

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE
CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

September 1, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dick Adams called the Workshop Session for the Canby School District Board of Directors to order at 5:40pm on September 1, 2005, at Canby High School, Applied Technology Center, OMNI room. Board members present were Chair Dick Adams, Vice Chair Rod Beck, Sandy Ricksger, Dr. Mike Harms, Guy Gibson and Marty McCullough. Also in attendance were Superintendent Deborah Sommer, David Moore, Debbie Wilder, Debra Pearson, Lou Bailey, Carol Meeuwsen, Joe Morelock, and Tina Skiles

District Wide Agreements

Deborah presented the district wide agreements to the Board. These are based on the Board's set of priorities for the district. The intent is to have a working document to guide district priorities as well as budget.

We are continuing to work on the communication piece. Teachers will be required to maintain on line communication with parents, and parents will have access to grades and attendance by the fall of 06. All teachers will have laptops and will be trained to create either a web site or use BLOG as a communication tool for parents and other patrons of the district. Standards will be established to maintain these sites as well as care of district property since laptops are being provided to all teachers. Joe will head a committee to put together that standard. Parents will monitor and critique anything on the site so we want it to be done right. There will be a high level of professionalism expected - our audience is global.

Overview of School District Events/Timelines for 05-06

Teachers will be learning how to make data statements as part of the inservice on September 7. Staff will also be working on the grade level curriculum. Teachers will break up by grade level/subject taught.

This will be a difficult year just because of all the changes. Some parents will be upset based on the new boundaries. We will dedicate the October workshop to bond issues. Due to issues in the south, prices on building materials could be raised, impacting our costs and timeline. Interschool transfers will be an issue - people will want to go the new middle school and others will want to transfer back to the school their child had been in before the boundary changes. Students involved in the dual immersion language program at Trost will be the only ones that are grandfathered in unless the Board directs otherwise. First student put together an initial suggestion for boundaries. We will have Dick Withycomb come to the board to discuss the importance of not allowing transfers once the boundaries are set.

Deborah shared the timeline with the board for appointing new principals, vice principals and the voluntary and involuntary transfer of staff regarding the opening of Baker Prairie Middle School and Lee Elementary.

Bond Update

David Moore presented the financial statement.

The Board would like to have a column added showing the beginning allocations for the bond.

Bid evaluation piece - David, Debbie P, Rod, Lou, Andy will need to be involved in that meeting on the 15th of September. There will still be enough board members to have a caucus at the board meeting that night.

There was discussion regarding presentation of the financial statements. The question was raised who makes the decision regarding money not used from the bond. It was agreed that when a project comes under budget at a school - that doesn't mean the money left over goes back to that

school. Any savings goes into the bond contingency and it can be used to finish the projects that are waiting from previous bonds or to address any new needs.

There was discussion regarding the property line for the new middle school property. The fence is off by 6 feet. We need to decide whether or not to take back possession or leave it as is.

Homeowners are not happy. The board was in agreement to take back the land that belongs to the school district. A letter will be sent to the current home owners regarding the incorrect positioning of the fence. Debra Pearson will try to have everyone in agreement by October 1 and in the meantime will move forward.

Bond Oversight Committee Discussion

Bond Oversight Committee Guidelines were passed out. The feeling of the Board is that the oversight committee is being bogged down by one member not understanding the purpose of the committee and not being willing to work with the committee. As a result they have lost several community members. They haven't accomplished much - people are frustrated and there are personality conflicts. The Board agreed to send a letter to the committee member that the Board is removing him from their Board appointed committee. Dick and Deborah will construct the letter. The committee will try to involve the LSC in the bond oversight committee as a way to increase community involvement.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Wilder, Board Secretary



Dick Adams, Board Chairman

Date