

**MINUTES OF THE
CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SESSION
October 20, 2011**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rivinus called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Canby High School, Applied Technology Center, Omni room. Board members in attendance were Andy Rivinus, Tom Scott, Andrea Weber, Ty Kraft, Kristin Downs, Brendan Murphy and Diane Downs. Also in attendance were Superintendent Steach, Linda Martin, David Moore, Tim Oberg, Maureen Callahan, Cindy Bauer, Sondra Strong, Pat Johnson, Betty Rivinus, Richard Ball, Florence Ball, John Dewar, Cassaundra Weimer, Tami Weimer, Don Naylor, Sue Winner, Emily Bennett, Gina Bennett, Brian Hodson, Tom Lenox, Peggy Savage, Fernando Vasquez, Sandra Martinson, Mack Woods, Jacquelin Muro, Daphne Schultz, Derick Schenk, Julie Winkableck, Elizabeth Hagens, Rex Hagens, Gary Schuknecht, Rob McKibben, Staci Sprague, Linda Schuknecht, Aimee McKibben, Jake Bassen, Trevor Lockwood, Mary McDonald, Bertha Moseson, Lori Wujek, Hunter Mead, Casey Winner, Bonnie Marsh, Debbie Goff, Brenda Splitstoser, John Savory, Traci Hensley, Lisa Baggerly, Chad Baggerly, Ryan Bigej, John Zell, Kathy Alberque, Pedro, Lori Porter, Patty Rydquist, William McNichols, Victoria Stewart, Janeece Price, Nancy Bennett, Shelby Bennett, Robert Backstrom, Raymond Baldwin, Steph Murphy, Mary Walsh, Joe Patershall and several other unknown audience members.

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & FLAG SALUTE

The audience introduced themselves and Trost students Emily Bennett and Fernando Vasquez led the flag salute.

3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA

Chair Rivinus announced there would be two public forums this evening, one for general announcements and one before 10.1 School Based Health Center. Also, David Moore will discuss 10.3 Financial Statement before discussion of 10.2 Local Option Levy.

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time.

5.0 SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT SUCCESS

Angie Navarro, Trost Elementary Principal discussed the happenings and initiatives taking place at Trost this year. A consultant from the Department of Education is working with them and they are rewriting their Title IA plan and have also applied for a \$50,000 grant to help develop/revise their school improvement plan.

Trost has also partnered with Clackamas ESD for a Headstart Preschool Program with 36 students enrolled. The program will help with the connection to kindergarten.

Staff member Julie Johnson has been instrumental in bringing funds from innovation grants to their school to bring over 200 mobile devices to the classroom. She will also be involved in the tour of Idaho Superintendents on October 25.

Students Emily Bennett and Fernando Vasquez shared information on Band, Student Leadership and Outdoor School for the 6th grade. In order to meet other 6th graders before entering middle school they have grouped students from each of the in town schools for Outdoor School and band. The students are selling Entertainment Books as a fundraiser and you can be purchase at the school or from any 6th grade student.

6.0 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & UPDATES

Ninety-one School: Cade Baggerly and Ryan Bigej reported on the activities taking place at Ninety-one. Ryan reported the Jog-a-thon has raised \$6,500 so far with a goal of \$10,000. Cade reported the 8th grade students also have the opportunity to register for algebra as an elective class this year as math expectations have been raised and next week is Red Ribbon Week celebrating being drug free with many activities planned.

Canby High School: Hunter Mead and Peter Schultz reported the Leadership Class is promoting getting students involved in attending different activities and came up with the idea of gold bleacher creature t-shirts and are happy to report more and more students are wearing them. They are also taking donations to purchase more shirts for upcoming events. The Spirit Parade, part of Homecoming week was a bit of a challenge with all the road construction downtown, but it was a successful event.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Steach met with local superintendent's this week discussing HB 3681 on student transfer between district's. There are still many unanswered questions and more discussion will take place at an upcoming board workshop.

Susie Strangfield is serving on a committee for replacement software for the eSIS student information system being eliminated. They will be choosing two software systems and Susie will be working to determine which fits best for Canby.

