harms, Dick Adams, Marty McCullough, Guy Gibson and Sandy Ricksger. Also in attendance were Deborah Sommer, Linda Martin, Skipper Maine, Conor O'Callahn-Maine, Kathleen Toon, Brian Toon, Lisa Castlemen, Jenne Parker, Paige Norgart, Taylor Preuitt, Lou Bailey, Debbie Pearson, Ryan Oliver, Amanda McLean, Diane Kunze, Andrew Kunze, Joel Sebastain, Mark Webber, David Moore, Carol Meeuwsen, Michelle Webber, Kristine Stuart, Joel Stuart, Emily Kraxberger, Laura Miranda, Aaron Branum, Chris Johnson, Joyce Branum, Stacey Norgart, Ellie Simnitt, Mike Beck, Hollie Beck, Tom Millbrooke, Tom Feller, Jennifer Kraxberger, Patti Moller, Kristi Wilson, Jennifer Turner, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Bob Webber and daughter, Joe Morelock, Melissa Sheppard, Joe Minson, Ricardo Marquez, Marilyn Wood, Melissa Roderick, Hank Harris, Noel

Hygelund, Danielle Peterson, Debbie Pearson, Rich Thompson, Pat Johnson and there was one illegible signature on the sign in sheet.

**2.0 FLAG SALUTE & INTRODUCTIONS:** Attendees said the flag salute and introductions were not made, but a sign in sheet was circulated.

**3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None

**4.0 PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no public comments. The student reps presented their information before the Spotlight on Student Success.

Amanda McLean from Ackerman Middle School reported student body elections were held. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are fundraising for Outdoor School and made \$900 collecting cans and bottles. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are involved in forecasting classes for next year. Other activities include an Outreach Program at Lee Elementary working with students and an assembly on abstinence.

Taylor Preuitt from Baker Prairie reported they have also had student body elections. They are fundraising for leukemia and a pizza party goes to the winning class. They have had TESA testing in reading and math. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are forecasting for next year's classes.

Ninety-one reps, Melissa Roderick and Emily Kraxberger reported the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are taking swimming lessons. The Red Cross presented a storm safety program and The Oregon National Guard coordinated a Lewis and Clark Mountain Man presentation on the lives of trappers. A Joni Harms concert is scheduled for March 17 in the Fine Arts Center to raise money for Outdoor School. The cost of tickets will be \$10.00.

Ellie Simnitt reported Sportsmanship Week was February 5-9. The Mr. Cougar contest was held along with selling Valentine crushes. Students are also working with Trost 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. The musical begins March 1, with a senior citizen spaghetti feed and play presentation on February 28. ASB elections will be held in March.

#### Spotlight on Student Success

Eccles teacher Jenne Parker and students Page Warner and Sarah Brannan discussed the process of making Digital Stories. Page and Sarah shared video stories on each of their families that were very entertaining.

Rich Thompson, Melissa Sheppard and Sara Fusselman reported on the Community of Writers at Knight School. Different artists visited the school working with students on writing skills. Students Samuel, Skyler, Olivia and Cassey wrote a song, "Weather's

Everywhere" using the skills learned on structured rhyming. A Family Write Night with families working together on writing skills was a huge success. Author Tedd Arnold also visited the school in October to celebrate the grand prize of \$2500 in books from the Scholastic Book Fair National Contest.

## **5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **5.1 Adoption of 2007-2008 School Calendar**

Rod Beck asked each board member for their opinion on their calendar choice. Guy Gibson said he is proud of the district for changing to the current calendar and we followed through with the two year commitment. He felt there were both plus and minuses to the current calendar, but after much thought and review of the information gathered he felt Version #2 was his choice. Because of the Winter Break on #2, he felt the teachers should not send homework home with the students.

Marty McCullough felt the majority of people just want a decision made on a calendar. She favors Version #3 and #4 due to natural breaks and down time for vacations. They also give consistent blocks for focusing on teaching and learning.

Dick Adams said we need to remember what meets the needs of kids. He's heard what staff and the principals have said as far as what they feel is best and studied the information collected; therefore, he is in favor of Version #3. He said we as a district need to help find solutions for the childcare issues. We also need to have whichever calendar is adopted in place for a significant amount of time. He supports the current calendar and thinks it is significant that all 9 of the principals recommended we stay the course.

Sandy Ricksger appreciated the time and effort given to the gathering of data. She felt the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester of the current calendar is too short. She believes the long breaks are detrimental to learning. We need to be using more time in instruction. She is in favor on Version #2.

