

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

MARCH 15, 2007

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** Rod Beck called the regular session of the Canby School District Board of Directors to order at 6:40 p.m. on March 15, 2007 in the Canby High School, Omni room. Board members present were Rod Beck, Dr. Michael Harms, Dick Adams, Sandy Ricksger, Guy Gibson, Marty McCullough and Andy Rivinus. Also in attendance was Deborah Sommer, Linda Martin, Pat Johnson, Lou Bailey, Wilma Hartung, Ellena Ivaney, Kaitlyn Pool, Stayce Pool, Bridget Wilmes, Melissa Roderick, Amanda Britton, Tamra Southerton, Carol Meeuwsen, Kay Hemstreet, Barbara Kirwan, Danielle Peterson, Laura Roderick, Jennifer Turner, Joe Morelock, Hank Harris, David Moore, Tina Skiles, Joel Stuart, Ricardo Marquez, Craig Wilmes, Sandra Serrano, Dominac Wilmes, Kim Wilmes, Susan Southerton, Mary Lambert, Joel Sebastian, Tami Hillyard, Judy Wise, Kathy Smidt, Sheryl Gingerich, Anesia Snegireff, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Carol Meeuwsen, and Travis Opperman. Tom Feller arrived during the Information/Discussion items.

**2.0 FLAG SALUTE & INTRODUCTIONS:** Sandy Ricksger led the flag salute. No introductions were made due to the large audience.

**3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA:** The School Activities and Update will be presented before the Spotlight on Student Success.

**4.0 PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

School Activities and Update

Canby High School students, Ellie Simnitt and Adrian Montoya reported on the high school activities. A Winter Sports Assembly Overview was held for all participants. The Spring Musical Spaghetti Dinner had a good turnout. Spring sports have started. A new sports team this year is Girl's Rugby. The CHS Dance Team is at the State Competition; prom will be held at the Portland Art Museum and ASB packets will soon be available for next year's officers. Pat Johnson reported the school received a Sportsmanship trophy on behalf of the Canby fans at the 6A State Basketball tournament.

Ackerman Middle School and Baker Prairie Middle School student representatives had conflicts; therefore, they were unable to present information to the Board.

Bridgett Wilmes and Melissa Roderick from Ninety-One Elementary shared information on their school events. March is reading month and students have read over 5,000 books so far with a goal of 10,000. Mary Oberst, Oregon's First Lady, read a Dr. Seuss book to students at a special assembly last week. Under the direction of Tami Hillyard, students made a papier mache 3-D picture of Dr. Seuss and the Ninety-One mascot, Spike, to be displayed in their library.

Students have raised over \$8,000 for Outdoor School. The public was reminded of the Joni Harms fundraiser concert to be held at the Richard R. Brown Fine Arts Center on March 17.

#### Spotlight on Student Success

Ninety-One first grade students under the direction of Judy Wise, Kathy Smidt and Sheryl Gingerich presented a video on Lessons of Measurement highlighting penguins. The students dressed as penguins and sang songs and told stories using examples from their lessons.

Different teams of Ninety-One Leadership class students were given an assignment to present proposals for school beautification. Each team proposal will be judged with two teams chosen and given \$200.00 for their proposal. They need to figure cost, supplies and the time it would take to complete the project. The proposals included items such as painting walls, trash cans, storage bins and a locker room stall door and shower curtain addition. Playground equipment as well as painting a mural to show off bulldog spirit using handprints are proposed. Diane Berthoin-Hernandez thanked the students for their hard work. Chair Rod Beck would like a report on the outcome of the proposals.

There were no public comments or announcements.

## **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **5.1 Minutes**

Minutes of the February 8, 2007 Executive Session and Workshop Session; February 15, 2007 Executive Session, Exemption Hearing and Regular Session and the March 1, 2007 Workshop Session are provided in Addendum 5.1.

### **5.2 Personnel Changes**

Personnel Changes are provided in Addendum 5.2

Andy Rivinus questioned the listing of an employee with two different hire dates. The correct hire date for Monica Brattin is February 12, 2007.

**MOTION: Dr. Mike Harms moved to approve the Minutes as presented in Addendum 5.1 and the Personnel Changes in Addendum 5.2 as corrected above. Andy Rivinus seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.**

## **6.0 SCHOOL REPORT / COMMENTS BY BOARD**

Andy Rivinus attended the Art and Science Fair at Eccles. There were art displays throughout the school as well as science projects in the gym. He also attended the OSBA Spring Meeting and Dinner with other area board members and superintendents. There was discussion on HB 426 just passed by the house. The bill requires state run insurance pooling for all school employees. The bill now goes to the governor for his signature. Andy also said they are tracking 380 additional house bills. At the Superintendent's Luncheon on the 14<sup>th</sup> he reported there was discussion on the grounds at Baker Prairie as well as discussion on volunteerism.

Dick Adams reported he is a frequent visitor to the new CSD website. He said it looks great and is very user friendly. He will also be participating in the mock interviews with Canby High School sophomores.

Marty McCullough filed for her board position today. She reported the Local School Committee positions are not being filed for and several districts may eliminate this committee.

Sandy Ricksger is very proud of Ninety-one Elementary. She attended the K-8 Principal Recognition where all students are recognized with a special quote for each individual student. She also read with the first and second grade classes.

Rod Beck attended the March 8 Bond Oversight Committee meeting along with Andy Rivinus. Information from the meeting will be shared later this meeting.

