

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

May 17, 2007

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Chair Rod Beck called the Regular Session of the Canby School District Board of Directors to order at 6:32 p.m. on May 17, 2007 in the Canby High School, Applied Technology Center, Omni room. Board members present were Rod Beck, Dr. Mike Harms, Sandy Ricksgar, Marty McCullough and Guy Gibson. Also in attendance were Deborah Sommer, Linda Martin, Treda McCain, Spencer Salo, Madison Shingledecker, Richard Montecucco, Brian Iverson, Bailey Field, Jan Bierma, Justin Beaudry, Betty Crawford, George Goben, Kelsey Kraxberger, Laura Iverson, Ashley Dearn, Ray Hofer, Brandon Foner, Kelsey Wheeler, Robin Driggers, Kelly Turcotte, Pamela Spurgeon, Marilyn Wood, Jennifer Turner, Ryan Killgore, Barbara Lewis, Alan Brown, Thomas Sutherand, Colleen Light, Richard Ramirez, Joel Sebastian, Will Greenleaf, Isaac Greenleaf, Seth Stoddard, Erin Harms, Tricia Stoddard, Danielle Peterson, Kelly Harms, Paul Iverson, Brian Field, Steve Iverson, Nannette Bierma, Jacque Kraxberger, Jean DuPere, Rosemary Dykema, Tina Skiles, Sandra Serrano, David Moore, Hank Harris, Cherie Switzer, Karen Tolvstad, Rich Tolvstad, Pat Johnson and Bill Phillips. Absent board members were Andy Rivinus and Dick Adams.

2.0 FLAG SALUTE AND INTRODUCTIONS: Marty McCullough lead the flag salute and audience members introduced themselves.

3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Activities & Update

Principal Joel Sebastian updated the Board on the Ackerman Middle School activities in Amanda McLean's absence. Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, recently visited the school and spoke with the student body and visitors with the message of non-violence. The school had a Battle of the Bands with 16 bands and one staff group. Band members attended a festival and the track season ended. The play, "Cinderella" opens tonight involving Ackerman and Baker Prairie students.

Baker Prairie, Ninety-one, and Canby High School reps were not present due to other school activities. Pat Johnson, CHS principal reported the State Track Meet started in Eugene today.

Chamber of Commerce Golden Star Recipients

Deborah reported each year the Chamber of Commerce honors an administrator, teacher and support staff employee of the Canby School District at the annual Spring Fling Fundraiser. The Chamber receives nominations from school district staff as well as community members.

This year Marilyn Wood, Kelly Turcotte and Sharon Hansen received the Golden Star Excellence in Education Award. Other nominees were Debbie Pearson, Jennifer Turner, Bob Webber, Will Greenleaf, Marian Geist, Debbie Schauer, Pam Spurgeon, Michael Ryan, Rosemary Dykema, Jacque Kraxberger, Cheri Switzer and Robin Driggers. Each recipient and nominee received a certificate from the Canby School District acknowledging their accomplishments. The main message from all nominations was these employees truly care about our students, families, fellow staff members and the community.

Public Forum

George Goben addressed the School Board in regards to the bus drivers organizing with the Oregon School Employees Association. He has been a district patron for the last 15 years and an employee of First Student for the past six months. He said the bus drivers are very dedicated employees. There are concerns about benefits and wages and lack of maintenance on some buses. He and his fellow drivers want OSEA to represent them. There will be a vote on June 5 and he would like support for the Canby bus drivers.

Betty Crawford, OSEA Classified President and District patron spoke in support of the bus drivers. They have no medical insurance and low wages. She also reported First Student is a multinational company based in the United Kingdom. She said the Union would help get any unsafe buses off the road. Betty encouraged support and appreciation of the bus drivers.

Dr. Mike Harms made an emotional plea to the public to please "slow down" after witnessing a near accident with two students crossing the road to board a school bus. A speeding driver almost hit two students on Central Point Road this morning. The skid marks indicated the car was traveling at a high rate of speed, skidded and kept driving. Dr. Harms commended Barb Kirwan from First Student Transportation for immediately changing the route so students would not have to cross a road to board the school bus.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes

Minutes of the April 19, 2007 Regular Session are provided in Addendum 5.1.

5.2 Personnel Changes

Personal 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 Sandy Ricksger seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

6.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 CHS Construction Timeline

In Debbie Pearson's absence, David Moore reported the CHS Expansion Project was approved by the Canby Planning Commission. The site work has started and in July the administrative area and building will begin. The meeting on the street vacation was postponed until June 6, 2007. The administrative area will possibly be done by September and the Career Center Building by February 1.

6.2 Planning Commission Update

Deborah Sommer reported there have been several extensive conversations in support of the CHS project design. There were some concerns on the bus entrance and possible emergencies in the turn around; however, the plan was approved 5-1. Debbie Pearson is contacting all emergency service providers to reaffirm that they are comfortable with the proposed design.

There was also a second community meeting on May 8, 2007 on the street vacation. There were not many neighbors in attendance even though CHS students placed reminders on their doors. Deborah said the response from the neighbors at the first meeting was favorable and those in attendance Tuesday were pleased with the plan.

6.3 Construction House Sale

David Moore discussed the near completion of the CHS Construction House and asked the Board for guidance and direction regarding the preferred method of sale. David met with Pat Johnson and Darren Monen to discuss how to market and sell the home. Darren indicated there has been enough traffic by the house that he feels the District can successfully sell the home on its own and preserve for the program the \$10,000-\$12,000 we would pay in realty fees. He would also like to open up the house for public tours during the week of graduation with assistance from the students.