After many hours in researching 75 other district calendars, Andy Rivinus said the start, breaks and end dates in other districts are all over the board. Our role is what is best for public education. After hearing from the administrators as to their choices and their 9-0 in favor of the current calendar, he is in favor of Version #3 or #4 with a preference on #4.

Dr. Mike Harms says this is a challenging task and one of the most difficult decisions he has had to make. Our roots are deep in agriculture and we

need an earlier start to end school earlier in the summer. He is in favor of Version #2.

Rod Beck thanked staff and principals for the energy involved in gathering comments and statistics, but he felt we can't prove the current calendar is academically better. He is favor of Version #2 with an earlier start and an earlier release.

**MOTION:** Sandy Ricksger moved to adopt Calendar Version #2 with the start date of September 4, 2007 and an end date of June 6, 2008 for the 2007-2008 School Year. Dr. Mike Harms seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-3 with Dick Adams, Marty McCullough and Andy Rivinus voting no.

Guy Gibson said we don't want to stop looking at the calendar in future years.

## 5.2 Lee Elementary Local School Committee Appointments

Lee passed  
**MOTION:** Dr. Mike Harms moved to appoint Karen Brennan and Conni McNamee to the open Local School Committee positions at Elementary School. Andy Rivinus seconded the motion. Motion 7-0.

## 5.3 2007-2008 Employee Contract Renewals

### 5.3.1 Probationary Teachers

outlined in motion. Motion  
**MOTION:** Sandy Ricksger moved to elect the contracts from first-year probationary teachers to second-year probationary status as Revised Addendum 5.3.1. Dr. Mike Harms seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

second- as outlined motion.  
**MOTION:** Sandy Ricksger moved to elect the contracts from year probationary teachers to third-year probationary status in Revised Addendum 5.3.1. Dr. Mike Harms seconded the Motion carried 7-0.

Addendum 7-0.  
**MOTION:** Sandy Ricksger moved to elect the contracts from third year probationary teachers to contract status as provided in Revised 5.3.1. Andy Rivinus seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION:** Andy Rivinus moved to elect the specified individual contract from third year probationary teacher to contract status as provided in

Motion voting no. Revised Addendum 5.3.1. Dick Adams seconded the motion. passed 5-2 with Dr. Mike Harms and Sandy Ricksger

### 5.3.2 Contract Teachers

provided in passed MOTION: Dr. Mike Harms moved to adopt the extension of contract status from July 1, 2005-June 30, 2009 for the licensed staff as Addendum 5.3.2. Sandy Ricksger seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### 5.3.3 Temporary Non-Renewals

in Motion MOTION: Andy Rivinus moved to adopt the non-renewal of temporary teachers and teacher interns for the 2007-2008 school year as listed Addendum 5.3.3. Marty McCullough seconded the motion. passed 7-0.

### 5.3.4 Probationary Contract Administrators

status to second year as listed in the motion. therefore, motion passed 6-0. MOTION: Marty McCullough moved to adopt the election of probationary administrators from first year probationary year probationary status for the 2007-2008 school Addendum 5.3.4. Sandy Ricksger seconded declared a conflict of interest,

2007- MOTION: Dr. Mike Harms moved to adopt the election of second year probationary administrators to third year probationary status for the 2008 school year as listed in Addendum 5.3.4. Marty McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

2007- Marty MOTION: Andy Rivinus moved to adopt the extension of contract status to the third year probationary administrator for the school years 2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2110 as listed in Addendum 5.3.4. McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

2007-2008, Andy Rivinus MOTION: Marty McCullough moved to adopt the extension of contract to the licensed contract administrators for the school years, 2008-2009, and 2009-2010 as listed in Addendum 5.3.4. seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### **5.3.5 Confidential/Supervisory Employees**

**MOTION:** Andy Rivinus moved to adopt the extension of contracts for confidential/supervisory staff for the 2007-2008 school year as listed in Addendum 5.3.5. Dr. Mike Harms seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### **5.4 Superintendent Contract Renewal**

**MOTION:** Marty McCullough moved to adopt the extension of the employment contract of Superintendent/Clerk Deborah L. Sommer for three years, to include the fiscal years 2007-2008, 2008-2009, and 2009-2010. Andy Rivinus seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### **5.5 Resolution Authorizing an Exemption from Low Bid Process and Request for Proposal to Select General Contractor for Summer 2007 Capital Bond Improvement Project: Canby High School Expansion Project**

**MOTION:** Dick Adams moved to adopt the resolution authorizing an exemption from the low competitive bid process and authorizing a request for proposal competitive procurement process to select a general contractor for the Summer 2007 Capital Bond Improvement Project: Canby High School Expansion Project (The "Project"). Marty McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### **5.6 Approval of Land/Facility Use Criteria**

The Board made corrections on the wording in #2 on the criteria to remove "does not" as well as a typing error in #8 to drop the "d" in approved.