## **7.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Deborah Sommer testified at a teacher mentoring hearing today in Salem. Statistics show new teachers leave the profession within the first five years. The Chalkboard Project is instrumental in research showing that teacher support and professional training is key to improving student achievement.

The Administrative Team met twice putting budget information together for the next biennium and will meet again next week. She also met with Kurt Schrader and Wayne Scott on their estimates regarding educational funding for 2007-2009.

Deborah thanked Carol Meeuwsen for the great job on the new website.

Deborah also discussed the TESA litigation. There will be no electronic testing the rest of the year. The new vendor should have TESA up and running in the fall but we will not have results from the paper/pencil test until late summer.

She also shared her school visits in which she read to students at Carus, Ninety-one, and Lee, as well as visiting Canby High School teachers Bob Hammitt and Joan Flora's classes.

## **8.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Transportation Update**

First of all, Barbara thanked the principals from the bus drivers for their support this year. First Student has appealed to the State on the denial to operate from the new location on Barlow Road. Clackamas County came to assess the situation and did not issue any fines. The biggest concern by ODOT is the railroad tracks and the fact that it is a busy intersection. Barbara reported a lawyer has been hired and the operation will continue at the current site through the rest of the school year. Guy Gibson asked if Martha Schrader, Clackamas County Commissioner and Canby resident had been contacted. He felt she needs to be involved. Barb will contact her for advice.

Barbara introduced Kay Hemstreet, Operations Manager for all First Student facilities. Kay will oversee the new manager when Barbara retires in June. Barbara's position will be posted nationwide and the new manager should be hired by the end of the school year.

First Student has made an offer to purchase Laidlaw, contingent upon regulatory approval. This will take some time with business operating as usual.

Marty McCullough thanked Barbara for her commitment to the school district. Barbara has volunteered endless hours to the students and staff.

### **8.2 Student Achievement - Special Features / TAG Program Brochures**

Each of the nine building principals shared their Special Feature brochures with the Board indicating their unique features and TAG program opportunities. The brochures will continue to be a work in progress due to changing opportunities for students. Even though each school had similar and/or different opportunities, the one goal is student achievement.

Deborah thanked each principal for sharing their vision and for the work and time involved in putting them together and taking the time to share them with the Board of Directors. She shared her view that the brochures are important not just for information but as a statement of what principals are proud of. We need to tell our public what we and they should be proud of and about the many good things happening in Canby schools. if we don't share that information, people don't know.

### **8.3 Budget Update**

Deborah shared some information from the two Administrative Budget meetings. They looked at the Board's district priorities and directions for student achievement discussed at the last Board Workshop. The Board's first item being reducing secondary class size and the second being to broaden experiences for elementary students. She also asked for clarification on the Music/PE direction. Deborah said presently instruction is two days per week for 25 minutes. Dick Adams and Rod Beck meant instruction should be 5 days per week if possible. Guy Gibson felt there is also need for outside experiences such as field trips and library time. Jennifer Turner also noted there are other enrichment opportunities than Music and PE. The middle school principals felt there should be priorities to reduce class sizes in the content areas.

David Moore gave updated State School Fund Projections based on three different tiers for 2007-09. The three tiers are based on \$6.1 Billion, \$6.2 Billion and \$6.3 Billion. These figures also included reserves for drop in enrollment and health insurance increases in 2008-09.

### **8.4 Open Board Positions Update**

Rod Beck reported as of 4:30 p.m. incumbent Marty McCullough and Gary Spanovich have filed for Position #1; Todd Andrews, Diane Downs and Tom Feller have filed for Position #5 and Dick Adams has filed for Position #6.

## **9.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Recommendation from Bond Oversight Committee Regarding Use of Bond Interest Earnings**

Rod Beck reported the Bond Oversight Committee meet on March 8, 2007 to review the project list from each school to consider in the event interest earnings (\$650,000 + \$254,000) allow further projects. (David Moore reported no clarification yet on arbitrage and if no liability there will be the additional \$254,000 as listed previously.) The committee felt that Phase III to finish the high school was the right thing to do, the right time to consolidate the project to save money, and the right direction to finish what was started. The total cost for Phase

III to include additional parking at \$54,870 and the remodel of main entry and office space at \$699,900 is \$754,770.

**MOTION: Dr. Mike Harms moved to recommend that Phase III and expanded parking project at Canby High School be funded through interest earnings and completed along with Phases I and II and the decision about any remaining projects held until further information and reports on:**

- 1. The results of a "walk through" to determine district bleacher conditions;**
- 2. The availability of funds set aside for arbitrage;**
- 3. The proposed maintenance budget (supplies and personnel for 2007-2009;**

**and**

- 4. A determination of which projects on the list are bondable expenses.**

**Andy Rivinus seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.**

The Board also discussed that if Phase I and Phase II are significantly higher and if the bid for Phase III comes in considerably higher they would revisit the decision to proceed with Phase III.

#### **9.1 2007-2007 Budget Committee Appointments**

Budget Committee Applications are provided in Addendum 9.1

**MOTION: Dick Adams moved to appoint Randy Brandt, Pattie Flagg and Rex Hagans as Budget Committee members for the term of three years to expire June 30, 2009 and student Lizette Torallba for the term of one year to expire June 30, 2007. Motion was seconded by Andy Rivinus and carried 7-0.**

The next meeting will be a Board Workshop Session at Canby High School on April 5, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin  
Board/Superintendent Secretary

Rodney J. Beck  
Board Chair

Date \_\_\_\_\_

