

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Corvallis School District 509J
 1555 SW 35th Street
 Corvallis, OR 97333

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Administration Building, 1555 SW 35th Street, Corvallis, Oregon. The secretary recorded those present as listed below.

<p><u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Kari Rieck, Chair Donna Keim, Vice Chair Nell O’Malley Blake Rodman Matt Donohue Helen Higgins Anne Schuster</p> <p><u>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT</u> Courtney Gardner, Crescent Valley High School (CV) Zachary Allen, Corvallis High School (CHS)</p>	<p><u>EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT</u> Dawn Tarzian, Superintendent Jim Hogeboom, Assistant Superintendent Kathy Rodeman, Business Services Director Jeanne Holmes, Human Resources Director Fred Wright, Auxiliary Services Director Fred Kane, Corvallis Public Schools Foundation Director</p> <p><u>PRINCIPALS PRESENT</u> Jay Conroy, Corvallis High School Cherie Stroud, Crescent Valley High School Mike Strowbridge, Franklin K-8</p>
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A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Rieck led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Rieck announced a moment of silence for the 5th year anniversary of 9/11, which was observed.

III. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Chair Rieck introduced Crescent Valley student representative to the Board, Courtney Gardner. Courtney provided a brief introduction of herself and reported on her school's activities. Chair Rieck also introduced Corvallis High student representative, Zachary Allen, to the Board when he joined the meeting after his athletic event. Mr. Allen provided a brief introduction of himself and expressed appreciation of the high school's new stadium and theater.

Chair Rieck related that two Portland school board members and their superintendent visited on Friday. They were shown Lincoln Elementary and Franklin K-8. Several Board members met with them for dinner and attended the CHS football game, the first one in the new stadium. Director Higgins added that there were so many parallels between the two school districts and that it was reassuring to hear that they are taking similar approaches to solving problems.

Chair Rieck announced that she and Superintendent Tarzian are working on a way to show the Board and community activities that schools are doing and provide recognition, perhaps by way of the District website or the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. THANK YOU TO LOVE INC

Community/Employee Relations coordinator Kerry Richey addressed the Board with Love INC representatives Director Wilma VanSchelven and Beth Lambright. Their organization raised over \$45,000 in school supplies or funds to support students who cannot afford initial clothing and school supplies. About 160 teachers "shopped" the collected merchandise for materials to augment their classrooms. The drive was possible due to the involvement of 16 churches and hundreds of volunteers. Chair Rieck thanked them very much. Superintendent Tarzian noted that two Rotary clubs were also gathering school supplies primarily through parent-teacher organizations; one mostly focused on art supplies.

B. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATORS

Superintendent Tarzian introduced new administrators:

- Sally McAfee, Alternative Education Coordinator
- Jonathan Fost, CV Assistant Principal, temporary
- Rynda Gregory, CHS Assistant Principal, temporary
- Eric Wright, CHS Assistant Principal

C. ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Superintendent Tarzian reported that though District enrollment is 61 students over what was projected no additional funding can be expected as the District is locked into last year's funding level; 20 more students would need to enroll for that to happen. The numbers are up in a place that is difficult to explain, 3rd and 4th grades. It is not known whether this is due to new families moving in or perhaps due to students returning to public schools.

D. PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Superintendent Tarzian reported that as a result of playground audits performed in June and July, about 20 pieces of equipment were removed that were identified by consultants as potential safety hazards. These pieces will be replaced with equipment serving a similar function over the next few months. She noted that through the Tier 1 dollars decision made in January, 2006, the Board set aside \$687,000 to remove and replace playground equipment. That amount includes \$100,000 for Wildcat Park, money to be used for project management and equipment; \$35,000 for Garfield's playground; \$120,000 for Jefferson surfacing and equipment. Jefferson playground work is scheduled to be completed by no later than the end of next summer. Individual schools can raise money to upgrade their playgrounds over the allocated amounts.

E. BIO-DIESEL GRANT

Superintendent Tarzian announced that a team of CHS teachers led by science teacher Carole Beedlow received a grant of over \$9,000 to enter into a multidisciplinary investigation on the effect of bio-diesel and gasoline emissions on plant growth. The grant is made possible by Hewlett-Packard, Oregon State University, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency through funding, materials, and scientific/engineering expertise. Students from Autos 2, Beginning Metals, Chemistry, Biology, and Horticulture will be involved.

