

**MINUTES OF THE
CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WORKSHOP SESSION
May 13, 2010**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dick Adams called the Workshop Session to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Canby School District Office Meridian room. Board members in attendance were Dick Adams, Andy Rivinus, Marty McCullough, Ty Kraft and Kristin Downs. Board members absent from the meeting were Diane Downs and Tom Scott. Also in attendance were Superintendent Rose, Linda Martin, David Moore, Carol Meeuwsen, Cynthia Jarmer, Lana Smith, Michelle Davies, Sam Thompson, Joan Flora, Angie Ottosen, Laurie Mickelsen, Michael Ryan, Marilyn Wood, Allison Johnson, Tom Zauner, Sara Minson, Brandeis Bailey, Melinda Mead, Shannan Bolin, Joel Sebastian, Peggy Savage, Terry Lepoire, Pat Johnson, Dennis Burke and Tim Oberg.

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves

3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Reading Presentation

Joan Flora, Canby High Literacy Coach, presented information regarding state reading tests. She explained that all students, beginning with this year's freshmen class, must pass this test or pass two work samples in order to graduate. She brought a sample test from the state web site to demonstrate what students are being asked to do. Joan reviewed the six reading standards that students are assessed on and discussed the difficulty some students have with the state tests. She detailed the options staff have to support the students, her work with students who struggle with reading, and reviewed sample test questions. Joan said she believes the state testing will continue and that it can be a good assessment, but that it is not good for students who fear the test. She said she believes schools will never reach 100% meeting the standards because many students have disabilities that hamper complete success. The good news is that the state has opened the door to accepting work samples to pass the state requirements.

5.2 Eccles and Lee School-Wide Planning Presentation

Lee and Eccles have been working on their school-wide processes to become Title I schools beginning next year. The "whole school" Title I designation allows the schools to be more flexible with Federal dollars and therefore in meeting the needs of all students. The process to complete the application is extensive. A team from each school worked with principals Jennifer Turner and Marilyn Wood to conduct needs assessments, to collect data and complete surveys, conduct school visits, research, and more. The schools decided to apply to become a Title I schools due to the growing number of students in poverty, their desire to better serve students, and the potential for flexible and creative use of staff. Staff at each of the schools approved their plan and parents from each school agreed.

Eccles and Lee identified areas of strength in their schools as well as areas needing improvement. The good news is that both schools pinpointed areas for improvement but also recognized dramatic increases in student's achievement this past year due to shifts in instructional practices and focus.

Canby School District must first approve the Eccles and Lee plans, and then submit them to the state by the end of this school year. Implementation would occur this fall if approved. Neither school could identify any drawbacks to becoming Title I schools and reported that the process was a lot of work but will be worth it.

5.3 Canby Community Education Update

Business Manager David Moore and Terry Lepire, currently coordinating the program, shared materials and information with the board. The program has been in existence for over 30 years, but in 2001 major changes and reductions occurred due to loss of support from the City of Canby. The program also received support for a time from a Ford Foundation grant. Terry works part-time to help sustain the program and coordinates about 75 classes and activities each term. Both adult and youth classes and activities were offered last year serving 1400 participants ages 4 to 94. The goal is to fund Community Education through collected fees. The program also receives some funding from the YMCA, from Clackamas Community College for FTE classes totaling \$12,000 annually, for driver education courses, and general tuitions and fees.

David said he would be meeting with Superintendent Rose and Terry for further discussion and analysis of the program and budget in order to provide the board with reports as a follow-up.

5.4 Turf Field Update

CHS Athletic and Activities Associate Principal Dennis Burke reported that momentum has increased over the last several weeks and efforts to move the project forward are ongoing. He confirmed that they hope to start construction in early July. As of last week, \$380,000 is still needed to complete the funding. Emerick Construction has recently agreed to support the project with in-kind

donations of work and coordination of the project. Burke said Emerick's financial contribution is tremendous but their donation of staff time and expertise is valued as much as their financial donation.

The Ambassadors Group coordinating this effort is working toward a June 28 deadline to finalize funding, planning, and identifying the contractor for the project. Principal Pat Johnson said that the availability of the field would enhance and expand options for high school and community programs but that it would not become a 24-hour facility. The school will comply with city ordinances regarding lighting and maintain respect for the neighboring property owners. Replacement and ongoing maintenance issues/costs will be determined.

5.5 Year-end Workshop Date

The annual workshop is an opportunity to create the board work plan for 2010-11, and to set goals. Board members were given a series of dates to determine availability and if those do not work we will continue to proceed to find a time good for everyone.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Administrative Appointments

Superintendent Rose was pleased with the thorough process which was open, extensive and spoke highly of our district. Tim Oberg shared information about Skyler Rodolph, who is currently working in Arizona, and said that the site visits solidified both selections. Skyler will be available in early June to give Ninety-One staff and community members an opportunity to meet him.

MOTION: Andy Rivinus moved to approve the administrative appointments of Sam Thompson and Skyler Rodolph as presented in Addendum 6.1. Marty McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

6.2 Appointment of Board Facilities/Land Use Subcommittee

A discussion was held regarding the process to determine the use of currently vacant Trost property, specifically the recent request to install soccer fields on the campus, and possibly to include the vacant five-acre plot adjoining the campus. A written plan for the development will be necessary for the proposal to move forward.

Board members Dick Adams and Andy Rivinus agreed to serve as members of a small group including two principals, Wayne Layman, soccer representatives, Superintendent Rose and Business Manager David Moore to develop a proposed plan prior to September so the group may apply for grants by October. The soccer group hopes the fields will be in place by summer 2011.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Dick Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin
Board Chair

Dick Adams
Board Vice Chair

Approved: