

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP/TEAM UP SESSION AND THE REGULAR  
SESSION OF THE  
CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MAY 18, 2006

**TEAM UP PRESENTATION** Craig Hawkins from COSA along with members from OSBA, OEA, and OSEA did a follow up on the pilot program in Canby to develop a positive perception of Oregon's public schools. The presentation began at 5:35 pm on May 18, 2005 in the Canby High School, Omni room. Board members present were Dick Adams, Sandy Ricksger, Michael Harms, Marty McCullough, Guy Gibson, Andy Rivinus and Rod Beck. Also in attendance were Deborah Sommer, Linda Martin, Diane Downs, Jeannie Vella, Ken Hagans, Joe Minson, Mary Hochstetler, Tina Skiles, Carol Meeuwsen, Ricardo Marquez, Joe Morelock, Noel Hygelund, Pat Johnson, Marilyn Wood, Joel Sebastian, Hank Harris, Debbie Pearson, David Moore, Jennifer Turner, Larry Kraxberger, Betty Crawford and Tony Crawford. Mike Harms excused himself from the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Craig Hawkins facilitated the discussion. The principals from each of the Canby elementary schools shared their statements after talking with staff on the three Team Up messages regarding schools and students, parent involvement in schools and community involvement in schools. Craig also shared the survey results from the CSD staff/board communications survey. There were 324 respondents from the survey and the overall summary is we have awesome staff and students. The agenda for the June 15 Team Up will be the Canby School District Communications Plan for 2006-2007.

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Dick Adams called the Regular Session to order on May 18, 2005 at 7:05pm in the Canby High School, Omni room. Board members present were Dick Adams, Marty McCullough, Rod Beck, Sandy Ricksger, Michael Harms, Guy Gibson and Andy Rivinus. Also in attendance were Deborah Sommer, Linda Martin, Gwen Garber, John Vaudt, Ray Hughey, Karlie Richardson, Emilio Ortiz, Carol Meeuwsen, Mary Hochstetler, Pam Helbling, Katie Helbling, Wilma Hartung, David Moore, Debbie Pearson, Tony Crawford, Pat Johnson, Tina Skiles, Kara Davis, Kamela Davis, Anna Davis, Kayla Davis, Joel Sebastian, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Hank Harris, Betty Crawford, Marilyn Wood, Travis Opperman and two other attendees who did not provide their names or sign in.

## **2.0 FLAG SALUTE & INTRODUCTIONS**

Andy Rivinus lead the flag salute and Dick Adams had members of the audience introduce themselves.

## **3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Policy First Read on Wellness Program on 9.1 was moved to 6.5.

## **4.0 PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Gwen Garber from the Ninety-one area spoke on the Diversity Week at Canby High School. She has two students at the high school and felt it was a difficult week for the students. Feelings were hurt. Gwen felt references to sexual orientation should not be allowed in school, regardless of how any individual or group feels. Gwen also felt posters should not be allowed unless all religions and sexual preferences are included. She had good communication with Pat Johnson, but feels further discussion needs to happen on the issues. Dick Adams said it was a passionate issue that required further discussion and that a plan for next year would be developed.

- Joel Sebastian introduced Tony Crawford and commended Tony on his ability to bring out the amazing ability in all students. Tony introduced Kayla Davis, the recipient of the Ackerman Peace Prize this year. A total of 85 students were nominated this year by the student body. The student must promote friendship, promote peace, set a good example for others, respect others and have a sense of humor. Each student receives a certificate signed by Darlene Hooley. Ackerman has great support from parents and community on the Peace Prize Award. The school has received positive recognition at the state level as well as recognition from the U.S. Institute of Peace.
- Katie Helbling, the Ackerman Student Representative, reported the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is donating an alumni peace pole. The pole is a four sided, six foot pole and will be inscribed "Make Peace Prevail on Earth" in English, Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese. Katie thanked Tony Crawford for making the Peace Prize possible. AMS earned \$830 from the Spring Fling. Katie also reported the Band and Choir took first place in all three categories during a recent competition.
- Karlie Richardson, CHS Student Representative, felt Diversity Week was difficult because of the different views, but feels the school as grown from the discussions between students. ASB officers have been elected for 2006-07. The Talent Show is scheduled for May 19; a leadership/ASB car wash will be held on May 21. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> the ASB will help build a house for Habitat for Humanity with other schools in our league. For Teacher Appreciation Week the students gave the teachers truffles, pins, and a huge pancake breakfast.

