

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

December 13, 2006

The Workshop Session of the Canby School District Board of Directors was called to order at 5:35pm on December 13, 2006 in the Canby High School, Omni room by Chair Rodney Beck. Other Board members present were Dr. Mike Harms, Dick Adams, Marty McCullough, Sandy Ricksger and Guy Gibson. Board member Andy Rivinus was absent from the meeting. Others in attendance were Deborah Sommer, Linda Martin, Pat Johnson, Carol Meeuwesen and David Moore.

Deborah Sommer presented the revised Criteria for Land Use. The board members discussed each item and made some changes. The overall philosophy was the use of our facilities should be primarily K-12, but should also provide services or opportunities to a diverse group of community members.

Dick Adams also felt we should ask if other locations/alternatives were pursued before coming to the district for approval of construction of a facility.

The Board also discussed the need to approach the City of Canby in regards to the 45 hours of swim lessons as rent for the Swimming Pool. We want to be a good partner but are we receiving sufficient compensation? Marty also asked if we are receiving sufficient compensation for extra custodial hours when our facilities are used as well as liability for any damage.

Dr. Harms also discussed a proposal by the FFA Alumni for the Lone Elder property. They will be making a proposal after Winter Break on possibly converting the property to a land lab for FFA. Rod Beck said as we get proposals how do we inform other groups.

The criteria will be revised again, approved by the Board and added to the Facility Use as an Administrative Procedure. Once criteria is done Deborah will inform the principals of the procedures.

The workshop session adjourned at 6:17pm

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Rodney Beck called the Regular Session to order at 6:32pm. Additional attendees were Sondra Strong, Hank Harris, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Emilio Ortiz, Travis Opperman, Joel Stuart, Liz Robert, Ellie Simmitt, Terri Cummings, Jennifer Cooper, Carl Erland, Ricardo Marquez and numerous Trost students and parents of the presenters.

2.0 FLAG SALUTE & INTRODUCTIONS: Guy Gibson led the flag salute and due to the large number of attendees introductions were not made.

3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS: No public comments

Spotlight on Student Success - Trost Elementary students, Kyle Martin and Noelle Myers presented a slide show of the activities so far this year which included a fundraiser, units of study, family literacy and a Hope Village Adventure. The students also collected 4,550 canned food items for charity. Principal Ricardo Marquez also thanked the public for 220 less students. Mary Ruth Helppie and Claudine Rayfield's music students entertained us with holiday songs. Good job everyone for sharing your holiday spirit.

The Ackerman Middle School and Baker Prairie Middle School reps were not present due to the joint dance being held tonight.

Student rep, Melissa Roderick reported on the winter activities & fundraising events at Ninety-one. Grades 6-7-8 took first place in the Project Award at the annual Lego Robotics Competition. Grades 4-5 took first place in the Teamwork Award.

Ellie Simnitt from Canby High School said their Kiwanis Canned Food Drive was a huge success. The drive was spearheaded by student Loren Jeskey and teachers Jim Schmeiding and Ben Winegar. They collected over 10,000 cans. She also reported on the activities each class has been involved in. The Mr. Cougar competition will be held on January 17 with proceeds going to help stop genocide in Sudan.

CHS Landscaping Presentation - Students Jennifer Cooper and Carl Erland did a video presentation on their landscaping project for their Career Related Learning Experiences. The project consisted of three teams with the first project being the wall around the track. They also planted pansies at the high school and cleaned the area around the greenhouses along with planting pansies downtown Canby. They even had to tackle repairing a broken pipe. The skills and knowledge obtained from the class can be used in a landscaping career. Also learning to work as a team in planning and development of the projects are life long learning experiences. Dr. Harms has received many compliments on how nice the downtown projects look.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of the November 16, 2006 Workshop, Regular and Executive Sessions and the November 29, 2006 Workshop Session are provided in Addendum 5.1.

Dr. Harms asked for clarification on the FTE for coaches. Personnel lists head coaches as one FTE even though they are not full time.

