

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

March 1, 2007

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Rod Beck called the Workshop Session to order at 5:30 p.m. on March 1, 2007 in the Upper Library at Ninety-one Elementary School. Board members in attendance were Rod Beck, Dick Adams, Dr. Mike Harms, Marty McCullough, Andy Rivinus and Guy Gibson. Board member Sandy Ricksger was absent. Also in attendance were Deborah Sommer, Linda Martin, David Moore, Wayne Layman, Debbie Pearson, Lou Bailey, Heinz Rudolf, Bill Harper, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Danielle Peterson, Pat Johnson and Joel Sebastian. Tom Feller arrived during the Dual Language Immersion discussion.

2.0 PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Harms gave an update on the accident victim he helped save several weeks ago. He will be meeting her this Saturday. Diane Berthoin-Hernandez said Mary Oberst, Oregon's "first lady" would be at Ninety-one Elementary on March 8 at 10:30 a.m. to read to the students.

3.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Update on CHS Expansion Project

Just as Heinz Rudolf began to share the latest information on the CHS Expansion Project, the meeting was recessed at 5:35 p.m. due to a fire alarm. Everyone exited and the meeting was reconvened at 5:38 p.m.

Heinz and Bill Harper shared the perspective views of the remodel along with the costs. The base bid for the basic building without the canopy and the science lab is \$3,150,631. These are already included in the bond. It also includes the closure of 4th Street. An additional 41 parking spaces would be \$54,870. The Phase III entry remodel would be approximately \$700,000. The total for the entire project with the lighting, skylights and reflectors would be approximately \$3,943,000. Marty McCullough asked Debbie Pearson if there had been additional discussion for help from the City of Canby. Debbie said there has not been further discussion at this time.

Bill Harper said corrections to the drawings would be made next week. The public notices will be posted March 13 with documents available on March 26. April 3 they will meet with contractors regarding the scope of the project. The

Request for Proposals will be due April 26. The Intent to Award will take place on May 3, 2007. The Notice to Proceed takes place on May 22, but construction on the main building will not take place until school is out. The project should be done by the end of the year.

Debbie Pearson said the Canby City Council meeting on April 4 at 7:30 p.m. will include the closure of 4th Street. On April 9 the Planning Commission will review the design.

If Phase III is approved, the Board asked if that would have an impact on the start of school. Pat Johnson said the administrative offices would be relocated and final occupancy would take place Trimester III. Marty asked how the current offices would be used if Phase II is approved. Pat said they are in need of a conference room which two of the offices were originally. There is always use for additional space.

Deborah Sommer said the lists from each of the schools identifying potential projects to be funded with interest earning will be presented to the Bond Oversight Committee on March 8 for their review. The list will then be presented to the Board of Directors on April 3, 2007. Deborah and Rod asked how the Board would like them presented. Guy felt safety issues should be first. Based on discussion, it was determined that BOC will present recommendations to the Board on March 15 if possible or in April if necessary.

David reported there is \$950,000 remaining in contingency plus \$250,000 reserved for arbitrage. Since the additional parking is outside the original budget, we are over budget, if added. There was also Board discussion on how the closure of 4th Street would be designed. Also, the neighbors and business owners will be given status reports on the redesign. Guy also asked if the First Student building would be salvaged, but it would be cost prohibitive.

Dick Adams said he likes the fact the new building will be "green" with energy efficient skylights, reflectors and motorized to track with the sun. Heinz reported there is a building in Mt. Angel that has received national acclaim with these same features. David was asked about energy credits from the State, but they are no longer offering this type of rebate.

3.2 Dual Language Immersion Enrollment Issues

Ricardo Marquez reported the Dual Language Immersion program at Trost Elementary is in its second year. He presented a chart showing the number of students presently in the program. Due to boundary changes there are some students grandfathered into the program as well as their incoming siblings who

may apply. He has inquires for inter-district transfers, from outside the district as well as outside the state.

Ricardo presented a draft of the Dual Language Immersion Agreement. He discussed the lottery process from four different categories for creating classroom balance. Tier I includes the students who live in the Trost School boundaries or who were grandfathered in when the boundaries changed, the original agreement with the Board. He asked the Board about the Tier II and Tier III options if a lack of K-1 enrollment from Tier I were to occur. Deborah also said one of the top questions asked at the Superintendent's Luncheon was about the Dual Language Program. She said it would be nice to have the DLI program at other schools; however, it is a struggle finding bilingual teachers. Also each school has their own unique features and brochures from each school will be presented to the Board on March 15. Her goal is to work with principals to craft a message that every school in Canby has much to offer its students and the brochures are to highlight what each school is most proud of. Andy Rivinus felt we should consider the additional tiers; however, it is important to maintain student balance and we are not moving to "open enrollment.". After Board discussion it was decided to open up Tier II and Tier III only if space is available. Lou Bailey and Ricardo will be visiting other middle schools with DLI programs as we promised parents we would eventually add the program at the middle school level.

