Chair Andy Rivinus called the Special Workshop Session to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Services Meridian room on November 7, 2011. Board members in attendance were Andy Rivinus, Ty Kraft, Diane Downs, Andrea Weber, Kristin Downs and Brendan Murphy. Tom Scott was absent from the meeting. Also in attendance were Superintendent Steach, Linda Martin, Betty Rivinus, Pat Johnson, Jennifer Turner, Cindy Bauer, Joe Morelock, Maureen Callahan, Angie Navarro, Peggy Holstead, Rick Stucky and Christine Taylor.

Presenters Peggy Holstedt, OSBA Associate Director and Rick Stucky, OSBA Specialist gave a presentation on using student assessments in decision making. Through a grant from the Oregon Department of Education and completing the rigorous certification process they are able to present this workshop free of charge.

The Board members and administrators learned how to use assessment and other student achievement results effectively to drive decision, allocate resources, improve student performance and close the achievement gap.

The workshop incorporates the National School Boards Association’s *Key Work of School Boards* and other national research to:

- Identify characteristics of effective school board.
- Discuss how assessment results are used at classroom, building, district and board levels.
- Define different types of assessment, formative and summative, and emphasize the importance of a variety of sources to measure success.
- Present a systems approach to using this information to improve student achievement.

There was also discussion on Common Core State Standards that replaces the Oregon standards for English Language Arts and Math, including literacy standards in History/Social Studies, Science and Technology. Also Smarter Balanced Assessment will replace OAKS as ELA and Math Assessment. Implementation will be in the 2014-15 school year. It is important for us to repeatedly communicate these upcoming changes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary

Andrew Rivinus
Board Chair

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