

**MINUTES OF THE
CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORKSHOP AND REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 11, 2008**

WORKSHOP SESSION

Chair Marty McCullough called the Workshop Session to order at 5:32 p.m. on December 11, 2008 in the Canby High School, Applied Technology Center, Omni room. Other Board members in attendance were Rod Beck, Diane Downs and Guy Gibson. Also in attendance were Jeff Rose, Linda Martin, David Moore, Pat Johnson, Betty Rivinus, Tina Skiles, Betty Crawford, Jennifer Turner, Maureen Callahan, Joe Minson, Christine Taylor, Joel Sebastian, Ricardo Marquez, Cindy Bauer, Carol Meeuwesen and Hank Harris. Board members absent from the meeting were Dick Adams, Mike Harms and Andy Rivinus.

Superintendent, Jeff Rose and Business Manager, David Moore reported on the budget projections through the 2009-2011 biennium. Jeff reported the District is fairly solid due to a healthy contingency fund for 2008-2009 with our projections based on the Governor's budget. All districts are effected and struggling in different ways. The plan for this evening is for review only with no definite decisions to be made.

David discussed the budget parameters as well as sharing numbers on the projections for 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. Items such as property tax variables, transportation costs and lower enrollment are factors affecting the bottom line. Jeff also discussed saving by limiting large purchases such as new textbooks. The Board discussed the different budget projections. Marty McCullough asked about the money received on the Construction Excise Tax, however, David said the \$50,000 collected since January was kept in a special fund.

Guy Gibson would like to see a 4-5 year projection before making any decisions. If there is a long enough projection he could agree to spending down to zero or minus figures. Rod Beck is concerned about going beyond the one million dollar amount. He feels we need more than a million dollar cushion. He feels we need to revisit some of the previous cuts added back in. We have to protect the students. Diane Downs is all for increasing the million, however, given where we are we shouldn't plan for less.

Marty McCullough feels if we have the opportunity, maybe we should not fill positions as she would not like to see cuts this year. Guy feels the more you save now, the less you have to cut later.

Rod Beck suggested establishing groups of different people for input on the budget priorities. Guy felt the same way. Pat Johnson also said we need to revisit what the community's priorities are. It is risky putting numbers out until we have the facts. Joe Minson felt there were too many variables at this time. Betty Crawford said we need to

make sure we communicate with staff first. Budget discussion will continue at the January 8, 2009 Board workshop session.

The Workshop Session adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

Marty McCullough called the Regular Session to order at 6:32 p.m. Additional attendees at the meeting were Yesenia Zamora, Jacob Jensby, Sondra Strong, Alex Nelson, Beth Smidt, Brighton Youd, Coni and Nathan Pellatz, Jennifer Gingerich, Dwight French, Kathleen French, Braden Nelson, Harrison Gingerich, Scott Gascho, Julie Stoltzfus, Margaret Bray and several other parents from Ninety-one Elementary.

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & FLAG SALUTE

The audience introduced themselves and CHS student, Brighton Youd led the flag salute.

3.0 CHANGES TO AGENDA

Marty McCullough made changes to the minutes listed in Addendum 5.1 and the changes were distributed to the Board members.

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **School Activities Update**

Ackerman Middle School

Student representative, Nathan Pellatz reported the AMS/BPMS play, *The 12 Daze of Christmas* was an awesome success. Today 210 Ackerman students out of 450 received recognition and a certificate for their accomplishments at an Honor Roll Breakfast for students receiving a 3.5-4.0 GPA. Nathan also invited everyone to help tie blankets for "Operation Snuggle" this Saturday. They are recruiting help to make blankets and supply pajamas and coats for the 210 homeless students in our District. There is a band concert tonight in the Fine Arts Center involving students throughout the District. Also, the second group of students from Korea will be arriving after Winter Break.

Baker Prairie Middle School

Jordan Jensby thanked Superintendent Rose for helping to unify the students at their school. The students enjoyed the Hawaiian Day festivities. Ackerman and Baker Prairie students also enjoyed their joint dance. Yesenia Zamora reported on the Student of the Month assembly and the assembly on empathy.

Ninety-one Elementary School

Braden Nelson reported their first dance will be tomorrow. Girls Basketball is doing well this season. Braden also shared safe rooms were set up today for students needing support on the illness of one of their teachers. Counselors

throughout the District were available to assist with the emotional needs of the students. Several fundraisers are being planned to donate to her and her family.

