

**MINUTES OF THE
CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 15, 2012**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Ty Kraft called the Regular Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Canby High School Applied Technology Center, Omni room. Board members in attendance were Ty Kraft, Tom Scott, Andy Rivinus, Diane Downs, Kristin Downs, Brendan Murphy and Andrea Weber. Also in attendance were Superintendent Steach, Linda Martin, Jorge Barraza, Evelia Juarez, Sondra Strong, Becky, James and Chase Unger, Joe Morelock, Maureen Callahan, Mary Walsh, Mary Knigge, Carol Meeuwsen, Julie Johnson, Pat Johnson, Matt Olson, Kimie Carroll, Keith Galitz, Jennifer Turner, Travis Opperman, Cherie Switzer, Marilyn Wood, Cindy Bauer, Terri Cummings, Brenda Griffin, Scott Field, Tim Oberg, Christie Gallagher, Angie Navarro, Laurie Field, Sandra Field, Grace Saad, Carol Lee Schwalm, Bibi and Viri Duran, Maddie Field and numerous FFA members, their parents, siblings and board members as well as Lee Elementary students, parents and siblings.

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS AND FLAG SALUTE

Audience members introduced themselves and Chase Unger led the flag salute.

3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA

None.

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Canby Telcom President Keith Galitz presented a check in the amount of \$2,680 with along with a donation of 134 eBooks to each school. The donation is a direct result of a joint partnership begun earlier this year. The promotion was educational-based and in addition to a customer gift of choice, Canby Telcom offered to donate an electronic text book or eBook for every new high-speed internet subscriber and every high-speed upgrade to the customer's choice of Canby School library. Canby Telcom is a long-time supporter and advocate for the Canby School District, through financial support, personnel and volunteerism.
- Superintendent Steach presented The Canby Area Recognition of Excellence (CARE) program award to Carol Lee Schwalm as the Canby School District October teacher of the month. Carol Lee has dedicated 16 of her 30-year career to the students in Canby and she currently works at Trost with special needs students. In her nomination, Carol Lee is described as kind, creative, and sincere about education. Teaching isn't just a job to Carol Lee, people can tell she considers it

more of a "calling". She maintains a positive relationship with parents and fosters a strong school-to-home connection with her creative ideas. Carol received a plaque, polo shirt and gift certificates for her recognition.

- Retired teacher, Chris Ritter, whose husband's grandfather built the Carus White Building belongs to a group of retired teachers interested in helping to save the building. They would like to pursue grant options for preservation of the building with the district and board's approval. Superintendent referred her to Wayne Layman, Facilities Manager for additional discussion.

5.0 SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT SUCCESS

Lee principal Marilyn Wood introduced Intervention Specialist Cherie Switzer who in turn introduced Lee 6th grade students Lupita Duran, Jonah Schiewe, Barsi Martinez-Cardenas, Joanna Mejia, Jenna Morris, Trevor Taylor, Jessica Gabino-Rodrigues and Karen Nicolas-Gonzalez. The students presented information as commentators and news reporters on programs offered at Lee to enhance their learning experience. The programs included examples, opinions, and insight on programs in the computer lab, library, healthy play activities and music.

6.0 SCHOOL ACTIVITY REPORT

FFA member Maddie Field reported currently there are 60 members in the Canby Chapter of FFA and they are the only chapter from the State of Oregon to receive the Three Star Gold rating at the national level. She introduced Bibi and Viri Duran who placed seventh in the nation, to earn a Gold Award in the Agriscience competition.

Bibi and Viri gave a presentation of their project titled, "The Effects of Multiplication Media on the Second Generation of African Violet Explants" to determine a way to speed up the micro-propagation rate of African Violets and answered board questions on their project.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Steach announced that the Elementary iPod & iPad Mobile Learning Program has been awarded status as an Apple Distinguished Program for the 2012-2013 school year. Our program joins other programs that Apple is renewing nationwide as exemplary learning environments and centers for innovation, leadership, and education excellence. John commended staff for their visionary leadership, innovative learning and teaching, ongoing professional learning, compelling evidence of success, and a flexible learning environment.

John met recently with Senator Alan Olsen and other area superintendent's sharing their concerns and desires before the legislature goes into session.

He reported it was a productive meeting and they will meet again in February for updates.

He also noted it was nice to see Canby School District on the list of 371 applications for the Race to the Top Grant with seven applications from Oregon. It will be the end of December before any announcements are made.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Andy Rivinus noted we need to remind students not to wear dark clothing during the dark morning and evening hours and they should have reflectors on their bicycles. As drivers we need to be more aware of the students walking or riding bikes to school. He also had the opportunity to talk with Senator Mark Haas and lobbied for predictability and consistency of school funding.

Kristin Downs attended the Instructional Leadership Training with Sandy Blazer and found it intriguing and positive. She attended the high school play "Our Town" and found it clever of the director to include community members. She and Kimie Carroll visited Parrott Creek Ranch and found they continue have lots of needs including school supplies.

Brendan Murphy attended the City of Canby community visioning process to help set priorities to guide community investments and outcomes. We should be proud of our facilities and noted Superintendent Steach was a great representative for our district.

Andrea Weber attended the OSBA Convention and noted Governor Kitzhaber's speech on Saturday recognized veterans and the power of education to change society with 2.2M college graduates since World War II. He also noted schools will have to spend \$1,000 more per student due to the unfunded portion for PERS to reap the same gains in student achievement.

Diane Downs attended the BERC Group training with the ILT's and the report on the initial observation to see where improvements can be made, noting positive results due to the collaborative teams. She commended the CHS Girls Soccer team for their quality of play and congratulated them on a great year. One of the OSBA conference workshops she attended addressed noted we need to change how we engage the community in schools and will expand more on the topic at a later date.

