

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

October 19, 2006

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Chair Rodney Beck called the regular meeting of the Canby School District Board of Directors to order at 5:35pm on October 19, 2006 in the Canby High School, Applied Technology Center, Omni room. Board members present were Rod Beck, Dr. Michael Harms, Andy Rivinus, Marty McCullough, Guy Gibson, and Dick Adams. Sandy Ricksger was absent. Also in attendance were Deborah Sommer, Linda Martin, Lou Bailey, Hank Harris, Pat Johnson, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Travis Opperman, Wilma Hartung, Mary Hochstetler, Carol Meeuwesen, Joel Sebastian, David Moore, Kathy Owen, Danielle Peterson, Sondra Strong, Jennifer Turner, Darren Monen, Taylor Pruitt, Ellie Simnitt and Adrian Montoya.

2.0 FLAG SALUTE & INTRODUCTIONS: There was no flag salute due to the absence of a flag. The audience introduced themselves.

3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA: 8.4 Technology Update has been removed from the agenda.

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
Spotlight on Student Success: None at this time
School Activities & Update
AMS-None at this time

Baker Prairie Middle School - Lou Bailey introduced Taylor Preuitt as one of the Baker Prairie Student reps. Justin Langford is the other rep, but unable to attend due to another obligation. Taylor said the students are getting used to their new wings. Each wing is also repairing and refinishing chairs for an auction to be held on December 5. The refinishing projects have been a good learning process for the students. The money raised will be used for fieldtrips.

Canby High School - Ellie Simnitt reported next week is Homecoming Week. They will have theme dress-up days, a Car Bash with a car donated by Canby Ford and the Noise Parade on Friday. The dance is a fundraiser for the Dance Team. Adrian Montoya reported Sportsmanship Week is October 23-27. All fall sports will be participating and gift bags to include fruit and other items will be sent home with the opposing teams.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes

Minutes of the 9/21/06 Regular Session and the 10/5/06 Workshop Session are provided in Addendum 5.1

5.2 Personnel Changes

Personnel changes are provided in Addendum 5.2

MOTION: Dr. Mike Harms made the motion to approve the minutes as provided in Addendum 5.1 and the Personnel Changes as provided in Addendum 5.2. Andy Rivinus seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5.3 Resignation of Employee

Hank Harris, Personnel Director, stated employee #1003144 did not provide the Canby School District with 60 days notice prior to her resignation as required under ORS 342.553 for educators licensed under TSPC (Teacher Standards and Practices Commission). The same ORS, and our own Board Policy GCPB, allows our school board to refer an educator to TSPC for possible sanction if an educator violates this statute. The employee refused to give a reason for her resignation and would not consider an alternative arrangement. Hank recommends that the Board take action to notify TSPC of this violation.

MOTION: Dick Adams moved to send a letter to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission stating employee #1003144 violated the minimum 60 days resignation requirement without recommendation to TSPC on their future action. Marty McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

6.0 SCHOOL REPORT /COMMENTS BY BOARD

Guy Gibson asked if there had been any issues relative to the change in speed limits as in the past. Deborah reported there had been none.

Dick Adams attended the Superintendent Luncheon on October 12. He felt the lunch was a valuable activity in an informal setting to connect with parents. Dick was also given a tour of the high school by Pat Johnson. He said it was interesting to see the dynamics of all the hustle and bustle of the school and how things all come together.

Dr. Mike Harms, Marty McCullough, Andy Rivinus and Rod Beck attended the Lee Elementary School dedication. Dr. Harms thanked the Canby Rotary for their \$108,000 donation for library books, a lasting gift, and their interest in the community. Rod also said the money was well spent. Dr. Harms did have a complaint on the glare caused from the Baker Prairie sign. Doc also reported there have only been three referrals at the middle school as opposed to 19 at this same time last year. This shows the results of smaller schools and kids getting along better.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deborah continues to be stuck by the positive opening of school. With all the staff transfers and changes, attitudes continue to be positive and staff are supportive of each other and their programs. She is proud to be here with

students and staff doing good work. She also reported on her day's activities which included getting two bull's eyes in Dave Purdy's Archery class, attending a county meeting on addressing the problems of homeless/affordable housing with Kurt Schrader (We currently have 97 students identified as homeless and 30% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunches), and sharing the concern being expressed around the state at the financial impact of Ballot Measures 41 and/or 48 on school/government funding if one or both measures pass.

She also shared that the principals and administrative team are addressing the needs of the TAG students and are developing a marketing plan. Staff are continuing to update web pages and blogs to meet the expectations of the School Board.

Susan Castillo, Superintendent of Public Instruction, visited Trost Elementary School on October 12. The visit was prompted by the 2006 Celebrating Student Success Award from the Oregon Department of Education for closing the achievement gap. Trost Elementary also received an exceptional rating on their report card.