Canby High School

CHS student representative, Brighton Youd reported on the different fundraiser activities being held at this time. The activities include coat drives, canned food and toy drives and the "Operation Snuggle" fundraiser. The Oregonian will be doing a story on the Mr. Cougar fundraiser with proceeds donated to Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

- **Spotlight on Student Success**

Students from Traci Hall's 2nd grade class presented a video on the rain forest with the help of parent, Jennifer Gingerich. Students Nathan, Jace, Emma and Bryce shared information on how the project was completed. The students read books and researched websites for pictures, vocabulary words and then wrote sentences for the project. The video was very informative.

There were no public comments this evening.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes

Minutes of the November 20, 2008 Regular 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 November 20, 2008 Regular Session provided in Addendum 5.1 as amended and the Personnel Changes as provided in Addendum 5.2. Diane Downs seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

6.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Special Education Update

Director of Student Services, Sondra Strong gave an update on the Special Education Census as of December 1, 2008. This is an annual census used to determine federal funding and also the second weighting from the state. Data from this report is used to determine District Performance for the Special Education Review and Improvement process.

Sondra also discussed the annual review of the District's special education performance. The District's current improvement plan addresses over identification in communication as the primary disability. The District's trend data supports that there has been steady improvement in this area.

The Office of Civil Rights continues its audit to look at child find, referral, evaluation and identification of ELL students. The full report will probably be received in March or April of next year.

6.2 Report on November 24 Inservice

Maureen Callahan, Director of Student Achievement gave a report on the November 24 staff development inservice. Maureen explained the different workshops and presentations in which teams traveled together. It was a phenomenal day as noted from the feedback received from the teachers. Maureen recognized the teacher leaders who helped facilitate 80% of the day along with administrators.

6.3 Inservice Data Discussion

Superintendent Rose sent an email to the certified staff asking if they would direct a quote to present to the Board of Directors. He received valuable information from the responses as well as the responses from the November 24 activities. Rod Beck noted both Maureen and Jeff should feel good about the teacher input. Marty McCullough noted what jumped out was the word "time". Jennifer Turner noted its not that the teachers don't use time wisely but finding time for collaboration. She noted it was "so cool" having K-12 working together and then going back to their buildings to use what they learned. Betty Rivinus noted the teachers stayed on the subjects and didn't stray to other topics.

Jeff noted, so far this has been a year of learning and we need to determine how we can creatively continue the process. Guy Gibson asked if there was support for the individuals that don't follow the process and Jeff noted we need to create expectations. He also noted it is more challenging at Baker Prairie due to the different wings and also with the District's specialists. The Board felt the information received from the teachers was constructive and informational.

7.0 SCHOOL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS

With the forecast for inclement weather, Rod Beck asked if the District has a system in place. Superintendent Rose confirmed he has met with different individuals and there is a plan in place with First Student Transportation and with all schools.

Diane Downs attended the Baker Prairie and Ackerman play. She also helped arrange the tiles created by students and staff to be mounted on the walls at Eccles Elementary. Jennifer Turner thanked her for her help with the project. Diane also attended a meeting at Canby High on the School Based Health Center. They are making progress and have a good general plan. There is also a meeting on December 12 with Willamette Falls Hospital and others for continued discussion/approval. A proposal and budget information will be brought to a January board meeting for Board approval. Diane commented she is reassured that the plan is on a good path. Jeff noted it is very helpful having Diane involved with the process.

8.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Rose noted he has spent a considerable amount of his time on budget details and the November 24 inservice. He reported the first filming of the Spotlight on Canby Schools coordinated by our local television station OCTS took place on Wednesday with the topic of our K-12 focus. Jeff, Pat Johnson and Marilyn Wood were the featured staff members. Carus and Ninety-one students were behind the cameras. Shows will be taped every 4-6 weeks with various topics on teaching and learning.

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Certification of Election Results

MOTION: Rod Beck moved to ratify the election results from the November 4, 2008 election on Measure 3-320 to Eliminate Canby School District Attendance Area Local School Committees and our acceptance of the official election results with 71.30% voting yes and 28.70% voting no. Diane Downs seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

9.2 Policy 2nd Reading

EEAC, School Bus Safety Program

EEAE, Student Transportation in Private Vehicles

GBK, Tobacco-Free Environment

IGAI, Health Education: Human Sexuality, AIDS/HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases

JFCG, Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs

MOTION: Rod Beck moved to approve the policies as listed in Addendum 9.2. Diane Downs seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair McCullough adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin
Board Secretary

Marty McCullough
Board Chair

APPROVED:

