

**MINUTES OF THE
CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SESSION AND EXECUTIVE SESSION
May 21, 2009**

REGULAR SESSION

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Marty McCullough called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Canby High School, Omni room. Board members in attendance were Marty McCullough, Diane Downs, Rod Beck, Andy Rivinus, Mike Harms and Guy Gibson (arrived at 8:07 p.m.). Dick Adams was absent from the meeting. Also in attendance were Jeff Rose, David Moore, Linda Martin, Wilma Hartung, Diane Berthoin-Hernandez, Troy Soles, Paul Browning, Lori Wujek and family, R. Wilson, Beth Smidt, Vicky Fairbrother, Cheryl Erwert, Cindy Jarmer, Kay Maravilla, Tanya Koshkarov, Sandy Browning, Maria Koshkarov, Dennis Koshkarov, Kristin Downs, Marilyn Wood, Jennifer Turner, Betty Crawford, Curt and Coni Pellatz, Nathan Pellatz, John VanAcker, Carol Meeuwsen, Judy Soles, Carl Soles, Hank Harris, Rick Munz, Erica Dally, Tom Scott (arrived 6:55), Joe Minson (arrived 7:30), Pat Johnson, Betty Crawford, Maureen Callahan, Denise Mardock, Robbie Wilson and Ricardo Marquez.

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS/FLAG SALUTE

The audience introduced themselves and Lee student Allie Browning led the flag salute.

3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spotlight on Student Success

Lee Principal, Marilyn Wood introduced 5th grade teacher Michael Ryan, students Daisy Maravilla, Aaron Jarmer, Devin Erwert, Lindsey Wujek, Allie Browning and Logan Fairbrother. The fifth grade class has been participating in a program called Starbase in partnership between Portland Public Schools and the Oregon National Guard. The program is designed to promote science, mathematics, and technology and aligned with Oregon State Standards. The students shared a Keynote presentation on the activities they participated in during the week.

To demonstrate that air exerts pressure, air has mass and air takes up space, they performed an experiment using a table, produce bags, straws and tape. With Superintendent Rose sitting on the table they blew up the bags and the table rose to create an "uplifting experience".

Special Presentation by Ackerman Students on Korean Trip

Before reporting on the Korean Trip, Nathan Pellatz gave the Ackerman School activities update. The successful band trip to Idaho brought back awards in both Band and Choir. Also, a group of students stood before the legislature last week speaking out in support for students at the Oregon School for the Blind after legislators announced they were seriously considering closing the school. For the last two years Ackerman has hosted the Goal Ball Tournament and feel a real connection with the students. Even though the students are blind they are still real people, not different, but special. Ackerman students gave speeches and also organized a letter writing campaign in support.

With 15 days of school left, the 8th graders visiting Canby High School where they were greeted by students and learned about what to expect.

Nathan reported the trip to South Korea was an amazing experience for the 19 students and 6 adults. He shared photos from the trip and acknowledged the South Korean's were so respectful of their visitors as well as each other. The opportunity to learn and grow was phenomenal. Nathan felt it made him a better person and he hopes the tradition will carry on in the years ahead.

Teacher, John VanAcker wanted the parents, administrators and the Board of Directors to know the students were incredibly well behaved. The students represented our District and state in an impeccable fashion.

Chair McCullough thanked the students for being good ambassadors.

SCHOOL UPDATE AND ACTIVITIES

Nathan Pellatz reported above on the Ackerman Middle School Activities.

Baker Prairie Middle School students were not available this evening.

Maria Koskarov reported for Ninety-one Elementary School. The 8th graders visited the high school this week and plans for the positive behavior trips are underway. The last middle school dance and spirit assembly is on May 29th.

There was not representatives for Canby High School.

PUBLIC FORUM

Canby High School principal, Pat Johnson reported the School Based Health Center has been certified by the state. This has been a two-year process and they are excited to have the center open.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes

Minutes of the May 7, 2009 Workshop and Executive Session are provided in Addendum 5.1.

5.2 Personnel Changes

Personnel Changes are provided in Addendum 5.2.

MOTION: Rod Beck moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2009 Workshop and Executive Session as provided in Addendum 5.1 and the Personnel Changes as provided in Addendum 5.2 along with the additions provided this evening. Diane Downs seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

6.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Advanced Placement Class Discussion

Canby High School teacher, Troy Soles reported Pat Johnson has been a real advocate for the program and with his foresight and commitment along with the district-wide commitment they have a successful program. As new courses are added they are mindful and purposeful in how to fit them into a comprehensive high school. Students recently completed exams and were excited about how well prepared they were. A tremendous amount of college credit can be earned by taking the exams. The program has grown from 88 students in 2004 to 221 students for the 2009-10 school year.

Troy also noted the classes speak of the K-12 concept and students expect to be challenged everyday and are intolerant if they are not challenged.

Joe Minson discussed the U.S. History AP classes and how he creates mini exams. He also wanted the Board to know two representatives from Canby High School have been asked to score for the college board which is a great privilege for them.

6.2 Report on Community Meeting

Superintendent Rose felt there was decent representation at the community meeting on May 18. We are facing a tragic scenario, however things are looking more promising. Jeff visited each break-out session during the evening. There was Board and audience discussion from those attending different sessions. It helped to sort out the rumors and explain why decisions were made. Jeff also thanked the administrative team for their work in helping in the individual sessions. He will continue to communicate any changes.

