

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP AND REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE  
CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**May 19, 2005**

**WORKSHOP SESSION:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Dick Adams called the Workshop Session for the Canby School District Board of Directors to order at 5:30pm on May 19, 2005, at Canby High School, Applied Technology Center, OMNI room. Board members present were Vice Chair Adams, Rod Beck, Marty McCullough, Sandy Ricksger, and Dr. Mike Harms. Also in attendance were Superintendent Deborah Sommer, Karen Carroll, David Moore, Debbie Wilder, John Young, Pat Johnson, Diane Downs, Lou Bailey, Jennifer Turner, Wilma Hartung and Janie young. Guy Gibson joined the meeting in progress.

**ASVAB Information:** Superintendent Deborah Sommer explained ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is used at Canby High as an aptitude test for assessing potential career options. Several concerns have been expressed by parents regarding the assessment.

Guy Gibson joined the meeting in progress.

John Young, School to Work Counselor, explained the career exploration program and noted students/parents can opt out of the assessment. He said the State of Oregon requires us to have a comprehensive guidance and counseling program and a 2006 graduate must have a four year plan. John said there is one other career aptitude option. Diane Downs commented the test is not a test of intelligence, but of current knowledge. Further discussion will take place at the June 2 board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm and reconvened to Regular Session at 6:35pm.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** In attendance were Board Chair Guy Gibson, Mike Harms, Marty McCullough, Dick Adams, Superintendent Deborah Sommer, Karen Carroll, Debbie Wilder, David Moore, Dick Brown, Andreas Gibson, Emilio Ortiz, Nicky Salisbury Mary Hochstetler, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez,, Nannette Bierma, Kay Morris, Carol Yoder, Mary Beth Grover, Katie Bierma, Linda Aamodt, Tina Skiles, Sherri Killgore, Tom Feller, Tracy Currie, Dave Weston, Peggy Sigler, Frances Ivanov, Andrew Aamodt, Tineke Bierma, Claudia Grover, Jacynda Hathaway, Kyle Lake, Joshua Miles, Ryan Morris, Justin Shockley and others. Mike Harms led us in the flag salute. New Board Secretary Debbie Wilder was introduced and welcomed by Chair Gibson. Ray Hughey and Danni Von Halo joined meeting in progress.

#### 4.0 PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

##### **School Activities and Update.**

Andreas Gibson, CHS Board representative, reported on the election of next year's class officers. Brandon Wolfe had been elected new ASB President. Andreas said upcoming events will be the choir concert, a band concert on May 26 and June 3 will be the macho volleyball game and powder puff football. He also extended an invitation to a film titled "Centipede" showing May 27 at 7:30pm. He wrote, directed and starred in this independent study project. Guy and Deborah both thanked Andreas for doing a good job in reporting this year.

Alicia Yoder, Ninety-One School President, presented a slide show highlighting recent activities held at each grade level.

**Spotlight on Student Success:** Several Ninety-One 6<sup>th</sup> grade students spoke on their Outdoor School experiences. A video presentation was also shown.

**Food Service:** Wilma Hartung, Manager of Sodexo, shared a video presentation of activities Food Service hosted throughout the year. Chair Gibson said the district was fortunate to have Wilma working with us.

Chair Gibson said other topics are welcome within the time limit set and asked audience members wishing to speak complete an information card and turn in to the Board Secretary.

Tom Feller voiced concern why Wilsonville voted down a calendar similar to ours. Deborah said there was a different set of issues to be considered at each school district. Tom also said he heard many write ins votes were received for the Local School Committee positions, and found that encouraging.

Dave Weston thanked the Board for considering the Weston name for the new middle school.

Dick Brown again thanked the Board for naming of the Fine Arts Center in his honor. He said he is humbled by the great honor. Dick also said he supports both the Weston and MacKenzie name for the new middle school.

Sherri Killgore said she was concerned about the change in the school calendar and how it will impact family and farming issues.

Frances Ivanov asked what the purpose was for extending the school calendar. Chair Gibson said the discussion was too lengthy to go into tonight, but invited Ms. Ivanov to stay for additional information provided later in the evening.

June 16 was confirmed as CHS graduation for parent Kay Morris.

**5.0 SCHOOL REPORT/COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:** Sandy Ricksger attended the awards breakfast at Ninety-One. She said 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be held on June 8.

Rod Beck attended the Bond Oversight meeting. He said we are under original projections. Rod also mentioned it's important when parents serve on committees, they communicate back to schools.

Dick Adams attended AMS' Site Council meeting and said Lou shared exciting things with student achievement. He also attended the Academic Awards night at CHS.

Marty McCullough said acknowledging honor roll students was great recognition for our students.

Dr. Mike Harms expressed his disappointment in our legislature putting back school funding discussion to August 31.

Guy Gibson said both Rep. Scott and Senator Schrader were good about responding to email inquiries. He also attended the first Boundary Committee meeting.