F. DISTRICT VISION MISSION PROCESS

Superintendent Tarzian announced that the District is undertaking a visioning process with the assistance of Jeff DeFranco. It will entail answering questions of what does the community and District want its students to know and what values does it wish them to possess. It has been six years since the District reviewed its vision; the work of last year brought attention to its value.

V. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Bill Wettengel, 2748 NW Rolling Green, Corvallis, noted that there was a huge disappointment on the first day of school due to the playground tires being removed. He addressed the Board to give an

update on the Franklin K-8 discussion from where it ended last June. He said a group of very active parents met during the summer and formed the Franklin Relocation Committee to organize their energy in working with the Board and District. They are meeting tomorrow night and are looking forward to getting more information as they are not sure where the situation landed.

VI. STAFF PARTICIPATION

No one wished to speak.

VII. MUDDY CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL PROPOSAL

Assistant Superintendent Hogeboom introduced the topic by stating the District had received a draft proposal for the Muddy Creek Charter today that he will review for completeness for its October 2 due date. He distributed and briefly reviewed a time line for considering the proposal and noted that the District is working with Oregon School Boards Association to ensure that guidelines are followed. (See Supplemental Item #VII-3 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

Kathleen Westly, a representative of the Charter School, provided some background information stating that:

- They had received funds from the State of Oregon to assist in their proposal.
- District staff have been terrific in feedback and questions to guide their thinking so the proposal is complete.
- They intend to open in the fall of 2007 with grades 1-6.
- The targeted students are those residing in rural areas outside of Corvallis and Philomath.
- Their vision is to be stewards of the local, rural community as well as the larger world community.
- They plan to partnership with OSU (Oregon State University).
- They want to sustain their rural community.
- Community service and a community garden will be a part of the school.
- Only planning on State funds to operate but expect to be able to apply for grants.
- Expects cost per student to be less than other District students; District gets to keep difference.

- It will be designed to attract rural and home-schooled students so it could add to the District's enrollment.
- Website is: www.muddycreekcharterschool.org

(See her related written correspondence of this date in Section V of the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

Chair Rieck asked members to check their calendars for a potential November 13 meeting to become

familiar with charter school processes.

VIII. ADOPTION OF CORVALLIS HIGH SCHOOL (CHS) MASTER PLAN

Auxiliary Services Director Fred Wright requested approval to move forward with implementation of design plans for the remainder of the CHS Master Plan as presented in his site plan dated 9-06-06. Original plan approvals did not include much west of Taylor Field; land currently occupied by Franklin K-8 was not in requested City permits. Improvements to that west tax lot need additional permits. The soccer practice field and softball field included on the site plan would not be built until Franklin is removed. The plan depicts 8 tennis courts; four can be built now, four later. The District is seeking City partnership to build the remaining four. The City owns several courts on District land. Examples are located at Westland, Linus Pauling, and Lincoln. The joint venture benefits both entities as the City schedules organized use, such as for Park and Recreation classes. Mr. Wright confirmed that the plan was passed by the Facilities Advisory Committee and that this plan represents the majority of Phase I and some Phase II items of the District's Long-Range Facilities Master Plan (LRFMP). Summer 2007 will be the time when will be completed with utilizing the remaining CHS bond dollars.

Chair Rieck stated that the Board is being asked to approve the site design though it may not reach fruition for five to twenty years. Mr. Wright added that the permit would be good for six to eight months, with renewals possible until utilized.

Chair Rieck read the related Resolution to the Board.

MOTION #8: Director Keim moved, Director Higgins seconded, to approve Resolution 06-0904 Corvallis High School (CHS) Master Site Plan Resolution. (See Supplemental Item #III-2 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Rieck called a break at 7:37 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

IX. SPECIAL REPORTS – Part 1 of 2

A. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUNE 5 BOARD DECISION REGARDING FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Superintendent Tarzian reviewed “District Recommendations, Completion of CHS and Franklin School” for the Board’s consideration as they contemplate a further decision at their first October

Board meeting. (See Supplemental Item #VII-4 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.) The document represents the evolution of working through the implications of the Board's June 5 decisions regarding Franklin K-8's future. Topics brought forward for consideration include retaining the Franklin program and building, increasing costs to carry out plans, establishment of a LRFMP Committee, upgrades to Franklin K-8, Harding fundraising feasibility study, uncoupling Harding fundraising from Franklin's future home, pursuit of a seismic grant, pursuit of boundary changes prior to Franklin's new home, and that timelines may dictate latitude in fundraising and permits.

Chair Rieck thanked Superintendent Tarzian for her leadership.

