

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

APRIL 20, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dick Adams called the workshop session to order at 5:30pm on April 20, 2006 in the Applied Technology Center, Omni room. Board members in attendance were Dr. Michael Harms, Andy Rivinus , Marty McCullough, Rod Beck and Sandy Ricksgar. Also in attendance were Superintendent Deborah Sommer, Linda Martin, David Moore, Debbie Pearson, Heinz Rudolf, Dale Kuykendall, Emilio Ortiz, Ricardo Marquez, Ann Sommer, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Marilyn Wood, Ray Hughey, Pat Johnson, Travis Opperman, Joel Sebastian, Marie Schmeiding, Debbie Snodgrass, Danni VonHalo, Tina Skiles, and Jim Barr.

WORKSHOP SESSION

Employee D.T. has requested the health care continuation benefit; however, she has not meet the requirement of 15 years of employment due to her part time status. The Board discussed the fact that the District has set standards and adhered to them in the past. Her length of service is actually 13.07 years. The board agreed to take an average of her last 15 years FTE and give her a percentage of the \$650.00 stipend because this employee's benefits have been treated differently in the certified contract for many years. We will request a letter from the CEA agreeing that this is not a precedent setting action and that the equivalent of 15 full time years of continuous employment is the district standard for an employee to qualify for this benefit.

LAND ACQUISITION AND LONG RANGE PLAN

- **Lone Elder** - David Moore said the locks have been changed and the Taekwon-Do group have been given use of the Lee gym. Debbie Pearson talked to the county and we will need to apply for a Conditional Use Permit when we decide on future use of the facility. According to Dr. Harms three families have use of the well. Debbie will check to see who is on the PGE account and who is using the well. The Lone Elder Community Club owes three year's taxes and has not had liability insurance. There will be future discussion on the possibility of selling this property.
- **Baseball Proposal for Eccles** - Deborah said we need to respond to Dr. Perman and Mr. Andrews regarding their request to build an indoor batting cage. Debbie Pearson recommended they use the north end of the field. Dick Adams suggested the east side; however, according to Marilyn Wood, that area is used as an emergency drill meeting area. In the event we have some sort of disaster that area would also be used for a helicopter landing. Andy Rivinus feels since this is an unfunded organization/group, we should not allow the facility on our property as it

- could create related issues. Marty McCullough agreed with Andy. Rod Beck and Sandy Ricksger shared concerns about supervision and setting a precedent if we allow one group then we need to allow other groups. Mike Harms felt the indoor facility was needed due to the amount of field use by baseball and softball. He felt Eccles was not the best location. Dick Adams felt we need more conversation about the District's philosophy of community structures on District property and we also need to have a policy to govern our actions when such requests are made so that we have parameters in place. Rod also suggested the group communicate with the city of Canby for space and look at other sites. The Board declined approval for now and directed Deborah to write a letter encouraging these parents to look at other sites within the city. When establishing our Master Plan in the future, we will reconsider this issue and whether it is feasible to have such a facility on one of our sites.
- **City Rezoning** - The city of Canby is not moving forward on a public zoning plan at this time. As far as the Douglas Street property, if used as a parking lot, the city requires the area be paved. Andy indicated that this is an environmental requirement which the city cannot waive. The consensus is to leave as is at this time.

The Workshop Session adjourned at 6:33pm.

The Regular Session was called to order at 6:38pm by Chair Dick Adams.

2.0 FLAG SALUTE & INTRODUCTIONS

3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA

Dick Adams moved 10.1 Bond Update to follow the Audit Report.

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Spotlight on Success**
Pat Johnson introduced Travis Opperman, Marie Schmeiding and Debbie Snodgrass from the Language Arts Help Center and Math Center at the high school. The staff provides individualized instruction as well as small group instruction. The Help Centers are funded from the General Fund and have been very successful. The Language Arts Center helped 425 students during the last trimester. The Math Center sees approximately 700 students each month.
- **School Activities & Update**
CHS - In Karlie Richardson's absence, Pat Johnson reported a Seat Belt Safety Assembly was held making a big impact on the students. ASB elections will be held April 21 with an air band show to introduce the candidates. The CHS Band placed 2nd in league competition. CHS placed first in the league choral competition and will compete at the state level.