## **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

None

## **6.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 HB 3482 Automated External Defibrillators**

Deborah reported she met with Kyle Gorman from the Fire Board Foundation regarding the use of defibrillators. Presently Clackamas High School has installed them, the Canby Swim Center, as well as health clubs and airports. Since schools are so well used by the public, there is a push to install them nationwide. The cost is \$1100. Tom O'Connor with the Canby Fire Department said they would provide training and could help with some expense. There was board discussion on who should be trained as well as checking with our insurance carrier on liability issues. There was also discussion about sharing the cost with Canby Kids or other groups that use our facilities. Deborah will follow-up with Tom O'Connor regarding training and a cost plan. First of all, a Master Plan needs to be done as well as assessing facilities and support from other groups using district facilities. She will bring a plan back to the Board since they indicated approval for moving forward.

### **6.2 OREGON SCHOOL FUNDING LAWSUIT**

Deborah presented the sample resolution to join or support the group of school districts and parents from Oregon who have filed a lawsuit against the State of Oregon, alleging lawmakers have failed to adequately fund schools. Sandy Ricksger felt the lawsuit wasn't specific enough. She would feel different if the lawsuit asked for a dollar amount. Mike Harms and Andy Rivinus felt the state set mandates and failed to supply resources. Dick Adams and Rod Beck could go either way. Guy Gibson felt it was a little idealistic. He felt the legislators don't always represent us. Deborah stated there have been some thoughts that simply filing the law suit was responsible for the \$42 million K-12 recently received from lottery funds.

**MOTION:** Mike Harms moved to support the Oregon School Funding Defense Foundation Lawsuit as stated in addendum 9.1. Rod Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-2 with Sandy Ricksger and Guy Gibson voting no.

### **6.3 BOND UPDATE AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

David Moore explained the bond Profit and Loss statement. Rod Beck asked if the unused funds for a given project would stay at the site for future use at that same school. Deborah said that our practice has been

that once all projects are completed at a given school, any unused funds go into bond contingency to ensure that all projects at all schools are able to be completed. If any funds remain at the end of the total bond effort, the Board would be involved in prioritizing those funds for any new projects that had been identified as meeting criteria. Additional discussion will take place at the June 12, 2006 workshop session as well as discussion on the use of the property across for the high school. Dick Adams commended David on a job well done.

#### **6.4 WELLNESS PRESENTATION**

David Moore reported a Wellness Task Force was created to investigate current nutrition, nutrition education and physical activities throughout the District. The Task Force involved parents, students and representatives of the school food authority, board, administrator and public. David thanked Vicki Handy, an outside facilitator, for all her help establishing the program. David also reported we receive \$700,000 annually from the State for our food service program. Wilma Hartung, Director of Food Services, received an A+ from outside members of the committee. The law states we cannot serve carbonated beverages during lunch. Sandy Ricksger expressed concern that students would then leave the campus. Andy Rivinus felt we needed items with less sugar and fat. Dick Adams thanked the committee for a very comprehensive wellness plan. Wilma Hartung hopes to continue to move ahead and work more with food allergies.

#### **6.5 POLICY FIRST READ**

Policy EFA, Student Wellness Program. Board discussion resulted in toning down the first sentence of the policy. Guy Gibson thought it was unrealistic to expect to review the policy annually as stated in the last paragraph. David Moore will research the law and report back.