5.2 Personnel Changes are provided in Addendum 5.2.

MOTION: Dr. Mike Harms moved to approve the minutes as provided in Addendum 5.1 and the personnel changes as provided in Addendum 5.2. Marty McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

6.0 SCHOOL REPORT/COMMENTS BY BOARD

Dr. Harms attended the Chair-ish Auction/Fundraiser at Baker Prairie. Over 500 people were in attendance. They made over \$7300 on the unique chairs and tables painted and designed by students, staff and parents.

Dick Adams has received positive feedback from parents on the calendar survey.

Deborah said attendance and achievement data will be available at the January 4th workshop session.

Sandy Ricksger recently attended a Local School Committee meeting at Ninety-one. There was discussion on some safety issues and concerns. Debbie Pearson is working with Diane Berthoin-Hernandez on the issues. The LSC has been very supportive at Ninety-one. Sandy also reported projection systems have been added to classrooms through private funding. 35-40 students were recently recognized for character development.

Marty McCullough reported Carus was featured in the Clackamas County Trash Talk newspaper for their recycling efforts. Marty also reported Emerick Construction and BOORA Architects earned the NW Construction Best of 2006 Award for overall excellence in design and construction of Baker Prairie Middle School.

Rod Beck and Deborah Sommer attended a Pacific Conference meeting on December 12. There was some discussion with other districts on artificial turf.

Guy Gibson said we are here for the kids and that's what it's all about.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deborah Sommer attended a neighborhood meeting regarding the proposed CHS project and closure of 4th street in front of the high school. Boora Architects presented a slide show on the project. Attendees left the meeting feeling positive about the changes. The neighbors said Pat Johnson has already made some positive changes with any issues that

have arisen. They do want another meeting closer to the end of the school year for any updates. Deborah also attended a meeting on the new Community Center being organized.

8.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 State Board Diploma Changes

Deborah reviewed the information from the Oregon Department of Education's *The Superintendent's Pipeline* from December 2006 as well as a ten minute video from the ODE. The State Board of Education has been researching whether to increase the high school diploma requirements. To compete successfully in the global economy, our high school graduates must master more sophisticated skills, especially in math and science. Canby High School is actually in very good shape as far the direction the State is going. The State Board believes many school districts already do much of what is being proposed. The State would identify funding and resources to assist all students in achieving the new standards. Pat Johnson said Canby has already meet most of the new 2011 state requirements. If the state's changes are implemented, the CHS diploma credit requirements will continue to be higher.

Guy Gibson left the meeting during the discussion due to a prior commitment.

Sondra Strong reviewed the Modified Vocational Diploma Recommendations. It is the district's goal for all students to achieve a Canby Standard Diploma. For a select group of students, on an individual basis, the Modified Vocational Diploma may be recommended. This diploma option allows for flexibility to change expectations to meet the student's individual needs and better prepare them for their transition to adult living. It allows for more career development, work experience and life skills coursework. Sandy Ricksger likes these changes and Rod Beck and Dr. Harms said they were practical and realistic.

Pat reviewed the proposed 2011 graduation requirements and there was board discussion on the current requirements and changes under consideration. The new requirements are 1) 20 hours of documented volunteer/community service, 2) Completion of a Career Pathway (pass 6 classes, 3.0 credit, with a "C" or better in a student-selected Career Pathway) and 3) meet all state mandated standards to be announced.

The board gave their approval on all recommended changes. There was discussion that the number of volunteer hours should be more than 20 hours and Pat indicated that they could increase those hours in subsequent years. These changes will be added to the Graduation Requirement Administrative Procedures. Dr. Harms complimented Pat on the depth and detail that went into the recommendations.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2007 in the Knight Elementary Library at 5:30pm. There will be discussion on the Canby Kids Soccer proposal and school calendar.

9.0 AJOURNEMENT

Rod Beck adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin
Board/Superintendent Secretary

Rodney J. Beck
Board Chair

Date: _____