AMS- In Katie Helbling's absence, Joel Sebastian reported over 110 students are participating in the Spring play. Track and Field is underway. The Leadership teams from AMS and Baker Prairie are meeting to discuss expectations for both schools.

- **Trost Award for Excellence**

Ricardo Marquez, Trost Elementary school principal, reported that Trost recently received an ODE Award for Excellence. The award was determined by assessment results and other data. Trost was among seven schools statewide recognized for narrowing the achievement gap for minority and disadvantaged students and providing models for other schools to observe and follow. A banquet will be held at the Convention Center on April 28 to present their award. The school will receive \$2000 and a video of their success.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of the February 16, 2006 regular session, March 2, 2006 workshop session, March 16 workshop session, special hearing and regular session and April 6, 2006 workshop were provided in Addendum 5.1.

5.2 Personnel Changes were provided in 5.2

Rod Beck moved to adopt the consent agenda as submitted. Sandy Ricksger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6.0 AUDIT REPORT

David introduced Julie Stoltzfus from the auditing firm Wilcox, Arredondo & Co. Julie reported a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded to the Canby School District. She also stated the District's accounting records were very well maintained and were adequate for audit purposes. Julie thanked David and the District for their cooperation. She said Canby has great employees.

7.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS (moved from 10.1)

7.1 BOND UPDATE

Dale Kuykendall, the Emerick Construction Senior Project Manager, reported they had a big job ahead of them to complete the middle school by September 25, but Emerick has incredible staff able to foresee problems and issues ahead of them. Dale also thanked Boora Architects for all their help. After a very wet winter, there are over 100 employees on site each day. The roof is going up at this time. Dale also reported the company is injury free. Dale also reported Baker Prairie Middle School will be completed by September 25, 2006. Dale thanked Debbie Pearson for her flexibility.

Heinz Rudolf said working with Emerick has been a pleasure. They have a quality team and are constructing a phenomenal building. Four board members took a tour of the facility on April 13. They feel we have a very impressive, magnificent building.

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Rod Beck made the motion to approve the Resolution to Amend Appropriations for the Special Revenue Funds for 2005-06. Sandy Ricksger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8.2 Sandy Ricksger made the motion to approve all five policies as presented in addendum 8.2. Andy Rivinus seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8.3 Sandy Rickger moved to approve policy KN, Relations with Government Agencies, but edit to read law enforcement officer and if the school principal is excluded from an interview, the principal will notify the superintendent immediately. Andy Rivinus seconded the notion. Motion passed unanimously.

9.0 SCHOOL REPORT/COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Diane reported Ninety-one had a volunteer breakfast in honor of the tremendous support from all ages from their volunteers. Rod and Deborah agreed. Sandy reported the staff at Carus have been great and very committed through the new principal process. The board commended Hank, once again for doing a great job. Doc Harms said the Trost Award for Excellence is a real tribute to Ricardo and staff at Trost. Deborah said with the additional funding from the Special Revenue Funds we will be able to hire teachers to reduce class sizes in K-2.

9.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Sandy Ricksger asked about the changes/moves of the Sped programs at Carus. The Leep Program is being removed from Ninety-one at the principal's request due to space needs and the two Special Ed Programs at Carus will be placed at Eccles and Knight. The Knight program will feed into Baker Prairie and the Eccles programs will feed into Ackerman. The majority of the students in these programs live in town and have had bus rides of up to 45 minutes each way for the past several years while the programs have been at Carus. Now that we have more space in our elementary schools, it makes sense to bring the programs back in town and enable students to more effectively transition to their middle school.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin
Board Secretary

APPROVED:

Richard Adams
Board Chair

Date: _____