**6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Deborah said the Budget Committee is in the process of reviewing the budget for 2005-2006, which must be adopted by June 30. She thanked all committee members for doing a thorough job and commended David for all the preparation he's put into the budget. Deborah said the next Boundary Committee would be held on May 24. She also noted public meetings would be held at each school affected by boundary changes.

Dr. Harms and Deborah met with the Rotary Foundation to ask for help with some or all of the books needed for the Lee library.

Deborah thanked Charlie Stinson in his absence for his many years of service to the School Board, and welcomed Andy Rivinus who has been elected to fill the position. Deborah also thanked Board Secretary Karen Carroll for her service to the district and welcomed Debbie Wilder as the new Board Secretary.

**7.0 CONSENT AGENDA:**

7.1 Minutes of the April 21, 2005, Regular and Workshop Sessions, and May 5, 2005, Workshop Session are provided in Addendum 7.1.

7.2 Personnel Changes were provided in addendum 7.2

**MOTION:** Rod Beck moved to accept the minutes of April 21, 2005, Regular and Workshop Sessions, and May 5, 2005, Workshop Session, and seconded by Sandy Ricksger. Motion carried 6-0.

## **8.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**8.1 School Calendar Follow-up:** Deborah explained previous school calendars were decided upon by the Labor Relations Team, which consisted of members from both employee groups, administrators and board members. After the LRT was disbanded, the process was opened up to include parents. The recent calendar committee and its process were shared. State mandated holidays, staff training days, state law and other legal obligations were considered, and parents were to take information back to the schools. Deborah said teachers wanted more time in the classrooms and parents asked for less fragmentation of school weeks. She explained after the committee met six times, and two calendars were presented for Board review. After an additional modification to one of the proposals to further increase instructional days, the Board adopted a calendar which increased the number of instructional days for all students, aligned the trimesters, and significantly reduced the number of fragmented weeks.

Dr. Harms noted that he has serious reservations about the student achievement goal of the calendar.

Guy said that Board members had information in advance before a vote was taken. Rod Beck, originally supportive of a more traditional calendar, was willing to give the new calendar a try. Marty McCullough indicated that had she been present the night of the vote, she would have voted for the calendar that was adopted.

## **9.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**9.1 Naming of New School Committee Recommendation:** Principal Lou Bailey briefly explained the committee process. He said Board policy was followed as criteria and names were solicited from the public. 77 nominations were received for 45 different school names. Lou said the five names submitted – Baker Prairie, Charles MacKenzie, Township, Weston and Mack - rose quickly to the top of the list by the committee. Peggy Sigler gave a brief historical summary of each of the names.

Rod Beck noted that the name John Deininger was considered, following the terms of the purchase agreement of the property where the new middle school will be sited.

**MOTION:** Rod Beck moved to adopt the name the new middle school as **BAKER PRAIRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL**, and motion was seconded by Sandy Ricksger. Vote was 3-3. Additional discussion followed. Sandy Ricksger withdrew her second and Rod Beck withdrew his motion.

**MOTION:** Rod Beck moved to name the new middle school **BAKER PRAIRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL**, and was seconded by Marty McCullough. Motion carried 4-2, with Mike Harms and Dick Adams voting against the motion.

- 9,2 Cooperative Sponsorship with Colton School District:** An Application for Cooperative Sponsorship from Colton School District was considered for a high school student to participate with Canby in their swim program. Deborah recommended the approval as the student participated at Canby last year.

**MOTION:** Rod Beck moved to approve the application for cooperative sponsorship for one of Colton High School's students to participate in Canby's swim program as Colton does not have a swim program. Seconded by Sandy. Motion carried 6-0.

- 9.3 Scholarship Funds:** David explained the Gelbrich Scholarship Fund had dropped below the minimum level allowed per the scholarship agreement. He said that since the Foundation is now dissolved, the Board is responsible for overseeing the funds.

**MOTION:** Sandy Ricksger moved to set the principal at \$25,000, and was seconded by Rod Beck. Since the amount of the scholarship for this year is unknown, Sandy withdrew her motion and Rod withdrew his second until more information is obtained. Additional discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Sandy Ricksger moved to honor the scholarship commitment for this year, then not use scholarship funds until the balance is back up to \$29,000. Motion was seconded by Mike Harms, The Board said it was important that there be dialogue with counselors regarding available scholarship funds in the future. Motion carried 6-0.

- 9.0 Ratification of CEA Contract:** Deborah thanked Ginny Jones for helping the licensed association work towards a successful contract. Teachers have agreed to take one less paid holiday to provide an additional instructional day. Ginny, attending her last Board meeting as CEA President, thanked the Board for their commitment in maintaining a cooperative involvement. She also commended Deborah for being articulate, smart and an asset to the district.

**MOTION:** Dr. Mike Harms moved to approve the contract agreement between the Canby Education Association (CEA) and the Canby School District for Economics 2005-2007, and was seconded by Marty McCullough. Rod noted that on page 48, MA should be added to the column titled BA+66 and MA+21 should be added to column BA+87. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion adjourned at 9:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Carroll  
Board Secretary

Guy Gibson  
Board Chair

Date: June 2, 2005