

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

December 16, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Guy Gibson called the Regular Session for the Canby School District Board of Directors to order at 6:35pm on December 16, 2004, at Canby High School, Applied Technology Center. Board members in attendance were Chair Gibson, Rod Beck, Dr. Mike Harms, Charlie Stinson, Dick Adams and Marty McCullough. Also in attendance were Superintendent Deborah Sommer, Karen Carroll, David Moore, Ray Hughey, Carol Meeuwsen, Jennifer Turner, Andreas Gibson, Danni Von Halo, Ricardo Marquez, John Christensen, Diane Downs, Tom Feller, Drew Hinds, Gavin Coble, Alex Vega, Sue Varney, Jay, Anthony Perry, Ashley Boutray, Coble, Elizabeth Zens, Robin Birdsong, Nichole Adams, Josh, Mark Varney, Vicky Aguilar, Monica Santi, Keith Galitz, Mardel Rosario Guteierrez, Larissa Zens, Amber Poutre, Spencer Hanlon, John Christensen, Tina Skiles and others. Trost student Alex Vega led us in the flag salute.

PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spotlight on Student Success: A student video was shared that reported Trost had a canned food drive with donations going to the Canby Kiwanis Club. The food drive was also a lesson on giving and math – each box was weighed. Family math and poetry nights have also been held. Chair Gibson said it was good to see parents also involved in activities.

School Activities & Update: Andreas Gibson, CHS Student Body Representative, reported on the recent activities held which included Winter week, the new Step Club performed for first time, a canned food drive was also recently held and students also continue to read with students in the District with the Canby Can Read program.

Gavin Coble, AMS representative, reported students wrote letters to Oregon soldiers, held a canned food drive, adopted a family and hosted WWII vets on living history day.

Stand for Children Campaign: Diane Downs shared a local advocacy group for children have formed called “Stand for Children”. They are affiliated with a national organization headquartered in Portland and their main effort in Oregon is to help advocate for a responsible K-12 funding budget in Oregon. She invited all attending the meeting to join the group. Their next meeting will be January 10, 2005, 7pm, at Canby Methodist Church. Superintendent Sommer thanked Diane and the others involved for advocating for students and invited the group to the January 20 Board meeting when Senator Kurt Schrader will be in attendance.

Canby Telephone Donation: Keith Galitz, CEO of Canby Telephone, presented the district with a check for \$25,000, which represents a penny per minute of every long distance minutes used for the last year. Over the last six years, CTA has donated \$105,000 to Canby School District. Superintendent Sommer said past years’ proceeds were used to sustain a second language program at Canby High. This year’s contribution will go toward distance learning opportunities in the classroom.

SCHOOL REPORT/COMMENTS: Dick Adams said a recent photo in *The Oregonian* was of the Ackerman Middle School band, which was honored to lead Santa in Portland's Thanksgiving Day parade. He also recently attended the honor roll breakfast where over 30% of the 7th grades were honored.

Rod Beck recently attended the Bond Oversight meeting with Mike Harms and Charlie Stinson. Don Staehely, the district's previous Chief Financial Officer, will chair the group. Meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month and are open to the public.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Deborah said she has been visiting each school and staff members to share the staffing timeline of next steps for the new middle school and Lee. Lou Bailey has been appointed as principal of the new middle school and will be working with the Superintendent, architect, bond oversight and management team. We will be appointing a principal this time next year for Lee from within the current principals.

Deborah also said the Boundary Committee will start in the fall to work on the Knight, Trost and Eccles boundaries, then for the boundaries of the middle schools. Efforts will be made to balance enrollment and demographics.

CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of the November 4, 2004, Workshop Session, November 18, 2004, Regular Session; and December 2, 2004, Workshop Session, were provided in Addendum 7.1, and Personnel Changes in Addendum 7.2.

MOTION: Rod Beck moved to accept the minutes of the November 4, 2004, Workshop session, November 18, 2004 Regular session and December 2, 2004, workshop session as provided in addendum 7.1 and personnel changes in addendum 7.2. Seconded by Charlie Stinson, it was noted that Minutes to the November 18, 2004, Executive meeting, were also included but not listed on the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

8.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 BUDGET UPDATE: Deborah said the state budget projection covers a two year period. Our preliminary projections are based on the same format used as in the past. David Moore explained the figures are based on a worse case scenario, does not include any payback of legislation that is ongoing, but does include \$200,000 per year for start up costs of the new middle school. The Board reconfirmed that if funding improves, first we reduce the cut, then get off the accrual.

David provided a copy of the Budget Development Calendar for the coming year. He said the calendar is developed to meet statute timelines and it is anticipated the Board will adopt the budget at their June 16 meeting.

8.2 Bond Update:

David shared bond projects have started, with Request for Proposals advertised for soils testing and a commissioning agent. Applicants will be screened, then a recommendation will be presented to the Board on January 20.

David explained a traffic engineer has also been hired through the Department of Energy grant and also is the same one the City of Canby uses. One the study is completed, a public meeting will be held in February or March.

Tina Skiles joined the meeting in progress.

8.3 Naming of New Middle School: Deborah distributed copies of our current Board policy for naming facilities, which will take place by spring. She explained a committee will be appointed, we will seek community input, then make a final name selection to present to the Board. She noted that middle school boundaries would not be defined in time for the process.

The Board asked for a proposal in terms of how to start the process, who could serve on the committee and timeline. The Board policy should also be reviewed.

8.4 Mission Statement: The mission statement will be discussed in more detail at the January 6 workshop.

Other: There was consensus by the Board to continue the monthly reports on school activities by student representatives.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Carroll
Board Secretary

Guy Gibson
Board Chair

Date: 1/20/04