#### **6.6 PLANNING FOR JUNE 12 WORKSHOP**

The workshop is scheduled from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Sandy Ricksger would like an open forum from 5:00 - 6:00pm which was agreed upon by the other board members. Dick Adams and Deborah will work together on the agenda. Some agenda items will include Deborah's year end evaluation; an update from Joel and Lou on programs being offered at the two middle schools; and a bond update.

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

Rod Beck reported the Bond Oversight Committee will tour Baker Prairie Middle School at 6:00pm on June 8, 2006.

Andy Rivinus said the Art Attack at Ninety-one showcasing student art and music was terrific. Andy also attended the Ackerman Peach Prize Awards. He was

very moved and impressed by the assembly and student presenters. On May 9 he will attend either the CHS Talent Show or the Knight School Carnival.

Dick Adams attended the AMS plan, Seussical, with over 100 participants. Dick was also a guest speaker at the Ackerman 8<sup>th</sup> grade Career Fair. He also reported the Canby Education Foundation Spring Fling had a phenomenal guest speaker.

Mary McCullough attended the Ackerman Peach Prize Awards. She was very impressed with the fluency of the students.

## **8.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Deborah reported last Friday was an inservice day. Teachers reported to their newly assigned schools and participated in activities to connect new staffs together. The district has had a great deal going on this year with the opening of two new schools, the re-location of staff, and hiring of principals and vice principals. Another huge shift was the 800 families affected by the boundary changes. Deborah thanked Hank and the principals for all their hard work with the process. Deborah also thanked Carol Meeuwsen for all the work she has done as far as the boundaries and publications she has created, Deborah said, "I would jump off the roof for Carol Meeuwsen. She is amazing!" She also thanked David for his efforts to manage the bond and General Fund dollars and Debbie Pearson for handling the pressures of building an entire school in 11 months.

## **9.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**9.1** See addendum 6.2 for Resolution for Funding Lawsuit

**9.2** Lunch Price Increase

**MOTION:** Sandy Ricksger moved for the Canby School District to establish breakfast prices of \$1.00, \$1.25, and \$1.25 at the elementary, middle and high school levels respectively and lunch prices of \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25 at the elementary, middle and high school levels respectively effective for the 2006-07 school year. The motion was seconded by Rod Beck. The motion carried 6.0.

**9.3** Personal Changes

**MOTION:** Sandy Ricksger moved to separate the new coaching changes from the other personal changes. Rod Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 6.0.

Andy Rivinus questioned why Sara Minson was listed as First Year Probationary Status 2006-07 on the Personnel Changes, but was listed as Second Year Probationary Status on the 5/18/06 updated personnel

changes. Hank Harris reported Sara has been a temporary teacher six different times, therefore, because of that history was moved to a hirer step.

Guy Gibson noted the letter sent to Dianne Tanac needed to be reworded to state Dianne could continue with insurance coverage up to 84 months or age 65 as stated in district policy.

**MOTION:** Rod Beck moved to accept the Personnel Changes as listed in Addendum 9.3 minus the three coaching positions. Sandy Ricksger seconded the motion. Motion carried 6.0.

In reference to the coaching changes, Rod Beck said we needed to discuss protocol on hiring. Heather Roberts is already meeting with students and parents before being approved by the board.

Also, the newspaper reported the wrestling coach, Jeremy Ensrud, was hired before the Board approved and ratified his contract. Also, Deborah Sommer was unaware of his contract offer in time to alert the Board. Rod felt we are not sending the right message to the community that teaching is the first priority. Pat Johnson apologized for not following proper procedures. The position became high profile, and there is a lot of community pressure regarding some coaching positions over others, but Pat will do his best to correct these errors in the future. Deborah also apologized for not being aware of the situation. Guy Gibson stated the district needs to let the public know that the coaching positions are not a priority. We need to reinforce confidentiality.

**MOTION:** Sandy Ricksger moved to accept the three coaching positions as provided in Addendum 9.3. Rod Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried 6.0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin  
Board Secretary

Dick Adams  
Board Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