3.4 Canby Junior Baseball Proposal

Chair Rod Beck moved 3.4 to precede 3.3

Canby Junior Baseball met with Wayne Layman, Debbie Pearson and Lou Bailey with a proposal from their organization to build a dugout and a bull pen at the Baker Prairie Middle School field. They would also purchase bleachers if funds were available. Wayne shared their intentions with the Board and asked directions for approval. Andy Rivinus saw no difference in this proposal as compared to the artificial turf proposal. Dr. Harms disagreed since the facility was already there. After Board discussion it was decided Canby Junior Baseball needed to present their proposal as outlined in the Criteria for Use of Land/Open Space as approved on February 15, 2007. Wayne will meet with them again and they will bring a written proposal to Deborah Sommer who will respond on the Board's behalf.

3.3 Budget Update

Deborah Sommer discussed House Bill 2614 along with the Investing in Student Achievement Menu. Deborah and David Moore discussed each of the menu items and the cost to add additional staff. David also shared the Projection through 2008-09 on the Use of Available Cash/Ending Fund Balance. He discussed the budget parameters, resources and expenditures. The district is in a

declining enrollment mode; however, we need to build priorities for any additional dollars received from the State. Deborah asked for Board input on their budget priorities. Some issues, like needing to address literacy needs and to add some additional staff to maintenance/custodial with the opening of two new schools will also be addressed in the proposed budget.

Dr. Harms felt we need to bring up test scores at the middle school and high school levels due to declining achievement scores. We also need additional staffing for science at those same grade levels. 40 students in a class is a safety issue and graduation requirements will impact both math and science instruction. His priority was reducing class sizes at the secondary level.

Guy Gibson said we need to target money where it will do the most good. He felt elementary music, PE and library services should be restored. We need other options for students other than academics. He felt we should be careful on staffing and apply some dollars to pay down the accrual. We also need to give teachers time for planning which adding music/pe would allow.

Rod Beck felt we have concentrated on the elementary schools and it's time to reduce middle school and high school class size. He also felt we need to add custodial and maintenance staff and bring back PE at the elementary level. Also we should look at paying down the accrual.

Dick Adams does not see stable funding in the future. We need to broaden programs before we worry about reducing class size. We need to restore music and PE at the elementary level. We need a 2nd language at the middle school as well as expanded programs for high achievers for K-8. If we add programs this would help to drop class size. We also need to support our staff with a mentoring program and more staff training and specialized training.

Andy Rivinus feels the same as Dick in regards to stable funding. We need to put our dollars in the best place possible to bring us results. Full day kindergarten is his top priority to give students a good head start. He also feels we need to reduce class size at the middle school and high school level. Restoring or adding specialists, PE and music is important.

Mary McCullough's priority is adding/restoring music and PE. Reducing class size by one student is not high on her list. Instead, get rid of cell phone's, MP3 players and maybe require uniforms. We need to reverse the trend. We also need to add programs to keep parents involved in the schools and their students.

David Moore discussed the information on PERS rates set for 7/1/07. The Tier I/II rate will decrease by about one percentage point, but the Tier III rate will

increase by about two percentage points. However, we have more employees in Tier I/II, so the changes offset each other. Also, we had been building a reserve in the budget of the last two years expecting an increase in rates as of 7/1/07. This reserve is no longer necessary since rates have been set and the budget parameters used in the use of cash projection presented earlier this evening reflect all of these PERS changes.

Also, David said the board made a good decision back in 2002 and 2003 when they agreed to refinance the District's share of the unfunded liability in the PERS fund. It will result in net savings in 2007-2008 PERS costs of nearly 6 percentage points of covered payroll when compared to Districts which did not choose to refinance.

Tom Feller wanted to discuss a safety issue at Canby High School; however, Rod Beck referred him to Principal Pat Johnson, and if Tom is not satisfied he should contact Deborah Sommer.

Rod Beck adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin
Board/Superintendent Secretary

Rodney J. Beck
Board Chair

Date: _____