Steach reported Senate Bill 909 and the Oregon Education Investment Board will oversee education for children through college with an achievement compact required. While the State provides funding we need to define what the outcomes are. He also noted the NCLB waiver submittal date for the State of Oregon is December 15 providing elimination of sanctions and increased scrutiny on teacher evaluations.

John also reported Trost teacher Julie Johnson has been instrumental in building the philosophy around our technology program along with Joe Morelock. She is also currently doing consultant work with Alaska in redesigning their classrooms around technology. Canby is definitely making a statement around the country.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Brendan Murphy meet with Knight Elementary PTA as well as other educators around the state. He's very proud of the Canby School District over the last two weeks with the Spirit of Unity Award presented to advocacy teacher Tony Crawford and the former Ackerman Peace Advocacy Group which is continuing at Baker Prairie Middle School. Also, Tony has been appointed to the Oregon State Task Force of Accountable Schools. Brendan thanked the community for their input over the last several weeks.

Diane Downs noted the Peace Advocacy Group definitely has a positive influence in the community. Diane also attended the high school parent orientation, two athletic events that took place on the new stadium field, an OSBA Finance Campaign Workshop and a Vision Team meeting on the new volunteer program. She thanked CSD administrators and staff as well as the community for their involvement and dedication to our students.

Tom Scott attended conferences this week and found 34 desks in a classroom were way too many desks, however, the teachers have a great attitude and push forward with teaching. Tom felt the school has done a great job with the transition for the 6th graders. He also thanked everyone for coming out this evening and for taking the SBHC survey and the Local Option Levy survey.

Kristin Downs attended a collaborative team meeting at Ninety-one and was pleased to see the planning strategies pinpointing interventions for the benefit of kids. She saw the bleacher creatures in action at a girls volleyball game, attended the Canby Center re-opening and the Vision Team follow-up meeting. Kristin thanked the Canby Education Foundation for their financial support to help middle school and high school students with a volunteer program. She also reported two Canby students are involved in the National FFA Convention. Bailey Field spoke to over 55,000 students and Olivia Harms qualified in the talent contest.

Ty Kraft attended two collaborative team meetings at Eccles and also received great feedback on the 6th grade transition. He visited Canby High School and found the group intervention plans in place amazing for those students needing additional help. He also attended the Canby Center re-opening with more space which will help with the expanding their programs.

Andrea Weber attending the ASPIRE Conference at Willamette University including workshops to help student with disabilities pursue post high school options. She

attended the vision screening at Carus and was pleased at how organized it was. Andrea is also is volunteering in the first grade reading program at Carus.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Minutes

Minutes of the September 15, 2011 Regular Session and the October 6, 2011 Workshop Session and Executive Session are provided in Addendum 9.1.

9.2 Personnel Changes

Personnel Changes are provided in Addendum 9.2

MOTION: Diane Downs moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2011 Regular Session and the October 6, 2011 Workshop Session and Executive Session as provided in addendum 9.1 and the Personnel Changes as provided in addendum 9.2. Ty Kraft seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

10.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

10.1 School Based Health Center

Last spring, the Youth Advisory Board for the Canby High School School-Based Health Center (SBHC) brought a request to the board to consider changing the restrictions on the SBHC to allow the nurse practitioner at the clinic to offer “family planning services” in addition to “reproductive health services”. However, due to changes on the Youth Advisory Board and additional information gathered over the summer, the proposal has been revised.

This meeting is intended to provide information previously requested by the school board and allow additional discussion on the topic. Superintendent Steach thanked the students who brought this topic forward and thanked the board for their time focused on reviewing Oregon State law, SBHC policies and operating procedures, national statistics and information on teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. He also thanked staff and the community for their input and for participating in the survey.

Youth Advisory Board members, Hunter Mead, Peter Schultz and Casey Winner explained they are asking the board to vote to allow the nurse practitioner to provide family planning services, to include prescriptions for contraception in the forms of birth control pills, birth control patch, birth control ring and Depo Provero shot. These services will not include condoms, Plan B or morning after pill, spermicide or IUD.

