

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

MARCH 2, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dick Adams called the Workshop Session for the Canby School District Board of Directors to order at 5:55 pm on March 2, 2006 at Ninety-One School. Board members present were Chair Dick Adams, Rod Beck, Andy Rivinus, Sandy Ricksgar, Marty McCullough, Guy Gibson, and Dr. Michael Harms. Also in attendance were Deborah Sommer, Debbie Wilder, Debra Pearson, Joe Morelock, Lou Bailey, Marilyn Wood, Jennifer Turner, Pat Johnson, Dennis Burke, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Hank Harris, Ray Hughey, Dennis Colvin, Noel Hygland, Tom Feller, Carol Meeuwesen, Jennifer Marcoe, Deanna, Traci Hall, Sheryl Lyer, Drew Withers, Doug Allman, Donna Hendon, Carol Penner, Mike Ryan, Cathy Worthy, Sheila Daniels, Terrie Rickman, Tammy Hillyard, Lisa Vack, Suszie Rutz, Spencer Rutz, Kim Wilmas, V. Wilmas, and Tanner Wilmas.

2.0 PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

3.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Current Calendar Discussion

Pat Johnson, Canby High School Principal, brought information regarding the current calendar. They conducted a survey with students regarding the culture of Canby High. They have received a fairly positive response from the staff regarding the current calendar. The Board expressed concern regarding the result of the calendar on test scores. Dr. Harms felt this calendar was supposed to increase the test scores because of less fragmented time and more consistent days of attendance. We will have to wait until the end of the year at least and still will not be able to tie test scores to the calendar alone - there are too many other variables. The hope is that there will be better attendance due to the larger breaks. We added three student days to the calendar so that should make a difference. We also had work days back to back and that was helpful for the teachers. We will bring end of the year data to the Board to determine overall effectiveness of the calendar changes. Other districts have expressed interest in our calendar because of the natural breaks. Dr. Harms doesn't like the school year going so late in June. Guy reminded the board that we agreed to at least a second year to determine if it is something to continue. The Ninety-One community is concerned about the late recess because of harvesting crops and working with families. Guy questioned if we are actually adding instructional days or just end of the year activities.

3.2 Current / Future Property Assets

Debbie Pearson was not able to be at the meeting. Deborah presented the information for the Board. The Board wanted to get a handle on all property owned by the district and our district needs. We could actually sell some of the land we own for quite a profit. The City wants to change the zoning that will impact the land owned by the district. The Board will take home the information and come back to the workshop on the front end of the March 16 meeting. Debbie Pearson will put together a list of talking points for discussion.

3.3 High School Drama Productions

Guy expressed concern about the language used in the productions at the high school. The high school administration went over the process used to choose a play. There are 2 teachers and 2 parents involved in choosing any play the drama team will produce. The Board is satisfied at this time that the direction given in the past is being followed and the plays presented are appropriate for the community.

3.4 Esis Grading System

Joe presented information regarding the Esis program. Grading, attendance, and all student information system within the Clackamas ESD and Multnomah ESD as well as Beaverton and other districts is done through Esis. Canby is fully utilizing this system now for student information. This year completes the process. It is constantly live and available on the Internet. There are few groups using the special education piece as well. Canby has helped define the parameters for special education reporting and is

involved in helping develop the forms. The high school will do a pilot to put the grading book on line this term. There is a lot of planning up front that has to be done. Eventually the state assessment scores will come under the Esis system. The transition to a data system is huge - we have done a good job in comparison to the task.

The Board had concerns regarding the issuance of report cards in a timely fashion. The Board would like there to be consistency from school to school in providing the report cards and suggested the schools provide a timeline for the parents to be aware of when the report cards would be available.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Adopt 2006-2007 Calendar

Sandy moved to adopt the proposed calendar for the 2006-2007 as presented. Rod seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1 with Dr. Harms opposed.

4.2 Contract Approval for New Principals

Dr. Harms moved to approve the appointment of Jennifer Turner as Principal of Eccles Elementary School and Joel Sebastian as Principal of Ackerman Middle School effective July 1, 2006. He further moved to approve the appointment of Diane Berthoin-Hernandez as Principal of Ninety-one School effective immediately. Sandy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sandy wanted to thank the members of the selection committee. The Board commended Hank Harris for his overseeing of the process. Jennifer will have a lateral transfer to Eccles. Deborah will be going to Eccles to talk with staff. We will post the Carus position and several vice principal positions. Dick is proud of the talent there is within the district. Dr. Harms was pleased to see that people in the community are able to step up and take these positions.

4.3 Non-Renewal for Probationary Teacher

Rod moved to adopt the Superintendent's recommendation that Employee NO 1002803, Ackerman Special Education Teacher, be non renewed by reason of inability to attain highly qualified status. Marty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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DEBBIE WILDER, BOARD SECRETARY

DICK ADAMS, BOARD CHAIRMAN