

MINUTES

Work Session 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 6:31 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 Matt Donohue Helen Higgins Anne Schuster Blake Rodman Nell O’Malley, arrived at 6:51 p.m.</p> <p><u>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT</u> Courtney Gardner, Crescent Valley High School (CV) Sienna Hiebert, sitting in for Zachary Allen, Corvallis High School (CHS)</p>	<p><u>EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT</u> Dawn Tarzian, Superintendent Jim Hogeboom, Assistant Superintendent Fred Kane, Corvallis Public Schools Foundation Director Kathy Rodeman, Director of Business Services, intermittently attended Julie Catala, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent</p> <p><u>PRINCIPALS PRESENT</u> Mike Strowbridge, Franklin K-8 Oscar Moreno-Gilson, Lincoln 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.

III. CALVARY CHAPEL LEASE EXTENSION REQUEST

Calvary Chapel Assistant Pastor and Administrator Curt Duever and Children's Pastor Joe Klaus, approached the Board with Auxiliary Services Director Fred Wright to request a six month extension on their lease of the District's Westland property. Their current lease expires December 31, 2006; they requested an extension to June 30, 2007.

It was noted that the Board's reluctance to extend the lease for the requested time at the last review was due to the seismic safety of the building. Mr. Wright stated that the level of earthquake that would demolish the building has not been determined. Notices have been placed around the building so users are aware of its vulnerability and the availability of its seismic study. Mr. Duever stated that though he made 20-30 copies of the building's seismic study for availability, he has not received one request. He surmised that it is likely due to a recognition that Westland is like many of the buildings citizens occupy daily.

Mr. Wright related that though the District has taken the necessary steps its attorney advised to mitigate the situation, the steps do not take away all District liability. It was noted that the church has been very good tenants, that they have been made aware of the risks, and they are asking to continue occupying past their current lease date to bridge the gap between this occupancy and their new facility which is being constructed. Their size makes finding an alternative location difficult.

Director O'Malley arrived at 6:51 pm.

Mr. Duever informed that children are on the premises during the week on Tuesday mornings during women's bible study and during Tuesday afternoons when a home school group meets. There is an evacuation plan in the children's sanctuary.

Mr. Wright confirmed that with the six-month extended lease the District would still be able to demolish the main Westland building in the summer of 2007 and that the church would pick up any cost increase due to the delay in demolition.

Chair Rieck stated the Board would be making their decision at the October Board meeting and thanked the Calvary Chapel representatives for arranging their schedule to appear.

IV. BOARD DISCUSSION

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S 9/11/06 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CHS MASTER PLAN AND FRANKLIN IMPLEMENTATION

Superintendent Tarzian highlighted the major topics on the reformatted "District Recommendations Completion of CHS and Franklin School." (See Supplemental Items #VII-4 and #VII-6 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

Auxiliary Services Director Wright related that the four tennis courts at CHS that are to be built with remaining bond funds could be in either the more westerly or easterly positions; the more easterly position would require moving the baseball fence 23' in, still regulation size, and relocating a light causing more expense but it would allow more open space adjoining Franklin K-8. Conversations are still being pursued with the City for partnership in constructing the remaining four courts in the design plan.

Superintendent Tarzian stated that if Franklin K-8 were to remain in its current building that it would seem natural to have a K-5 boundary. Its size could be determined in a number of ways.

Remaining Board discussion focused on monetary expenditures for various Franklin K-8 building life expectancies.

Mr. Wright confirmed that money was included in the bond for Franklin life/safety and HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) systems. Chair Rieck requested an update on identified Tier 3 expenses as they relate to Franklin be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

Director Donohue, after confirming that Phase II of the LRFMP (Long-Range Facilities Master Plan, see Section VII under date of June 24, 2002 of the Official 2001-02 Board Minutes) calls for moving Franklin and building a new facility, thus rendering Franklin Phase I improvements as stop-gap measures, questioned what additional improvements outside of those named in Phase I, would be needed for the Franklin facility to remain in operation for an indefinite period of time, say 20 years. Mr. Wright responded that the updated LRFMP, which is in process, identifies a lot more deferred maintenance items for Franklin in Phase I. There are a few hundred thousand dollars in deferred maintenance items identified to keep Franklin open indefinitely. He offered to bring a list with associated costs to the Board's next meeting. Mr. Wright confirmed it would be cost effective to complete those items at this time if the expectation was to use Franklin for more than five years.

B. ESCALATING CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND REMAINING BOND PROJECTS

Mr. Wright confirmed that construction costs have gone up substantially over the last few years noting that CHS was built at \$125 per square foot and that the District would be lucky to be able to construct it for \$175 per square foot now. Due to that, he will be presenting to the Board in October a table of remaining bond projects with their original and current cost estimates along with recommendations. Superintendent Tarzian commented that the consequence is that the longer expenditures are deliberated, the less the District will be able to accomplish. Chair Rieck noted that projects will be discussed at the Board's October 23 work session.

C. LRFMP (Long-Range Facilities Master Plan) COMMITTEE

Superintendent Tarzian explained that the relationship between this committee and that of the Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) is that it would be an advantage to have a few members of the FAC participate in the LRFMP, but not all of them. The LRFMP Committee will have 10-15 community members sought from applicants that have related qualities such as planning experience or facilities management. The LRFMP Committee could begin meeting this year with the bulk of work to occur January to spring of 2007. Boundary work could begin at that time to be completed no later than December 2007 with school administrators, Mr. Wright and Ms. Rodeman being key. This superintendent's committee would be a 13-14 month commitment.

D. POSSIBLE SEISMIC GRANT AND CORVALLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION RECOMMENDATION REGARDING RELATED FUNDRAISING

The Board received a copy of "Harding Fundraising Recommendation" from Corvallis Public Schools Foundation Director Fred Kane. (See Supplemental Item # VII-7 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

Superintendent Tarzian confirmed that it is possible that the State's expected seismic grant offering could help the District in ways other than upgrades to Harding, so its pursuit is not just for Harding first or only. June of 2007 is hopefully when the District will hear the grant's parameters and can determine the best approach. Mr. Wright can inform and provide guidance to both the FAC and the seismic grant-writing applicants. If the seismic grant and fundraising are successful, the District would have an obligation to use the site as an educational facility, not necessarily as Franklin's new home. Boundaries might have to be changed but there are so many unknowns other work cannot be held for that determination.

V. SPECIAL REPORT: ELL (English Language Learners) DISTRICT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

Assistant Superintendent Hogeboom, Title 1/ELL Coordinator Judy Clark-Guida, and ELL Literacy Coach Leigh Santy addressed the Board. Mr. Hogeboom related that another coach was not in attendance, Anne Griffith. Ms. Griffith works with elementary students while Ms. Santy works with the high schools, middle schools, Lincoln K-8, and Garfield Elementary.

Ms. Clark-Guida and Ms. Santy narrated a Power Point presentation which described ELL in the District, what the program is, last April's ELL summit, and the related District action plan. (See Supplemental Item #VII-8 in the Official 2006-07 Board Minutes.)

The report highlighted the number of ELL students, what schools they attend, native languages they speak, that the District has magnet schools at all levels, how students are educated at non-magnet and magnet schools, the District's obligation, student performance, and program concerns. Ms. Clark-

Guida stated that the goal is to have students exit the program.

Board members provided comments, asked questions, and offered contacts to assist the program.

Superintendent Tarzian added that Garfield Elementary was given as an example at a recent school administrator's meeting of a school whose ELL population has made great strides as a result of their staff focus.

Assistant Superintendent Hogeboom reported that Garfield Elementary and Lincoln K-8 are piloting a K-6 literacy program utilizing Spanish support materials.

VI. UPDATES

A. BOARD RETREAT

Chair Rieck asked members to email her any topics that they would like to see added to the October 26 Board Retreat Agenda at the Corvallis Depot.

B. STATEWIDE TAX MEASURES 41 AND 48

Chair Rieck announced that she would like the Board to consider adopting at its October 9 meeting resolutions similar to those on the Oregon School Boards Association website in opposition of State Tax Measures 41 and 48.

C. LEVY

Several Board members reported on their activities and scheduled events supporting the upcoming levy:

- Distributing information at curriculum nights, Farmer's Market, and Fall Festival
- October 21 rally with large-scale canvassing.
- Lawn signs going up October

One member reported feeling that they have a very good chance of success, though there is opposition. They have had huge support from teachers and classified staff; 80% of those who worked this last weekend were one or the other.

Director Rodman asked that if other members know of public events or groups who are meeting that they could speak to, to let him know so that he can schedule.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Rieck adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Kari Rieck, Chair

Dawn Tarzian, Superintendent

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