Director of Corvallis Public Schools Foundation Fred Kane presented his recommendations regarding fundraising to utilize the Harding site as an educational facility, noting that when he prepared the document he did not know if the recommendation would be made to uncouple Franklin's future with fundraising for Harding. He suggests refraining from approving fundraising until after feasibility study is done as outlined in his "Harding Fundraising Recommendation." (See Supplemental Item #VII-5 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

He noted that fundraising policy requires consideration of equity for all schools. To that end, he recommended a cap on local donations of \$150,000. The Foundation Board will see his recommendation at their meeting tomorrow.

B. WILDCAT PARK FUND RAISING

Director of Corvallis Public Schools Foundation Fred Kane was joined by Mr. Mark Hoffman, a citizen working to facilitate the construction of the replacement Wildcat Park at Wilson Elementary School. Superintendent Tarzian noted that the group's fundraising will be contemplated when their talks with the City are completed.

Mr. Kane related that interested citizens began to meet this summer; various liaisons and Wilson Principal Gerry Kosanovic met with them. Mr. Hoffman took on responsibility of the enthusiastic group.

Mr. Hoffman reported that the committee consists of about 20 individuals who have divvied up their tasks. They have recently established a website, www.newwildcatpark.org, and they had a community salvage day last weekend. They are making plans in the near future to have the rest of park removed. They have met with the playground consultant and District staff and are writing the Request for Proposal. \$200,000 has been the estimated figure, but until they have the design and vendor they will not really know. With \$100,000 from the bond they hope to raise the other \$100,000. The committee will come to the Board for fundraising approval when the amount is known.

Chair Rieck exercised her prerogative and elected to address the Consolidated Action and Information

items next, then hear the final two Special Reports: Leadership Team Retreat and Education Service District Services Utilized by 509J.

X. CONSOLIDATED ACTION

Business Services Director Kathy Rodeman announced a correction to one of the items up for approval. She stated that Resolution 06-0902 Appointment of Student Body Fund Checking Account should show Dawn Granger as a Cheldelin Middle School signer, not Dawn Corliss.

MOTION #9: Considering that Business Services Director Rodeman orally corrected Resolution 06-0902 Student Body Fund Account Resolution by replacing Dawn Corliss' name with that of Dawn Granger, Director Rodman moved, Director Higgins seconded, to approve the Consolidated Action Items.

The motion passed unanimously.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board minutes of April 10, 2006; April 12, 2006; and April 25, 2006 were approved as presented as well as the Budget Review Committee minutes of May 30, 2006.

B. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. LICENSED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board approved the recommendations. (Filed as Supplemental Item #IV-5 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

2. AGREEMENT WITH MILESTONES FAMILY RECOVERY PROGRAM/YES HOUSE

The Board approved this agreement which provides a 0.2 Full-time Equivalent District teacher to manage education at YES House, a drug and alcohol treatment center, to fulfill state and federal educational requirements. (Filed as Supplemental Item #I-9 of the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

3. AGREEMENT WITH OLD MILL CENTER FOR THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING

The Board approved the Agreement with Old Mill Center for Therapeutic Counseling as presented. (Filed as Supplemental Item #I-10 of the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

4. AGREEMENT WITH TRILLIUM FAMILY SERVICES FOR THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING

The Board approved the Agreement with Trillium Family Services for Therapeutic Counseling as presented. (Filed as Supplemental Item #I-11 of the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

5. INTER-DISTRICT TRANSFER AGREEMENTS WITH SILVER FALLS, LEBANON, ALBANY, CENTRAL LINN, AND PHILOMATH SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

The Board approved the Inter-District Transfer Agreements as presented. (See Supplemental Item #I-12 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

6. RESOLUTION 06-0901 – FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT PLAN AMENDMENT

The Board approved this resolution to authorize the flexible spending account plan amendment that allows District retirees the option to have their retirement stipend contribute towards payment of their health insurance premiums on a pre-tax basis. (See Supplemental Item #III-3 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

7. RESOLUTION 06-0902 – APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BODY FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

The Board approved this resolution with the edit of listing Dawn Granger as a Cheldelin Middle School signer, not Dawn Corliss. (See Supplemental Item #III-4 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

8. RESOLUTION 06-0903 – RATIFY LOCAL OPTION LEVY BALLOT LANGUAGE

The Board approved this resolution as presented. (See Supplemental Item # III-5 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

9. BOARD POLICY IKF – HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS—REVISION—SECOND READING

The Board approved the changes to this policy which allow the District to grant credit towards graduation for demonstrated subject proficiency gained through work experience, alternative education or community service. (See Supplemental Item #XII-4 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

XI. CONSOLIDATED INFORMATION

A. CORRESPONDENCE

Filed in Section V of the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.

B. INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES ITEMS

1. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER INFORMATION

The Board received information on 17 interdistrict transfers.

2. EXTENDED FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

The Board received information on 1 extended field trip. (Filed as Supplemental Item #IV-6 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

C. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. NON-LICENSED PERSONNEL INFORMATION

(Filed as Supplemental Item #IV-7 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

2. CHECK REGISTER

The detailed check distribution ledger is on file in the Business Services Office and is available for information during business hours. (Filed as Supplemental Item #X-3 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

3. BOARD POLICY EHA – HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT—
NEW—FIRST READING

The Board received the draft of this new policy which recognizes that the District is subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) transaction requirements and will adhere to such. Districts that electronically bill directly for Medicaid or contract out to provide such billing services (to an ESD or other entity) are subject to the HIPAA transaction requirements as well as districts that self-insure for health care (dental and vision in the 509j District case).

4. BOARD POLICY IBDJA – RELATIONS WITH HOME-SCHOOL STUDENTS—REVISED—FIRST
READING

The Board received the changes to this revised policy which ends the availability of materials through the District's Central Instructional Media Center to home schooled students.

5. BOARD POLICY IGAEA – HIV, AIDS, HBV, AND HCV HEALTH—NEW—FIRST READING

The Board received the draft of this new policy which addresses instruction of HIV, AIDS, HBV, and HCV Health.

6. BOARD POLICY IGAI – GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, AND FAMILY LIFE—NEW—FIRST READING

The Board received the draft of this new policy which addresses instruction of human sexuality.

7. BOARD POLICY JFC – STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE—REVISED—FIRST READING

The Board received the changes to this revised policy which added language related to the No Child Left Behind Act, student conduct consequences, and related reporting to Oregon Department of Education.

8. BOARD POLICY JFCJ – WEAPONS IN THE SCHOOLS – REVISION – FIRST READING

The Board received the changes to this revised policy which broadens the definition of “firearm” as defined in 18 USC (United States Code) §921, wherein firearm is defined as any instrument, article, or substance specifically designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action or explosive, frame or receiver of any such weapon or any firearm silencer.

9. BOARD POLICY KGB – PUBLIC CONDUCT ON DISTRICT PROPERTY—REVISION—FIRST READING

The Board received the changes to this revised policy which aligns with House Bill 3491 that creates a new crime of disorderly conduct in the first degree. Disorderly conduct in the first degree is committed when a person initiates or circulates a report that they know is false concerning an alleged hazardous substance, impending fire, explosion, catastrophe, or other emergency that will take place in or upon a school. If someone has already been convicted of disorderly conduct in the first degree as related to schools, subsequent convictions of disorderly conduct in the first degree will be classified as a Class C felony. False threats to school property is added to the list of prohibited behaviors in policy KGB—Public Conduct on District Property.

XII. SPECIAL REPORTS CONTINUED – Part 2 of 2

C. LEADERSHIP TEAM RETREAT REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Hogeboom related that the Leadership Team Retreat took place August 7 and 8th. He noted that there is not enough time for reflection in the District so this is valuable time. It also provides a time for bonding which is especially valuable for new administrators. This year’s retreat focused on professional learning communities, not a new district program but a different way of thinking. Speakers were educational consultant Rick DuFore and a retired educator who had participated in professional learning communities for about six years. Human Resources Director Jeanne Holmes commented that she appreciated the approach’s correlation with things the District is already doing.

Chair Rieck, who attended the first day of the retreat, offered to look into providing training to the Board on “Professional Learning Communities” if they wished to pursue. She added that she had ordered the related books that they could view. Director Higgins offered that it might be worthwhile to watch one in action.

D. EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT (ESD) SERVICES UTILIZED BY 509J

After posing the question to the Board of whether to hear this topic tonight or reschedule it due to the hour and hours the Board had already been in meetings this evening, Chair Rieck considered their

feedback and postponed this topic to a future meeting.

XIII. OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

There was no other District business discussed.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. under ORS 192.660(2)(f) – Records That Are Exempt By Law From Public Inspection.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Rieck adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Kari Rieck, Chair

Dawn Tarzian, Superintendent

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