Deborah also attended the Farm to Market at Lee Elementary School sponsored by Nutrition Services. Wilma Hartung and her staff did a great job teaching the students about good nutrition. They were then served a lunch using fresh fruits, vegetables, cheeses and meats.

8.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.2 Update on CHS Building Construction House

Deborah introduced Darren Monen, a CHS construction course alumni to the Board. Darren is in his second year of teaching the Building Construction class at the high school. He was an active member in the community as a builder and developer and brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the program.

One of Darren's students, Justin Beaudry, recorded a video of the current house being constructed in Territorial Estates. Justin did a walk through of the house showing what had been accomplished up to this point. Darren said the house which is a two year project was started last November and they are ready for the siding at this point. Darren stresses safety and the importance of the students working in a hands-on environment as well as helping to make the decisions on projects and the costs involved.

The house should be completed in eight weeks and they will start preparing the second lot in the same subdivision for next year's project. Deborah said she is glad Darren is here not only as an instructor, but that he's teaching the students a broad overall perspective of the aspects of building a house.

David Moore reported Darren is working within the budget he projected and is on target to stay within budget. The Building Construction class is self-funded and the monies are invested and kept outside the general fund. David also gave the Board a summary of the lots and houses bought and sold in the last 15 years. After the sale of the current house we should have over \$400,000 from sales. Guy Gibson commented it is great we can reinvest back into the program. Dr. Harms said this class is one of the most successful vocational programs in the district and thanked Darren for his expertise and is very pleased with what he has done for the program.

8.3 2005-06 Report Cards

Mary Hochstetler reviewed the report card information just released. The overall rating is based on a combination of student performance, student behavior, school improvement and school characteristics. The report cards also designate whether the school has Met or Not Met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards as set forth by the No Child Left Behind Act. Trost, Eccles and Knight received an exceptional rating; Carus and Ninety-One strong; and Ackerman and Canby High satisfactory.

Deborah said the Federal Government has given the Oregon Department of Education until December to revamp their assessment system. There will be changes in how we test special needs students on IEPs and the bar will be raised for elementary schools so that scores at elementary are a more reliable predictor of success at middle and high school. Dr. Harms asked if these are realistic goals being set. Deborah said all the changes and realignment will be a significant challenge to Canby as well as other districts. We should be proud of our successes, as we are surpassing the State, and always keep in perspective that test scores are but one measure of student achievement and student success.

8.4 Technology Update - Removed from the agenda

8.5 Diploma Requirements

Pat Johnson reported currently Canby High School offers five diplomas; a CHS Regular Diploma, CHS Honors Diploma, CHS Modified Diploma, CHS Modified Vocational Diploma and a State of Oregon Diploma. The state credit requirement at this time is at least 22 credits and will be increased to 24 credits in 2009-2010. Canby has always required more than the State and currently requires 24 credits. The increase by the State is one additional credit in Language Arts and one in Mathematics.

Pat reviewed the graduation course requirements for graduation. The CHS Leadership Council and staff want to review and modify the CHS regular and honors diplomas and are seeking direction from the school board. Pat gave the board a survey asking for their input on making these changes. It is critical to get these changes in the upcoming course guide. Pat will compile the results to assess how the board feels on these changes.

Marty McCullough and Guy Gibson still think a student should be able to create their own career pathway. Pat said this issue is very complex, but will be addressed this year. Marty said students need to have other options to consider and Pat agreed. Deborah also noted credit by proficiency answers some of the questions and gives students some additional options in some areas.

Andy Rivinus told Pat to not let the board's direction on components sway the expertise of the CHS leadership and staff. Pat said it is important to make sure our community knows what direction we are going and that the Board is comfortable with the direction set.

Board members completed a short survey in chart form as to where they were at present on the idea of including volunteer service, CIM/work samples and pathways as part of the CHS diploma, the CHS honors diploma or both. Pat will tabulate results and send those to Deborah who will get them out to the Board. The high school will develop proposals to bring back to the Board for further discussion in each of the areas where there is enough Board support to do so.

8.6 Local School Committee Update

Deborah reported a public notice has been posted at the district office and in all schools announcing the LSC openings due to boundary changes and new schools. The schools affected are Baker Prairie Middle School, Ackerman Middle School and Lee Elementary School. Applications are also available and should be returned by November 9 in order to appoint the members at the November 16 regular board meeting.

8.7 Upcoming OSBA Convention

The OSBA Convention will be held November 9-12, 2006 in Portland. Deborah will be a quest speaker on November 9. If any Board members are interested, please notify Linda Martin for registration information.

9.1 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Board Policy Second Read

Policy EBBCC - Use of Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

MOTION: Dr. Mike Harms moved to approve Policy EBBCC -Use of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) as presented in Addendum 9.1. Marty McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Deborah reported five defibrillators have been ordered with Clackamas County Fire reimbursing us for four. Staff have been identified to train for the use of the defibrillators. Training will be set in the next few weeks.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Martin
Board Secretary

Rodney J. Beck
Board Chair

Date: _____