

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

February 17, 2005

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** Board Chair Guy Gibson called the Regular Session for Canby School District Board of Directors to order at 6:37pm on February 17, 2005, at Canby High School, Applied Technology Center. Board members in attendance were Chair Guy Gibson, Rod Beck, Charlie Stinson, Sandy Ricksger, Mike Harms, Dick Adams and Marty McCullough. Also in attendance were Superintendent Deborah Sommer, Karen Carroll, David Moore, Mary Hochstetler, Cindy Bauer, Tony Crawford, John Hackworth, Lou Bailey, Marilyn Wood, Pat Johnson, Betty Crawford, Pam Helbling, Tony Helbling, Milt Dennison, Ray Hughey, John Young, Tom Feller, Wilma Hartung, Carol Meeuwesen, Lee Weigand, Travis Opperman, Drew Hinds, Jonah Fry, Marilyn Wood, Karim Benanrhar, Teresa Hallauer, Todd Andrews, Michelle Goddard, Ana Cecelia Sanchez, Cathy Hamill, Vicky Aguilar, Megan Hamill, Ashley Mead, Tiana Hallauer, Katie Helbling, Jennifer Turner, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Kristin Stuart and others. Jonah Fry led us in the flag salute.

**4.0 PUBLIC FORUM:**

School Activities: Eccles students Jonah Fry and Ana Cecelia Sanchez said students help with school announcements, book drives and have raised \$634.38 in tsunami relief. They shared students are working on math addition and probability. Ana Cecelia said students would also be involved in an art and science show on February 24, 6:00-8:00pm at Eccles.

Spotlight on Student Success: Ackerman Principal Lou Bailey introduced Katie Helbling, Tiana Hallauer, Ashley Mead and Megan Hamill, four students from the Team Orion Geography Class. Students explained they presented their Community College Enrollment Analysis project to the Clackamas Community College Board, then were invited to present at the State Capitol by Rep. Linda Flores, who was in the audience. The students shared their process to investigate and analyze data on enrollment of community colleges in Oregon. Superintendent Sommer commended the students on an impressive presentation. Principal Bailey also acknowledged the parents and grandparents that supported the children in this project, as well as Teacher Tony Crawford for leading the group in instruction.

John Young invited the Board to Canby High's Future Focus Interview Project on March 7. Two sessions will be held starting at 8:45am and 12:10pm.

**5.0 School Report/Comments by Board Members:** Mike Harms said he participated in the District wrestling tournament at Canby High over the weekend. He commended Noel Hygelund, Pat Johnson, Dennis Burke, Canby Boosters and Wild Hare for coordinating a well run and on time tournament.

Sandy Ricksger said Ninety-One is seeking donations of new/used books for ages 5-14 to be used in the classroom. Books can be delivered to the school or brought to the next Board meeting. Sandy also shared she and Charlie Stinson have been working on the calendar committee and said it was extremely difficult to have a calendar that meets personal and academic needs. The committee hopes to make a recommendation to the Board on March 17.

Dick Adams shared he attended meetings of the second language task force and Ackerman's monthly parent meeting. He said much of the discussion was around the new middle school. Dick has also met with the parents on the Parent Advisory Committee, a group formed for parents with students in the ELL/migrant programs.

Rod Beck attended the Bond Oversight meeting with Mike Harms and Charlie Stinson. He said the public meeting is held to talk about the new school and share design concepts. Rod said people seem supportive of the structure, but many are worried about traffic flow.

Marty McCullough said she was extremely impressed with Dr. Donna Beegle's presentation at the January staff inservice and appreciated the important job that teachers have.

**6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent Deborah Sommer acknowledged classified association president Betty Crawford and read a proclamation from Oregon's Governor for Classified School Employee Week March 7-11, 2005. On behalf of the support staff in the district, Betty said they looked forward to the week. Chair Gibson acknowledged the hard work of the staff. Deborah also said a parent training is in process through a grant from Washington Mutual and she hosted a volunteer tea. She also said administrators are in the process of planning the budget for next year and working hard on student achievement goals and how that impacts the budget.

Deborah said about 70 community members attended the public meeting on the new school. Comments from the meeting have been transcribed and will be sent to the Planning Commission for their upcoming public hearing. Deborah announced Debbie Pearson has been hired as Bond Project Manager, who is also a Carus area resident.

## **7.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

Deborah distributed the employee contract recommendations for 2005-2006 and asked the Board to consider as a Consent Agenda item. She noted temporary teachers are non-renewed as is our practice and employees have been informed.

7.1 Minutes of the January 20, 2005, and February 3, 2005, Executive and Workshop Sessions, were provided in addendum 7.1.

