

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

September 20, 2007

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Andy Rivinus called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m. on September 20, 2007 in the Canby High School, Applied Technology Center, Omni room. Board members in attendance were Andy Rivinus, Rod Beck, Dr. Mike Harms, Marty McCullough, Diane Downs and Guy Gibson. Board member Dick Adams was absent from the meeting. Also in attendance were Deborah Sommer, Linda Martin, Lou Bailey, Joel Sebastian, Pat Johnson, Joel Stuart, Jennifer Turner, Rich Thompson, Marilyn Wood, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Ricardo Marquez, Joe Morelock, Wilma Hartung, Carol Meeuwsen, Laura Miranda, Hank Harris, Mary Hochstetler, David Moore, Joe Minson, Janean Ferguson, Danielle Peterson, Nick Crowley, Ken Crowley, Karen Carpenter, Bob Knopp, Ellie Knopp, Beth Smidt, Hannah Ferguson, Ty Carpenter, Maddie Carlock, Adam Johnson, Aaron Jarmer, Kate Minson, Bob Weber, Jordyn Coon and several parents and siblings of the student attendees.

**2.0 FLAG SALUTE AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Lee Elementary students Maddie Carlock, Adam Johnson and Aaron Jarmer led the flag salute.

**3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA**

No changes.

**4.0 PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Spotlight on Student Success

Lee Elementary Principal, Marilyn Wood gave a video presentation showing the activities and accomplishments from last year. The reopening of Lee as an elementary school was busy, exciting and a positive year with help from parents and staff. The PTA sponsored many activities and the Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club were instrumental in making the year successful.

Marilyn also shared this year had a successful opening with 411 students. Back to School night is tonight along with the literacy block in full force. Their first fundraiser has also started. Superintendent Sommer thanked Marilyn for doing a wonderful job and the successful school year.

School Activities & Update

Ackerman Middle School student representative, Nick Crowley reported on the Web Day activities for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The activities were well organized by Mrs. Martin and it was a great first day. Student Representative, Kate Minson discussed the enrichment classes

available at the end of the school day. They also reported on the 9/11 Memorial Assembly. Representative Darlene Hooley presented an American flag that flew over the US Capitol. The Canby Fire Marshall presented a framed American flag with the names of the fire fighters and police officers that died on 9/11 and the American Legion will be replacing all the classroom flags.

Baker Prairie student Ty Carpenter said it was great not having the buzzing sound of machinery and he and Hannah Ferguson reported on the X-block activities. Cross Country and Volleyball are underway. Cross Country also includes students from Ackerman, Ninety-one and Carus.

Ninety-One Student representative, Ellie Knopp reported they had a great open house and the first Principal's Breakfast will be next week. They are also planning for the PTA Jog-a-thon,

The Canby High School representative was not available to report.

#### Principal Presentations on Opening of School

Eccles principal, Jennifer Turner reported the start up went smoothly. Eccles has 420 students this year. Their PTA Jog-a-thon will take place in October.

Diane Berthoin-Hernandez reported 484 students. The Ice Cream Social and Open House were well attended. The remodel of the front office gives a more welcoming atmosphere. Diane also reported 100% of her staff have posted blogs. She said feel free to visit physically or virtually.

Lou Bailey, Baker Prairie principal said it nice not to have dust from construction taking place. The school opening went smoothly. They have 502 students which is up 40+ students from last year.

Joel Sebastian, Ackerman principal reported 440 students with 40 new registrations. Students were honored to receive the gifts at the 9/11 Memorial Assembly. Parents and staff seem to be happy with the startup of school.

Canby High School principal, Pat Johnson reported 400 student athletes are participating in Fall sports. They have had a few bussing issues with construction however, have worked out most of the problems with drop of and pick up of students. 150 families attended Freshman Parent Night. On September 25 Oregon State Universities and Clackamas Community College will be hosting an informational evening. Also, on October 3 Dr. Will Keim will be speaking to Juniors and Seniors. Andy Rivinus encouraged students and parents to attend. Pat also reported the high school is using the phone system not only for absences, but to inform parents of upcoming events. The high school presently has 1,650 students.

Knight principal, Rich Thompson reported 379 students this year with 74 kindergartners. Many families attended the Meet and Greet and Ice Cream Social.

Joel Stuart, principal at Carus Elementary reported 392 students had a great beginning thanks to his talented staff. Joel thanked the Board of Directors for the addition of a Reading Specialist. 79 students are now receiving extra help in reading.

Ricardo Marquez, Trost principal reported 425 students. The Newcomer Center and Read 180 are two new programs at Trost this year. K-2 has approximately 24 students per class and grade 3-5 has 26 students per class. The Dual Language Immersion program is in its third year.

Deborah Sommer thanked the principals and District Office staff for helping to make the smooth beginning. There has been frustration with transportation problems. First Student Transportation had a large employee turnover and there is a shortage of drivers. The childcare shuttle and Dual Language Enrollment students we agreed to bus seem to be hard for them to handle efficiently. There is traffic congestion at the high school due to construction and the loading/unloading in front of FAC in addition to parent/student cars. Barbara Kirwan's replacement, Leslie Eastman, met with the principals and is working on the problems. A letter to Cal Hull in reference to the problems was also discussed.

There were no public comments from the audience.