Superintendent Steach reviewed the results of the 964 people taking the student survey and community survey as of 7:23 this evening. 540 people wanted no change, 104 wanted to allow the SBHC nurse practitioner to prescribe, but not dispense birth control at the SBHC, and 290 voted to allow

the SBHC nurse practitioner to prescribe and dispense birth control/contraceptives at the SBHC.

Ty Kraft was disappointed more students didn't take the survey, Brendan Murphy thought it concerning the focus sifted to females being responsible and even though we are in line with state standards in our sex education curriculum is there a need to change the curriculum. Diane Downs asked the nurse practitioner if she felt there were constraints when she was talking with students and she did not.

Several students thought it unfair they were not allowed to broadcast information about the survey and there was no way to get information out to all. One student felt that condoms were written up so many times in the newspaper there was a negativity to a controversial topic.

Board Chair Andy Rivinus opened the floor to public comments. Tami Weimer spoke in support of the proposal and Sue Winner was here to show support to her son and the other students serving on the SBHC Youth Advisory Board. Don Naylor, Peter Schultz, Cassandra Weimer and Hunter Mead also spoke in support. Hunter noted at least their campaign of getting people to "Talk About It" served the purpose of their campaign.

Brian Hodson, John Dewar, Jacqueline Muro, Lori Porter, Val Blair, Bob Backstrom, Janece Price, Shelby Bennett, Traci Hensley, Tom Lenox, Mack Woods, John Savory, John Fetzell, Raymond Baldwin, and Joe Patershall spoke against the proposal. (Vicky Stewart and Mary McDonald were unable to stay to speak.) Several thought this was the responsibility of the parents not the school, it's a morale issue and we need to educate our kids to wait to have sex and abstinence is the only way to prevent a pregnancy. One person felt even though it's a state requirement, sex education should not be included in the curriculum. Prescribing birth control can also have an adverse effect to the student's health and we are taking away the rights of parents.

After two hours of public input, Chair Rivinus thanked everyone for speaking this evening and noted the Board has heard comments at three different meetings and read all the letters to the editor and letters sent to the board members.

Each Board member presented their positions and reasoning as listed below:

Brendan Murphy met with Brad Victor from the Oregon Department of Education and also spoke with several other educators throughout the state on sex education curriculum. He explained he is a child abuse prosecutor and agreed it is the families job and a morale issue however not all children have that opportunity for discussion and therefore it is very

much a school issue. He does not believe in the Planned Parenthood theory but due to community opposition, is forced to vote against the proposal, with an apology and noted he might vote differently at another time in the future.

Diane Downs stated the healthiest option is to not be sexually active, however reality is different. She also noted caring, thoughtful, moral people each have different thoughts. She applauded the students for their honesty and courage and is not really sure how she will vote. There are several local options available for access to birth control. Diane was also part of the planning of the school based health center and stated at no time was there a promise to the community to not offer family planning services. As times and needs change we need to remain open to new options.

Tom Scott feels the core of our community has strong, moral, family values and agrees it is the responsibility of the parents. He does know many students don't get this support and feels we should educate and counsel, if mature enough. He adamantly does not support offering these services and will vote no and will not apologize.

Kristin Downs thanked the students for the courage they've shown asking for approval of their request to have birth control prescribed and she hopes they will continue their support of the student body. The student proposal has many benefits, however she feels it is not in the best interest of the students and sends a wrong message from the Board. She will vote no.

Ty Kraft struggles back and forth. He agrees with parental support, but knows so many kids don't have that support. He is proud of the SBHC and counseling services, but birth control options for students are readily available in the local community. He will vote no.

Andrea Weber appreciates the student and community input that has made a difference in her decision and wants to do what's best for the students. Her hope is that the doors of communication between parents, children, school and community about issues concerning the health all groups will continue to remain open. Open and trusting communication between all groups will continue to serve and support our students towards becoming healthy adults.