Option #1 would be to use a sealed bid process and advertise the process in the newspaper and on the flyers posted at the house. A minimum bid would be stated and the District would agree to sell the home to the highest bidder. The District attorney would also review the legal documents.

The other option would be to hire a realtor to sell the home on behalf of the District. A direct selection can be made or an informal solicitation for proposals

process can be used due to the dollar level of the service being provided by the realtor.

After Board discussion it was decided to move forward on a sealed bid process. There are so many realtors in the community that it is difficult to pick one and if the sealed bid process is not successful we would move to a RFP process.

6.4 Canby FFA Land Lab Proposal

CHS Principal, Pat Johnson, introduced Tricia Stoddard, Ag/Science Teacher and Erin Harms, FFA Vice President. Tricia said there has been discussion for the last two years about the possibility of a land lab. Money would be raised by fundraising, donations and grants. The proposed FFA Land Lab would be located on the Lone Elder property.

Erin Harms discussed how the land lab would be used for students to receive hands-on learning in agriculture classes as well as use by the Canby FFA Chapter. It would also be used by the agriculture students and FFA members to house their Supervised Agriculture Experience projects. They would also like to have the eighth grade FFA program use the facility. Students would also have many opportunities for Extended Applications and Career Related Learning Experiences.

Deborah Sommer asked Tricia if she had seen the Criteria for Land Use recently adopted by the Board and if any other properties had been considered. Tricia had seen the land use criteria and Erin said they had looked at the property at Baker Prairie. Tricia said ideally it would be nice if someone donated a couple of acres.

Rod Beck has concerns about the property not being big enough. Also the condition of the building on the Lone Elder property needs to be evaluated. The next step is for Tricia to meet with Deborah and Wayne Layman and go through the process as outlined in the land use criteria. Deborah said there is a six acre parcel at Carus that Wayne believes would be a better spot. Carus also sees this area as an outdoor education component. Deborah encouraged any students interested to get involved in the planning process.

There was discussion on security issues and requirements that the Board is clear on the group having a budget and financial backing up front before beginning the project. The District does not want to inherit the project for lack of finances.

Sandy Ricksger thanked Erin and Tricia for the presentation of the proposal along with an outline of a Five Year Plan.

Rod Beck encouraged meeting with Deborah and bringing back the next version to the Board of Directors in September, 2007.

Owen- Deborah reported she would be visiting the Land Lab in Milwaukie at the Sabin Center on Friday, May 25.

7.0 SCHOOL REPORT / COMMENTS BY BOARD

Guy Gibson complimented all schools for the interaction with the community with the activities and carnivals to get the community involved. He also reported the Canby High School Girls Rugby Team (a first year program) was undefeated in league and placed 2nd in State. This qualified them for the National competition in Wisconsin. The cost to go was \$11,000 and the team raised \$14,000 in one week which leaves \$3000 for next year's team.

Guy disagrees with the characterization of First Student. They have always been more than supportive of our students in the District.

the Marty McCullough attended the Arun Gandhi assembly and said it was an excellent opportunity for the students to hear him speak. She commended students on being so respectful. She attended the Cultural Family Event at Lee Elementary featuring authentic food, a mariachi band and dancers. Marty also was a judge for the "Kids Can Cook" competition sponsored by Sodexo. Wilma Hartung, Linda Kelly and Dottie Farnsworth did a fantastic job organizing the event featuring teams of six students from each school. The students were to choose a healthy entrée, snack and dessert as well as table decorations. All of the students did a great job.

Sandy Ricksger attended the monthly Student Recognition at Ninety-one where each student is recognized for an achievement. She will miss Sharon Hansen who will be retiring at the end of the year. Sharon will be missed greatly by staff, students and parents. Sandy invited everyone to a retirement recognition on Thursday, May 22 at 4:30 p.m. at Ninety-one School.

Dr. Harms reported the Baker Prairie dedication went well and the students were well behaved. He also commended spring sports for their accomplishments. The Canby High School Choir missed the championship by one point placing second in State. Congratulations to all.

Rod Beck congratulated Diane Downs, Marty McCullough and Dick Adams (even though Dick ran unopposed) for being elected to the Canby School District Board of Directors.

Rod thanked the FFA for their presentation and the student and parent support for the FFA Land Lab project. He feels the land lab is a great idea if it's the right location.

Rod also commented on the unionization of the bus drivers and wants the public to know they are not part of the Canby School District employment group. First Student Transportation in an independent contractor.

8.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deborah also attended the Arun Gandhi assembly. The students were outstanding and she found Mr. Gandhi a profound and gentle soul.

Everyone involved in the Central Point Rd. incident were pretty shaken up. The response from First Student Transportation was outstanding and they have added that route to the list of routes that students do not cross the road. First Student has also contracted with a professional trainer who will ride each bus route to determine if there are any safety issues. Deborah said the labor issues are separate from this incident. The District has no position on their labor issues, but she reiterated Guy Gibson's comments regarding First Student. They have given the District many hours of free service in shuttling the childcare students as well as other activities and she commended Barb Kirwan for her responsiveness and concern for students. She indicated she has never been contacted by a bus driver regarding any safety concerns in the eight years she has been Superintendent.

In closing, Rod Beck reminded everyone of the Budget Committee meeting on May 21, 2007 and hoped the certified and classified union reps would be in attendance. The June 21 Regular Board meeting has been cancelled and combined with the June 7 Workshop. Graduation is June 15 and the Annual End of Year Workshop will be on July 5, 2007 in the District Office Meridian Room from 8:00-12:00.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin
Board/Superintendent Secretary

Rodney J. Beck
Board Chair

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