## **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **5.1 Minutes**

Minutes of the August 16, 2007 Workshop and Regular Session and the September 6, 2007 Executive Session and Workshop Session are provided in Addendum 5.1.

### **5.2 Personnel Changes**

Personnel Changes are proved in Addendum 5.2. An updated Addendum 5.2 was distributed at the meeting.

**MOTION:** Rod Beck moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2007 Workshop Session and Regular Session and the September 6, 2007 Executive Session and Workshop Session as provided in Addendum 5.1 and the Personnel Changes as provided in Addendum 5.2 and including the updated 5.2 Personnel Changes. Dr. Harms seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

## **6.0 COMMENTS BY BOARD**

Guy Gibson appreciates the updates on the list serve along with the website and staff blogs.

Marty McCullough attended the Lee Elementary Open House.

Rod Beck also appreciates the updates from the principals.

Diane Downs finds the updates helpful. She also attended the Ninety-one Ice Cream Social.

Dr. Mike Harms has received phone calls on the bus issues. He also noted the Triplett Wellman sign on the chain link fence by McDonald's blocked the view of oncoming traffic. Triplett Wellman will be notified to move the sign.

Andy Rivinus is excited about the construction at the high school. It is moving fast and the visual access will be much improved.

## **7.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Sommer received information on the application process for the School Improvement Funds. There are several district responsibilities and requirements attached to the grant. The deadline for application is October 12, 2007. David Moore, Mary Hochstetler and Deborah will meet next week to start the process. Once the grant is approved the money will be distributed in November.

An invitation and an application to serve on the Facility Task Force for property for a future high school and construction houses has been sent to the previous Long Range Facility Task Force members as well as Site Councils and Local School Committee members. It is also posted on the District website and will be posted in the Canby Herald.

## **8.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **8.1 AHERA Notification**

Deborah shared the annual notification that the District is in compliance with asbestos hazard management. Schools meet all standards and are appropriately monitored. There are no areas needing attention.

### **8.2 Construction House Update**

David recently met with Realtor, Becki Unger. She feels the house is appropriately priced and we should hold tight. He also shared a comparison of houses for sale or sold in the Canby area. She is also offering incentives to other realtors. Several people have looked at the house, but the location backing up to Holly Street is a deterrent. Becki feels shrubs or a short fence may help to give some privacy. David spoke with Pat Johnson and he will have construction teacher, Darren Monen check on the CCR's for the area.

### **8.3 Senate Bill 1036**

David Moore shared information with the Board on SB 1036 which authorizes school districts, in cooperation with cities, counties and/or education service districts, to collect a tax from new residential and non-residential development. The new law takes affect September 27, 2007. David, Deborah Sommer and the Board discussed the pros and cons of assessing the tax. Assessing the tax requires

three actions by the District. We must update our current long-term capital facility plan, enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the city, county or ESD that will oversee collection of the tax (Clackamas Education Service District has offered to serve as a collection agent) and adopt a resolution establishing the amount and terms of the tax.

Guy Gibson is not in favor of this type of fee being assessed. Housing in Canby is already expensive and would just add additional cost to the price of a home.

Diane Downs does appreciate Guy's input, however, she is strongly in favor of the tax. She was involved in the process to pass Senate Bill 1036 and the Homeowner's Association was in favor of the tax.

Marty McCullough said it might help us with bond options especially if the funds from SB 1036 can be used for bond items.

Dr. Harms supports this type of method. It helps reduce the burden on the retired population. Dr. Harms also feels if we turn our back on systems development we would lose credibility.

Rod Beck supports the bill and would like to know what the city/county does with the funds collected. Guy also feels there needs to be accountability on where the funds are going. Diane said she has access to the information and would report back her findings.

Andy Rivinus feels we need to proceed with caution about being the leader. He feels we need to work parallel with other districts. We need to have a good process in place.

Dick Adams sent an email in his absence. He supports taking the necessary steps to collect these fees. If we move forward we should develop a strategy for addressing some of the issues of public misperceptions that may occur.

In reference to the Ninety-one siding bid, Deborah reported the bid Wayne Layman received from G & S Building, Inc. for \$118,000 was accepted. They will get started on October 1 and it will take three to four weeks to complete.

#### **8.4 Electronic Communication Devices**

Superintendent Sommer feels we don't need to change the Board policies at this time. Rod Beck also sees no need to change the policy at this time. Guy Gibson feels we need to change some of the wording on the policy and make it clearer. Pat Johnson has had positive feedback from staff and students on the policy set at the high school as far as bringing electronic devices to school. They must be "off and away" during all class time. Andy felt Pat's letter was a well written letter. As far as the policy, we need to remember the creative power of our youth.

Joe Morelock said the policy regulates by age and we do need to differentiate between the different age groups. We need to educate students on how and when to use these devices. Joe will do some revisions on our policies and bring back to the Board for discussion at a workshop session.

Baker Prairie principal, Lou Bailey said they have school policy against use of cell phones during the school day, however iPods, MP3 players and CD-DVD players are being used by some teachers as a technology learning tool. Students need to use these devices appropriately and at the right time. Ackerman principal, Joel Sebastian agrees.

Andy Rivinus adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Martin  
Board Secretary

Andrew P. Rivinus  
Board Chair

October 18, 2007