

**CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP,
REGULAR SESSION AND EXECUTIVE SESSION**

November 16, 2006

WORKSHOP SESSION

The workshop session of the Canby School District Board of Directors was called to order at 5:32pm on Thursday, November 16, 2006 in the Canby High School, Omni room. Board members in attendance were Rod Beck, Marty McCullough, Dr. Mike Harms, Andy Rivinus, Dick Adams and Sandy Ricksgger. Absent from the meeting was board member Guy Gibson. Also in attendance was Deborah Sommer, Linda Martin, Mary Hochstetler, Joel Stuart, Joel Sebastian, Jennifer Turner, Ken Talley, Jean Dupere, Rich Thompson, Travis Opperman, Danielle Peterson, Pat Johnson, Noel Hygelund, Carol Meeuwsen, Marilyn Wood, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Ricardo Marquez, Lou Bailey, Hank Harris, David Moore, and Emilio Ortiz.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Review of Talented and Gifted Oregon Administrative Rules and Oregon Revised Statutes
- Results of Tag Survey

Noel Hygelund, the District's K-12 Options Coordinator, presented an overview of the Parent and Student Surveys. There were 55 parent surveys and 30 student surveys returned to the district. The survey shows we need to do a better job of communicating service and the options we have for TAG students. Dick Adams was surprised at the low number of respondents. Rod Beck said this authenticates the concern we need do more for these students. Deborah shared there are no additional funds from the State for TAG programs; however, we still have a legal obligation to offer opportunities to these students. Noel reiterated the District's commitment to do a better job. On November 30 and December 1, 2006 teachers will receive training on how to serve TAG students and students at risk.

Each of the principals shared the brochures they are creating to inform parents and students of the different opportunities being offered to include Digital Stories, Apex Curriculum for advanced math and On-Line Courses for the middle and high school students. All of the schools in the district offer opportunities through instructional and after school enrichment programs. Parents and students are also included in meetings to share their ideas of what they would like offered.

REGULAR SESSION

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** Rod Beck called the regular session of the Canby School District Board of Directors to order at 6:39pm.
- 2.0 FLAG SALUTE AND INTRODUCTIONS:** The audience introduced themselves. Along with the audience listed in the workshop session there were several students, parents and teachers (Aaron Sleeper and Jacquie Fitch) from Carus Elementary School, Ray Lambert, Todd Andrews, Ellie Simnitt and Adrian Montoya. Andy Rivinus led the flag salute.
- 3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None

4.0 PUBLIC FORM / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spotlight on Student Success:

Carus Elementary School was the featured school for the spotlight. Their presentation entitled "Carus C.A.R.E.S" included photos to represent Character Education, Arts Integration, Recognizing Students, Environmental Studies and Service Learning. Isaac, one of the Carus students, gave a speech on the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle). Several students presented a skit, three students sang a recycling song they wrote and several were involved, along with board members, in a game of sorting recycling items.

School Activities and Update:

Justin Langford and Taylor Preuitt from Baker Prairie were not available due to other activities.

Joel Sebastian reported for Amanda McLean. Ackerman Middle School received an award at the Peacemaker's Conference.

Ellie Simnitt reported Canby High School ASB students attended the fall conference featuring a great motivational speaker. Adrian Montoya reported 20 Japanese teachers visited the high school today. The leadership students greeted the teachers in Japanese, taught to them by a CHS Japanese exchange student, with "Nice to meet you. Welcome to Canby High School". Adrian said it was interesting to learn about school in Japan. The high school also has a play-off game on Friday and it is the closing weekend for the fall play.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes

Minutes of the October 19, 2006 Regular Session are provided in Addendum 5.1. A correction needs to be made on 9.1 Policy EBBCC - Use of Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The motion should read Dr. Mike Harms moved to approve and Marty McCullough seconded the motion.

5.2 Personnel Changes

Personnel Changes are provided in Addendum 5.2

MOTION: Andy Rivinus moved to approve the minutes provided in Addendum 5.1 as amended and Personnel Changes as provided in Addendum 5.2. Dick Adams seconded the motion. Motion was unopposed.

