

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

November 18, 2004

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Guy Gibson called the Regular Session of the Canby School District Board of Directors to order at 6:31pm on November 18, 2004, at Canby High School, Applied Technology Center. Board members in attendance were Chair Gibson, Dr. Mike Harms, Sandy Ricksgger, Dick Adams, Rod Beck and Charlie Stinson. Also in attendance were Superintendent Deborah Sommer, Karen Carroll, David Moore, Andreas Gibson, Nils Bollen, Wilma Hartung, Jennifer Turner, Anne Huggins, Judy Higley, Steve Higley, Sheila Daniels, Joe Minson, Tom Feller, Danni Von Halo, Mark Webber, Pat Johnson, Jay McGraw, Cindy McGraw, Lou Bailey, Gavin Coble, Denise Conroy, Traci Kuykendall, Jake Eggimann, Giny Forell, Lewis Moller, Brit Sherman, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Kyle Lake, Alisha Zueleger-Yoder, Lyndsay Field, Carrie Scherling, Steve Egli, Mark Webber, Bev Doolittle and others.

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

School Activities & Update: Andreas Gibson, CHS Student Body Representative, distributed a ticket to each Board member for Friday or Saturday night's show of the CHS play "The Madwoman of Chaillot". His video presentation informed us that National Honor Society is conducting their annual tapping and Key Club is gearing up for their canned food drive; the concert choir is getting ready for their concert in December and the fall play opens tonight. The video presentation included brief scenes from the play rehearsal. Carrie Scherling, ASB President, said that Habitat for Humanity will be building a house in Canby in the next year and a benefit play will be held to raise funds for them. She invited the Board to attend and distributed tickets to the benefit.

Gavin Coble, an 8th grader at Ackerman Middle School, announced "cooperation" is the word of the month and students will focus on learning to resolve conflict. He also said a Builders Club is forming at the school and their fall play "Santa" will be held December 2-4, 7:30pm.

Alicia Zueleger-Yoder, Kyle Lake, and Lyndsey Field, students at Ninety-One School, said a pop can/bottle drive has begun to raise funds for outdoor school and Art Literacy is now underway. Lyndsay said parent volunteers are hard at work with the wildlife habitat, Canby Can Read and Junior Great Books.

Kyle said students in each class voted on their favorite books and a dessert theatre will be held on December 4.

Spotlight on Student Success: Kellie Daniel, Evan Forrell, Bhargavi Korlipara, Katie Moller, Lacey McGraw, Wyatt Kylo, Alisha Conroy, Justin Eggimann, students from Ninety-One, presented their portfolders from their study on elections. Students shared why they wanted to be President.

Danni Von Halo, Executive Director of the Canby Educational Foundation, announced their annual Aaron Meyers event on December 10 would start at 6:30pm. She encouraged school staff to attend as the Foundation will be donating one amplification system to a school. Danni also shared a recent Casino Night raised approximately \$8500.

Nils Bollen, Director for the new Sylvan Learning Center in Wilsonville, said the center provides supplemental education and tutors for students K-12 as well as for adult learners. He said they currently have several students from the Canby area.

5.0 SCHOOL REPORT/COMMENTS: Dick Adams said he attended Lou's monthly parent meeting. The informal group discussed bus schedules and curriculum topics. Dick shared Lou has reenergized the Site Council and provided them with information on the communication audit. He also said the AMS Band will be marching in downtown Portland on Friday.

Charlie shared he attended the community forum at Knight School and Sandy Ricksgger and he will serve on the Calendar committee with parent and staff representation from each school and representatives from the employee associations. The committee expects to make a recommendation to the Board early next year.

Sandy Ricksgger stated a patron contacted her regarding the ASVAB testing and wanted to know why we were testing and if a student can opt out. Pat Johnson explained ASVAB is an aptitude test, financed by the armed services, and is used as a comprehensive guidance and counseling program. Students must spend more time looking at career options under new graduation requirements and ASVAB is used as one component. Pat also said students can notify the school to opt out but they will need to find another alternative to meet career planning. He further explained that the school does not release information to the armed services. However, the armed services has access to student directory information. Pat said students would be informed soon of the half day testing opportunity on December 14 and 15.

Pat also said CHS Junior Buddy Schott passed away and his memorial service will be held Friday at 3pm. Pat said Buddy made a great impact on the student body and touched many lives.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Deborah said she has been immersed in activities relating to the recent passage of the bond. She is also in the process of meeting with the principals and administrative staff for goal setting for the coming year. Deborah said state report cards are coming out soon. We will be required to provide copies to parents by March 15. She said the Calendar committee has also been convened. They hope to have at least a three year calendar for release in the spring. The second language task force is looking at a program for elementary and middle schools and a fee based after school program. Deborah, along with Cindy Bauer, Sondra Strong and Mike Zagya, toured Medford School District. Medford is one of the school district's having success with AYP. The group is collecting data on TAG, special ed, Title I, ELL, etc. and interventions like FAME and Read 180 for discussions in January regarding Canby direction.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA - Minutes of the October 21, 2004, Executive, Workshop and Regular Sessions are provided in Addendum 7.1 and Personnel Changes as provided in Addendum 7.2.

MOTION: Sandy Ricksger moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2004, Executive, Workshop and Regular Sessions as provided in Addendum 7.1 and Personnel Changes as provided in Addendum 7.2. Charlie Stinson seconded the motion. Rod Beck explained Greg Herman was moving to Linfield College and his resignation letter previously shared he was supportive of Canby's program. Motion carried 7-0.

8.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Chamber of Commerce Teacher Award: Bev Doolittle and Mark Webber said the Chamber is adding an education category to their annual awards. Bev said the Chamber feels strongly about what the school does for this community. Sandy said she appreciated the support of the business community and thinks acknowledging an employee directly is appropriate. Deborah also said she appreciated the Chamber's support on the recent bond.

8.2 Bond Planning Update: Deborah shared many members of the previous Bond Oversight have agreed to continue and other individuals that have expressed an interest have been contacted.

The first meeting will be held December 2. There was consensus by the Board to proceed with the committee list as presented. David Moore shared he attended a planning commission meeting with Heinz Rudolf and Bill Harper, along with county representatives, to discuss the predesign phase of the land, utility needs, roads and access to the property. He said the City would present information to the Planning Commission for design approval in late February, early March.

Deborah provided a draft of the job description for a Construction Manager. The job will be posted until December 28, then interviews will take place after winter break. This position would be a primary liaison to the Bond Oversight Committee and oversee project and budget status reports, schedules and costs.

Charlie cautioned the scope of the project may be too much for one individual at times and we may need to look at the schedule and augment with temporary/part time help

8.3 Program Options: Deborah said the Second Language Task Force will be looking at program options for elementary and middle schools. Staff is still researching options for home school and TAG students for e-learning.

8.3 Calendar Parameters: As previously discussed, Deborah said the committee is looking at a minimum three year calendar. Sandy said the committee is looking at many options, some are “outside the box”. Charlie also shared the group is serious about looking at different options for educational opportunities for kids.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Carroll
Board Secretary

APPROVED:

Guy Gibson
Board Chair

Date: 12/16/04