7.2 Personnel Changes: Personnel Changes were provided in addendum 7.2

**MOTION:** Sandy Ricksger moved to adopt the minutes of January 20, 2005, Regular Session, and February 3, 2005, Executive and Workshop Sessions, as provided in addendum 7.1, and the recommendation for personnel contracts and personnel changes as provided in addendum 7.2. Seconded by Marty McCullough, motion carried unanimously.

## **8.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**8.1 Homeless Liaison Update:** John Hackworth provided handouts on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, required federal legislation established in 1987 that provides residency requirements for enrollment of homeless children and youth. The law contains emergency relief provisions for shelter, food, health care and transitional housing for the homeless population. John's job, as the district's homeless liaison, is to look for students that are in need of services and determine that they are not denied access to a free and appropriate public education.

John said he has contacted 91 students during the 2004-2005 school year and all but four have been enrolled in school.

**8.2 Naming of New Middle School:** There was consensus by the Board to proceed with the committee list as presented and move forward to set a first meeting date to discuss the process to name the new middle school.

**8.3 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Board Policies:**

**8.3.1 DBEA Budget Committee:** Several Board members felt being an alternate served as a training ground for future Budget Committee members. There was consensus to present version 1 and specify an alternate is non-voting and be sure to notify current Budget Committee members this year since it is a change, for a second reading on March 17, 2005.

**8.3.2 FF, Naming Facilities:** Policy will be presented for a second reading on March 17, 2005

**8.4 Transportation Request for Proposal Update/Timeline:** David Moore explained the contract with First Student would expire on June 30, 2006, and recommends we start the Request for Proposal process in January 2006 due to uncertainties with the future location of transportation. The Board originally considered starting the process in early 2005. There was consensus by the Board to start the Request for Proposal process in January 2006.

**8.5 Alternative Bidding Procedure:** David asked for Board representation to serve on the alternative bidding process which is in two phases, site process and design process. A resolution will be presented for adoption to the Board at the March 17 meeting. David noted construction would start soon after May 1.

**8.6 Bond Sale:** David shared financial market conditions were such that When the bonds were offered for sale, investors were willing to pay a premium. \$37.7 million in bonds were sold on February 1, 2005, even though we had authority to sell \$39.7 million, but the District still ended up with \$39.7 in cash as budgeted for bond projects. This is good news to taxpayers and the District – cost is \$1.16 per thousand instead of the projected \$1.26. David noted we would still be able to sell the additional \$2 million in bonds, if needed. Deborah thanked David for his hard work this past week.

**8.7 Second Language Options:** Cindy Bauer explained a committee was convened to look at second language options for students. They researched the feasibility of a dual language program at one or more elementary schools for implementation in fall 2005. Cindy shared Trost and Knight had already started a process to include a program in their school improvement plan.

Todd Andrews, a Trost parent serving on the task force, indicated parents need to be informed, specifically incoming kindergarten parents, and suggests town hall style meetings be held to present research information.

Jennifer Turner said there needs to be open access to everyone to participate and considered an application process to enroll in the program. A proactive search for bilingual/bi-literate staff would need to take place. Deborah said there has been a lot of interest in the district for additional language programs. Dick Adams said the task force has done a phenomenal job in organizing the process. Kristin Stuart, committee

member, says there is a high need for the current program at Trost which is teaching Spanish/English to parents and a need to break down language barriers.

## **9.0 ACTION ITEM:**

**9.1 Clackamas ESD Resolution Services:** Dr. Milt Dennison, Superintendent of Clackamas Education Service District, introduced ESD Board members Jon Eyman and Susan Trone. Don Staehely briefly explained how ESD's are funded. Dr. Dennison shared special education and network services are their two largest expenses. He said changes in resolution services as recommended by county superintendents are 1) how to gain efficiencies, and 2) Resolution #14, District Selected Services, is designed to be a placeholder for funds when districts no longer want a service. Funds can then be used for a specialized service such as a grant writer or truant officer. If funds are not used, value would come back to the district. Deborah Sommer commended Milt on doing a nice job for the ESD.

Dr. Dennison also said they are still looking for budget committee members and asked Board members to notify Deborah or him of their interest.

**MOTION:** Sandy Ricksger moved to adopt the Clackamas Education Service District Resolution Services for 2005-2006. Seconded by Rod Beck, motion carried unanimously. Rod invited the public to read the resolution services for more information.

**9.2 Employee Contract Renewals:** Item moved to 7.0 Consent Agenda.

**9.3 Personal Service Contract:** Deborah reiterated our past model has been to not bring Personal Service Contract requests to the Board unless she is making a recommendation to grant the request. This request is from David Wood, a PE teacher at Ackerman, and he does qualify for the health care package.

**MOTION:** Sandy Ricksger moved to accept the personal service contract request for David Wood, as presented. Seconded by Charlie Stinson, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Carroll  
Board Secretary

Richard H. Adams  
Vice Chair

Date: March 15, 2005