**MOTION:** Dr. Mike Harms moved to adopt the Approval of Land/Facility Use Criteria as amended. Dick Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

The criteria will be added to the Administrative Procedures for Facility Use.

## **6.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **6.1 Minutes**

Minutes of the January 18, 2007 Executive Session and Regular Session are provided in Addendum 6.1.

### **6.2 Personnel Changes**

Personnel Changes are provided in Addendum 6.2.

**MOTION:** Sandy Ricksger moved to approve the minutes as provided in Addendum 6.1 and the Personnel Changes as provided in Addendum 6.2. Marty McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

## **7.0 SCHOOL REPORT / COMMENTS BY BOARD**

Dr. Harms attended the Winter Honors Program at Baker Prairie. Over 200 students in all three grades were recognized for their academic grades. He also attended a lunch with Lou Bailey and parents. Questions were answered about the school and the school calendar. Dr. Harms also attended the Superintendent's Luncheon on Wednesday. Parents from each school were in attendance.

Andy Rivinus attended the Family Writers Night at Knight Elementary School. The event was well attended and the writers did a good job getting people involved in the event. He also attended the last Budget Priorities meeting. There was good discussion with the four patrons attending.

Sandy Ricksger attended the student recognition breakfast at Ninety-one. This is always a positive event. The School Carnival was well attended. Ninety-one will soon be replacing their reader board.

Dick Adams met with Canby High School staff and Pat Johnson regarding the transition experience for incoming Freshmen. He also attended the last Budget Priorities meeting.

Marty McCullough said she has had some discussion regarding maintenance issues at Lee Elementary.

Guy Gibson reported there have been comments on not being able to read the sign at Baker Prairie, but this is being taken care of. He also attended the meeting on the Title Audit results. He didn't realize this was such a huge task, but staff have done a phenomenal job.

Rod Beck attended a meeting on the artificial turf fields to be discussed in the Superintendent's Report.

## **8.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Deborah Sommer was involved in a meeting this morning with Rod Beck, Andy Kahut, Pat Johnson, Dennis Burke, Lou Bailey and Matt Madeira on the artificial turf discussion. Andy feels there is a broad based interest in having this field at Canby High School. He

feels public perception at this time is the fields proposed by Canby Kids are for soccer only.

Earlier today Deborah received an email from Matt Madeira saying their group is stepping aside for now. Deborah said we will review in six months to see if there is a willing coalition in support of the high school and the soccer group may revisit their plan. The District now has Criteria for Land/Facility Use in place. There is no district money to support any of the artificial turf projects. It will also be Pat Johnson and Dennis Burke's responsibility to make sure the high school group know the criteria.

Deborah has a meeting with each building staff on the budget process. March 1 will be spent on the priorities. There is also planning on the Summer School Program with Noel Hygelund. K-8 teachers spent the staff training day on February 9 on writing and the high school centered on graduation requirements. Deborah thanked staff for their input on the calendar.

## **9.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There is no 9.1

### **9.2 Board Member/LSC Election Information**

Deborah discussed the three open positions for Board of Directors as well as all the Local School Committee positions are open for re-election. We've had several open LSC positions this current term. The principals have made a concerted effort of support for this committee. Some of the schools have very active LSC's. Andy Rivinus asked what value are the LSC's if there is no involvement. Additional discussion will take place at a later date.

Marty McCullough announced she will be running for Position #1 on the CSD Board of Directors. Sandy Ricksger will not be running again. She encouraged anyone interested in getting involved to feel free to contact any of the Board members.

### **9.3 Budget Priorities Update**

David Moore and Deborah have been holding Budget Priority meeting with the public. The menu list for investing in student achievement is also being shared with public and staff along with the revenue forecast. Once she has Board direction regarding the menu items for "student achievement" she will work with David and principals to develop a budget to address needs and reflect community and Board input.

### **9.4 Baker Prairie Financial Update**

The update on the 2004 Bond Profit and Loss is not only for Baker Prairie, but the 2004 Bond. David Moore reported Ackerman Middle School and

has a Lee Elementary projects are almost completed and Baker Prairie  
change order contingency of \$426,000.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin  
Board/Superintendent Secretary

Rodney J. Beck  
Board Chair

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