Andy Rivinus found this a very challenging issue as he has strong feelings in both directions. He thanked everyone who participated in the process and thought it important to note this is not about all of the students in the District. In this District and across the country, we do a number of things that do not feel like education, but we do them because we know they enhance student learning. We provide some students up to two meals per day and a snack because they don't get fed at home, we provide day care for student mothers so that they can come to school because it enhances student

learning and we flex bus routes for the homeless students so they have continuity in education. We provide these services because there is no other place in our community where young people can obtain them and to make sure that they come to school in good learning form. This is not true of birth control services and students have clinics and medical professionals in Canby who can provide them these services. He will be voting no.

MOTION: Tom Scott moved to deny the request of the School Based Health Center Youth Advisory Board to allow the Nurse Practitioner to provide Family Planning Services, which include prescriptions for contraception. Kristin Downs seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Chair Rivinus recessed the meeting at 9:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

10.3 Financial Statement Update

Business Manager David Moore reported the current estimates reflect an ending fund balance of \$4,651,315 on June 30, 2011, up from the prior estimate of \$4,625,279. We are still in the process of closing out last year and this is a pre-audited balance. The June 30, 2011 ending fund balance threshold for adding back days under the current year teachers' contract is \$4,500,000. Updates on the actual ending fund balance will continue as the audit process is completed. Additional discussion on add back days will take place at the next board meeting.

During the budget process for the current year, the District budgeted an additional \$500,000 in State School Fund revenues to account for potential legislative adjustments to that resource above \$5.8 billion at the state level. To date, the District has been allocated \$373,316 in additional dollars from the state, including \$214,340 from the school year subaccount grant and the remainder from the State School Fund. Total revenues in the current year are \$292,987 above the amount budgeted, including higher amounts for the beginning fund balance and loan receipts (amount borrowed for Apple laptop purchase).

Under current year expenditures, the additional \$500,000 budgeted in State School Fund revenues is offset by additional contingency of the same amount. Total expenditures for the current year are estimated to be \$731,780 under budget, compared to \$500,000 estimated during the budget process.

The current estimate for the June 30, 2012 ending fund balance is \$3,732,079 compared to a threshold of \$3,500,000 for adding back days under the teachers' contract in the 2012-13 school year. If the current beginning and ending balance estimates hold true, the current year budget reflects usage of \$919,236 in fund balance.

Superintendent Steach shared information on district enrollment as of September 30. We are currently down 105 students representing a decrease of \$590,000 in revenue for next year.

10.2 Local Option Levy

At the October 6th meeting, information was presented on the relative merits for setting the amount of a Local Operating Levy compared to setting the rate for the levy. Setting the amount will provide stable revenue for the district with increased fluctuation for property owners. In contrast, setting the rate will stabilize the amount for the property owners while making the revenue amount for the district more unpredictable.

The Board wanted information about how other districts have approached this decision and whether there was any information available regarding community preference. Superintendent Steach attended an OSBA workshop on school finance elections and asked this question. The presenters at the workshop stated that they were not aware of any study relative to this issue and that based upon the limited number of districts in the state who collect a Local Operating Levy there is no statistical information available.

Historically most districts have set the rate, but due to recent market fluctuations there appears to be a trend towards setting the amount. They were not able to offer any insight into property owner preference for this decision.

Statistics from the survey to this question, of the first 500 respondents, 26% prefer a set amount, 22.5% prefer a set rate, 18% have no preference and 33.6% do not support a Local Operating Levy. A straw poll of the Board was done with the following results:

Andrea Weber – amount
Ty Kraft – rate
Kristin Downs – amount
Tom Scott – rate
Diane Downs – amount
Brendan Murphy – rate
Andy Rivinus – amount

Business Manager, David Moore will provide amounts for up to a three-year projection. The Board also determined Focus Groups would not be held, due to validation from the survey conducted. Diane Downs thanked Superintendent Steach for administering the survey and the filtered results.

11.0 FUTURE BOARD AGENDA

11.1 Local Option Tax

11.2 Expanding Volunteers

11.3 K-12 Readiness

11.4 Policy Updates

No changes or additions the next agenda at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin
Board Secretary

Andrew Rivinus
Board Chair

APPROVED: