

**MINUTES OF THE
CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WORKSHOP AND EXECUTIVE SESSION
September 10, 2009**

WORKSHOP SESSION

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Diane Downs called the Workshop Session to order at 6:30 p.m. on September 10, 2009 in the Canby School District Meridian room. Board members in attendance were Diane Downs, Dick Adams, Marty McCullough, Tom Scott, Ty Kraft and Kristin Downs. Board member Andy Rivinus was absent from the meeting. Also in attendance were Superintendent Rose, Linda Martin, John Henri, Kay Hemstreet, Leslie Brown, Mark Elias, Christine Taylor, Megan Taylor, Joel Sebastian, Jennifer Turner, Carol Meeuwsen, David Moore, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez and Peggy Savage. Dennis Burke arrived at 6:50 p.m.

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS

The audience introduced themselves.

3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Counselor, John Henri from the City of Canby introduced himself as the Canby School District Board liaison for the city. Carol Meeuwsen noted John has been very active in the last two bond campaigns as well as a member of the Long Range Facility Task Force.

5.0 INTRODUCTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 First Student Discussion on Busing Issues

Superintendent Rose shared this issue began with Marty McCullough receiving a call questioning the changes in routes and the ½ walking requirement. This conversation started last spring with budget preparation. As the Board-Superintendent Working Agreements states, he wanted to give careful consideration to all issues brought to the Board.

First Student Transportation was asked to explain the process and changes to the routing of buses. Statutory requirements state students K-8 who live one mile from school shall be transported, however Canby's is ½ mile by past practice. Lee Elementary students had the largest impact for walkers, however, they have two crossing guards at the cross walk. Knight Elementary also had some students affected. With First Student using new Versa-tran software and routes not completed until July 31 and changes destroyed with the new list, all routes needed to be entered by hand. Some changes were dramatic, therefore First Student

employees made over 3,000 phone calls reporting the bus stop changes or walking changes. These were done in both English and Spanish. Another factor, speed zones needed to be built into the new routes to adjust times.

Principals Joel Sebastian, Jennifer Turner, Marilyn Wood, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez and Christine Taylor all reported that overall things went well. They appreciated First Student's professionalism and customer service.

Transportation Director, Leslie Brown reported with our partnership and to make things run smoothly in the future, we need to report new students and address changes as they happen so the data can be updated immediately. Joe Morelock and Susie Strangfield will be meeting with First Student regarding data throughout the year.

Leslie reported over \$104,000 in savings by eliminating routes, however Superintendent Rose stated the savings would not supercede safety. Business Manager David Moore reported there is a net gain of \$30,000 after the reimbursement from the state. Mark Elias, District Manager for First Student reported we are also saving on fuel and helping the environment by going more green.

5.2 Update on Turf Field

Canby High Athletic Director, Dennis Burke distributed the Student Handbook before discussing the turf field. He also updated new Board members on the process that took place previously. Due to the economy, budget, and layoffs the turf field project took a back seat, even though no District funds were being used. We do have commitments from several people or organizations, however, before proceeding he needs to determine if pledges are still in place.

Presently Dennis is working with Turf Solutions in Grants Pass to find out what the real numbers are at this time to include excavation costs, etc. He should have amounts by October 1. He is not sure when the right time is to pursue the project, but his goal is to have a good field with a plan. Dennis is also brainstorming with Chris Roche, hired by the Canby Boosters on plans for fundraising.

Dick Adams has concerns about long-term maintenance and signage. Dennis will keep the Board apprised of any new information.

5.3 Board Work Plan for 2009-2010

There was Board discussion and a few changes made to the work plan. These changes will be made to the document and distributed at the next meeting. Dick Adams feels the Board should discuss what the profile of CHS graduate should look like. Diane Downs will request samples from the trainer/facilitator from the Board training.

5.4 Board/Superintendent Working Agreements

The Board discussed the updated agreements with the consensus the Board and Superintendent would continue to use these agreements as a filter. After making a few changes these will also be distributed to the Board and Superintendent to be brought to each meeting.

6.0. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Diane Downs adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Diane Downs called the Executive Session to order in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e) at 8:45 p.m. Andy Rivinus was the only Board member absent from the meeting. Also in attendance were Jeff Rose, David Moore and Linda Martin.

It is requested information discussed in the Executive Session not be disclosed.

The session was held to discuss real estate negotiations.

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin
Board Secretary

Diane Downs
Board Chair

Approved: September 24, 2009