6.0 SCHOOL REPORT / COMMENTS BY BOARD

Andy Rivinus visited Knight and Eccles and sat in on a progressive reading class. He was very impressed with the first graders reading abilities and use of vocabulary words. He also stood on the sidelines of a very wet CHS football game.

Dick Adams has been included in weekly emails from Canby High Principal Pat Johnson. Dick feels this a great communication tool for parents.

Sandy Ricksger attended a blog training class at Ninety-one. She also attended a Principal's Recognition where all K-8 students were recognized.

Marty McCullough as been following the CHS online blogging. She is very impressed that several teachers are willing to come in early for additional help for students.

Dr. Mike Harms reported the FFA Convention in Indianapolis involved a very welcoming crowd. It was great to see a large crowd of blue FFA jackets.

Rod Beck reported Joel Sebastian, Ackerman principal, has been using email to communicate which is a good tool to connect with the community.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deborah Sommer has been blogging to communicate with parents and staff. The teachers are also asked to blog at least once a month. Email is a good source of communication for all, and principals are supposed to be providing time for them to do this in staff meetings. She also greeted 20 Japanese visitors this morning before they visited Ackerman, Lee and Canby High School. Simon Silva, author, artist and speaker, from a migrant family visited several Canby schools today and will be meeting with parents this evening. Deborah is also meeting with each building principal on their goal setting plans.

Deborah presented a Financial Excellence Award to David Moore received on behalf of the Canby School District. Great job, David.

8.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Bond Financial Statement Update

David Moore reported we have over \$958,000.00 in reserve from the overall bond interest earnings. We are trying hard to keep change orders within \$614,000.00. Dick Adams requested David prepare a one page summary of all the major categories for a future meeting. Andy Rivinus reported at the last Bond Oversight

Committee meeting there was discussion on what the process will be for the additional dollars once the change orders are completed. This item will be added to a future board meeting to determine a process for new projects and/or the potential Phase III of the expansion project at CHS.

8.2 Instructional Hours Update

Deborah Sommer reported on the instructional days and hours of instruction for the Canby School District. Our total instructional hours exceed the state requirements.

8.3 Data Collection

We are in the process of collecting test scores and attendance data in regards to our school calendar as well as getting calendars from other schools. In lieu of a calendar committee, Deborah has been developing an E-survey for parents, staff, students, and community members. Unfortunately, there is no perfect calendar to meet everyone's needs. The bottom line, the Board sets the calendar and the more information the better in order to make a better decision on setting next year's calendar. We will have the results to share with the Board in January.

8.4 Review of Land Assets

8.5 Frame Phase I Project

8.6 Land Use Planning Phase I

All of the above items were compiled into one discussion. Debbie Pearson provided information on the organizations that use our facilities as well as past projects and proposed projects on the district properties. She reported we have a good working relationship with all of the groups. The information provided set the ground work for the November 29 board workshop (which was originally set for November 30, but changed due to conflicts) to develop criteria and any philosophy/policies on land issues.

8.7 Local School Committee Applications

There was only one application received to fill the six vacancies that occurred due to boundary changes and new schools. The application for one of the positions at Ackerman Middle School was received from Davetta Oedell. There was board discussion as to the function of the Local School Committees. The committees were established to provide assistance and direction to the individual school buildings. We need to find out what the active groups are doing and find out about the possibility of abolishing the Local School Committees.

MOTION: Sandy Ricksger moved to appoint Davetta Oedell to the Local School Committee vacancy at Ackerman Middle School through June 30, 2007. Marty McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Rod Beck adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm. The next workshop session will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at 5:30pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session is held in accordance with ORS 192.660, subsection (1) (a). It is requested information discussed in the Executive Session not be disclosed. The Executive Session was held to discuss employment issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin
Board Secretary

Rodney J. Beck
Board Chair

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