6.3 Monthly Financial Statement

Business Manager, David Moore reported we are still on track and spending within our means. We are also on pace to end with \$6.7-\$6.8 million in reserves.

6.4 Cash Reserve Discussion

Chair McCullough felt Business Manager, David Moore has done an excellent job given the current situation on developing the new budget. David discussed the graph analysis of underexpended items for 2008-2009 and a graph showing estimated resources, expenditures and spending deficit based on \$5.6 billion 2009-2011 K-12 allocation.

Rod Beck spoke for Dick Adams in his absence. Dick thoughts are to form a mini group to project out for possibly four years to give more structure. He would like to have a larger group look at the bigger picture and a smaller group look at the fund balance and conversation on the budget process. Superintendent Rose noted the fund balance conversation has been ongoing. We created the budget to reduce services for two years and \$2 million is 5% of our budget. The ending balance has an impact on students and this balance is specific information only as it relates to this budget.

David Moore is prepared for whatever decision the Board of Directors makes. The budget has been rolled back to 2007-2008 and the principals will have a hard time with such a tight budget.

Andy Rivinus wants to deal with the ending fund balance and the budget separately.

Mike Harms would like us to set a minimum and a maximum percentage amount. By using that method we don't have to set a \$1 million or \$2 million figure. If we set a policy we need to have flexibility. With the prudent management over the last 5-6 years we have the reserves to save employees.

Rod Beck stated we've had an informal target for the last 16 years and in the past we've been between 10-15%. He thinks we should look at past practice. Jeff noted we are looking at spending in a very different way than in the past and several districts are having this same conversation.

Guy Gibson stated we have little control over percentages and 5% has been the rule of thumb. Percentages are more important than a policy on the fund balance.

After additional Board discussion the topic was tabled.

6.5 Policy First Reading

Resident Student Inter-District Transfer, Board Policy JECB

Chair Marty McCullough has rewritten the above policy, making it two policies referring to Transfers In and Transfers Out of our District. We will bring the policies back for a first reading after the Board has reviewed the changes made.

7.0 COMMENTS BY BOARD

Guy Gibson attended the Kindergarten program at Carus Elementary School. There was a good turnout and on a sad note the teacher will be retiring this year.

Rod Beck announced OSBA is conducting a workshop on July 17 that would be helpful to our incoming Board members. Information on the workshop will be sent to them.

Rod thanked our administrative team, in particular David and Jeff for undertaking the budget issues and the amount of progress they made. He also feels the success of our educational program has been the commitment of our staff.

He wants the public to know "Our first and foremost priority is to educate our students by providing the best education available. Education is the foundation of our future. A break or breach in the educational system creates a weakening of our societal foundation, which leads to a degradation of our society."

Rod also wanted the public to know why he voted against the recently approved Memorandum of Understanding with the certified and classified unions. Other options could have been used that would not have impacted student contact days. Also numerous staff and community members asked why a pay freeze was not implemented. He also objected to the early retirement provision since we already have an early retirement benefit.

Diane Downs attended the Spring Fling, May Superintendent's Luncheon, School Based Health Center meetings and the State Championship Choir competition in Newberg.

Andy Rivinus also attended the May Superintendent's Luncheon. He was grateful for those participating challenging us with their questions and concerns.

Mike Harms attended the 81st Annual FFA Awards Banquet with excellent representation. Spencer Salo was honored as the best FFA student with a swine proficiency award and will now be competing at the national level. It is unfortunate FFA will possibly be cut from our District and he just learned the learning center at the state level will not be funded. He hates to see Canby losing its agricultural background.

Marty McCullough also attended the Spring Fling and May Superintendent's Luncheon.

8.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Jeff attended the FFA Awards Banquet and continues to be impressed with the students participating in the program. He also attended the Spring Fling.

He announced he is establishing a District Calendar Committee consisting of representative from the elementary, middle school, high school, Board, teachers and union representatives. We need to establish an infrastructure for teaching and learning.

Jeff was invited to a dinner meeting with a Spanish-speaking parent group including staff members Angie Navarro and Vicky Aguilar. They cooked dinner and had stations set up as he rotated to answer questions from parents advocating for their students and the education of their students.

Jeff congratulated Andy Rivinus, Ty Kraft, Kristin Downs and Tom Scott as new or reelected board members. This is the first time he has worked with a Board at

this capacity and thanked Guy Gibson, Mike Harms and Rod Beck for their mentoring.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair McCullough adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. to convene into Executive Session after a short break.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Marty McCullough called the Executive Session to order at 9:20 p.m. in the Canby High School Omni room. Board members in attendance were Marty McCullough, Diane Downs, Mike Harms, Guy Gibson, Rod Beck, and Andy Rivinus. Dick Adams was absent from the meeting. Also in attendance were Hank Harris, Marilyn Wood, Linda Martin and Jeff Rose.

The Executive Session is held in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (b) and (e). It is requested information discussed in the Executive Session not be disclosed.

The Executive Session was held to discuss employee discipline and real property transactions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m. and reconvened into Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Andy Rivinus moved to approve the Personnel Change as provided in Addendum 5.2 (a). Mike Harms seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION: Diane Downs moved to authorize Superintendent Rose to extend the agreement with the City of Canby to June 30, 2010. Andy Rivinus seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

The Regular Session adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin
Board Secretary

Marty McCullough
Board Chair
Approved:

