

MINUTES

Work Session of the

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Gable called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Central Office Board Room, 1555 SW 35th Street, Corvallis. Chair Gable dispensed with the calling of the roll and the secretary recorded those present as listed below.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cyrel Gable, Chair
Sara Gelser, Vice Chair
Robert Baldwin, Member
Nell O'Malley, Member
Robert Johnson, Member
Joan Demarest, Member
Kari Rieck, Member

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Jim Ford, Superintendent
Jeanne Holmes, Assistant to the
Superintendent
Fred Wright, Director of Auxiliary Services
Julie Catala, Board Secretary

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

II. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Superintendent Ford distributed a pared-down alternative District Improvement Plan with a corresponding list of priorities. (See Supplemental Item #VII-2 of the Official 2003-04 Board Minutes. The Board had adopted the original Plan October 7, 2002; see Supplemental Item VII-6 in the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.) The prioritized list was created in response to administrators' requests in light of the vast attention the No Child Left Behind Act is requiring.

Board responses included:

- Nearly all the priorities are from Goal #1
- Special education students are not specifically recognized; with stated generalities it is hard to know they are being addressed
- Need explicitness for accountability and consensus that task is complete, generalities lead

to possible individual interpretation of accomplishment

- Lack of funds for staff development is seen as an obstacle to craft these culture changes

Concluding comments:

- Board Chair Gable directed Board members to provide additional feedback and questions to Superintendent Ford.
- The upcoming Board retreat could allow time for further discussion of the alternative District Improvement Plan.
- A Board information session on the No Child Left Behind Act is being considered.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chair Gable adjourned the work session at 7:00 p.m. and immediately began the regular Board meeting.

Cyrel Gable, Chair

Jim Ford, Superintendent

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