Tom Scott attended the assembly at Baker Prairie with Holocaust survivor, Alter Weiner and his moving story. He also attended the OSBA conference and congratulated the girls soccer team and the football team for their successful season.

Ty Kraft attended the CTE internship meeting involving community members

and businesses and how to implement the programs. We have an amazing facility and need to continue to pursue how to continue on and be sustainable.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Minutes

Minutes of the October 18, 2012 Regular Session and the November 1, 2012 Workshop 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 and personnel changes as provided in Addendum 9.1 and 9.2. Brendan Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

10.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Canby Educational Foundation Presentation and Update

Grace Saad, Community Volunteer Coordinator hired thanks to a grant from the Canby Educational Foundation, reported she is now teaching at the Ackerman Center, however continues to coordinate alliances with the community and business partners that provide volunteer services and support to the school, students and families, with a continued focus on critical thinking skills. All the background work was set last year and this year some elementary schools are becoming involved and a career fair is set for Baker Prairie Middle School in the spring.

Mary Walsh, Canby Educational Foundation Executive Director noted the foundation was founded in 1997 when a generous Canby community member donated \$100,000 to establish the foundation to support students and schools. A granting program was initiated to provide funding to successful grant applications received from all schools in the Canby School District.

Through 2012, over 150 different grants have been awarded totaling \$385,000. A wide variety of projects have been funded and have benefitted students in every school, at every grade level. Thanks to endowments, corporate/business grants, CSD employee giving program, sale of discounted Canby Cinema tickets, community contributions and their major fundraiser, the Spring Fling, all this is possible. Mary invited everyone to attend the event, featuring author Bob Welch on April 25, 2012 at Willamette Valley Country Club.

Since some of the public is not aware of the foundation and their involvement with the schools, they are currently working on a marketing campaign. Carol Meeuwsen previewed the campaign video highlighting projects to be shown to community organizations to inform, help enhance and make additional education opportunities available to our students.

10.2 Volunteer Discussion

Superintendent Steach noted one of his goals this year is to increase volunteerism throughout the district. There is a disconnect in the means of connecting volunteers and teachers needs through our current volunteer database. The SOS (Support Our Schools campaign) has funds remaining and would like to help in hiring a part time coordinator, but first we need a good system in place. We need to integrate into our schools from all populations and trainings on how to do this are provided through various avenues. The Canby Area Pastors Association is an opportunity and Hope Village is a huge resource but we need to connect them. Also, a Hispanic list serv is now available. Another suggestion was to talk with Anne Bangs with Canby Community Preschool about their successful volunteer program. Discussion will also take place with the administrative team on how to connect with people.

10.3 Carus White Building

Superintendent Steach reported we are still waiting for bids on removing/replacing lead paint on the building. The board agreed we definitely need to move forward with the lead paint removal to preserve the outside of the building as well as the safety of the public. Additional discussion will take place in December once the bids are received.

10.4 Financial Update and Enrollment

Mary Knigge, Director of Finance reported the beginning fund balance is still unaudited and until December is subject to change. It appears that we will begin this fiscal year with approximately \$3.86M. This could potentially mean funding days for teachers and central office staff that were otherwise slated for reduction. Per our contract agreement, 3 school days and a .5 holiday make up a total of 3.5 days to be funded. Compensation will be modified to reflect these changes for the January paychecks. Superintendent Steach also noted as of October 31, our enrollment is 6 students less. A vote for the add back days will take place on December 20.

10.5 Alternative Placement Update

Superintendent Steach has been working with The American Academy, an online school combined with local social support for students. The target students are previous dropouts and students (that we determine after trying all of our current programs) who are not being successful. This is one more option, not a duplication or replacement of any current programs. The student would receive a CHS diploma if they met requirements. Also Diane Downs suggested he talk to a student who had completed the program.

10.6 2012 OSBA Election

The Oregon School Boards Association is organized as one general state association with up to 21 elected representatives established across 14

geographic regions to support member participation and representation. Member boards also elect the Legislative Policy Committee and vote on the OSBA Legislative Policies and Priorities.

After board discussion on the pros and cons of the policies and priorities a motion was made.

MOTION: Andrea Weber moved to vote for Terry Lenchitsky as OSBA Board of Director, Position 7 and to approve the 2013 OSBA Legislative Policies and Priorities as submitted in Addendum 10.6. Andy Rivinus seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1 with Brendan Murphy voting no on the policies and priorities.

10.7 Policy 2nd Reading

The Board would like additional discussion at a later date on the definition of socio-political context as noted in Policy CCG, Licensed Evaluation-Administrators.

CCG, Licensed Evaluation-Administrators

GCDA, Criminal Records Check- Fingerprinting

GCN, Evaluation of Personnel

IL, Assessment Program

JECC, Assignment of Students to Schools

MOTION: Andy Rivinus moved to approve the policies as provided in Addendum 10.7. Kristin Downs seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

10.8 Education Summit Key Issues

At the last Superintendent's meeting they were asked to have each district's Board of Directors consider key issues that emerge from the document that they would like to see included in a final executive summary. The summary will be shared with OEIB, Rudy Crew, ODE and others.

Our board would like the following:

1. Stable/adequate funding
2. PERS reform
3. Mandate relief

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11.1 Trost/Magnet School/Class Sizes

11.2 All Day Kindergarten

11.3 Homeless Report

11.4 Canby Center Report

11.5 English Language Learners

11.6 Financial and Enrollment Update

The all day kindergarten discussion will be the impact on the facilities and an item will be added on the OSBA Convention follow-up.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kraft adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin
Board Secretary

Ty Kraft
Board Chair

APPROVED: