

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

Chair Gable called the meeting to order at 7:05 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
Robert Baldwin, Member
Nell O'Malley, Member
Robert Johnson, Member
Joan Demarest, Member
Kari Rieck, Member

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sara Gelser, Vice Chair

PRINCIPALS PRESENT

James Wickman, Westland Middle School
Karen Smith, Inavale K-8/Farm Home 6-12
Jay Conroy, Corvallis High School

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Bethany Potts, Corvallis High School
Holly Emery-Walen, Crescent Valley High School

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Jim Ford, Superintendent
Ron Corbell, Assistant Superintendent
Jeanne Holmes, Assistant to the Superintendent
Fred Wright, Director of Auxiliary Services
Kathy Rodeman, Business Services Director
Dawn Tarzian, Director of Teaching and Learning
Sharon Thornagle, Student Services Director
Duane Jager, Information Services Manager
Michael Ann McIlvenny, Special Ed. Coordinator
Laverne Pitts, Corvallis Public Schools Foundation
Julie Catala, Board Secretary

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Gable led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

There were no items to report.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Chair Gable introduced this year's student representatives to the School Board: Bethany Potts of Corvallis High School and Holly Emery-Walen of Crescent Valley High School. Both are student body presidents and each told of the activities they are involved in.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ford reminded the group that the September 22 work session would be covering the "No Child Left Behind Act."

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There were no citizens who wished to speak. Patty Parsons, who was scheduled to speak about "Walk to School Day" was not present.

VII. STAFF PARTICIPATION

No staff members wished to speak.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. BOND UPDATE

Lead Project Coordinator Tom Correia provided a Power Point bond construction update identifying projects at each school that are underway or have been completed, including the installation of a new seamless pipe and reverse osmosis system at Mt. View which removes over 99% of impurities. Inavale K-8, which is also on a well, will receive a similar system. The new middle school construction has started. He noted that \$33 million is under contract this summer.

B. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent and Human Resources Director Ron Corbell came forward with consultant Denise Trepanier, Human Resources Specialist Jennifer Duvall, and Westland Middle School Principal James Wickman to provide insight into the Human Resources Management Plan for 2003-05.

Mr. Corbell stated there had been 100% turnover in the Human Resources Department in the last 18 months and 40% of the District's workforce may retire in the next 36 months. With that in mind, along with budget constraints, the timing was seen as an opportunity to conceive and enact a new personnel vision. After discussion and research, one identified priority for the department was to hire flexible district employees as opposed to school building employees. The department is also outlining evaluation timetables, three-year mentoring plans for new staff members, increased efficiency in routine business transactions, restructuring of staff development opportunities, and preparing for labor relations with the Corvallis Education Association to begin in January.

IX. CONSOLIDATED ACTION

Chair Gable requested that "Citizen's Request for Possible Closure of a Portion of 16th Street - Resolution 03-0901" be held for discussion.

Motion #17: Director Johnson moved, Director Baldwin seconded to approve the Consolidated Action items with the exception of the requested held item, "Citizen's Request for Possible Closure of a Portion of 16th Street - Resolution 03-0901."

The motion passed unanimously.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 6, 2003 were approved as presented.

B. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S LICENSED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board approved the recommendations. (Filed as Supplemental Item #IV-7 of the Official 2003-04 Board Minutes.)

2. CITIZEN'S REQUEST FOR POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF 16TH STREET - RESOLUTION 03-0901

Held for Discussion: It was noted that:

- There would be advantages to the District in closing a portion of 16th Street adjacent to the Corvallis High School,
- The District has not personally spoken to neighbors on this matter as the citizen petitioner has, but the District is not aware of any strongly opposed neighbors,
- The District would be signing the closure petition as a neighbor, and
- In discussions with some City staff, they are not in support of the closure.

Motion #18: Director Gelser moved, Director Johnson seconded, to approve the Letter of Consent, and its accompanying Resolution #03-0901, for vacating a portion of 16th Street. (Filed as Supplemental Item #III-6 in the Official 2003-04 Board Minutes.)

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. TERMINATION OF SITE WORK CONTRACT FOR NEW CORVALLIS HIGH SCHOOL (CHS)

The Board approved termination of the site work contract for the new CHS and its accompanying Resolution #03-0902. (Filed as Supplemental Item #III-7 in the Official 2003-04 Board Minutes.) On June 5, 2003, District staff advertised an invitation to bid for site work for the new Corvallis High School. The low bidder was Pok Wan Contracting, Inc. of Corvallis bidding \$629,304.50. On July 9, 2003, the Corvallis School Board awarded the site work contract to Pok Wan Contracting, Inc.

This spring the City of Corvallis Planning Commission approved the conditional development application to build a new Corvallis High School. That decision was appealed to the Corvallis City Council, which denied the appeal in June. The City Council's decision was appealed by local citizens to the State Land Use Board of Appeals. The construction of the new high school will be scheduled pending the outcome of the LUBA appeal.

Since the summer construction season is lost and there would be the possibility of scheduling conflicts between the site contractor and the general contractor, staff recommended that the Board approve the Resolution to terminate the contract with Pok Wan Contracting, Inc. This resolution gives Auxiliary Services Director Fred Wright the authority to negotiate the compensation for termination and then terminate the contract after negotiating a settlement. Staff will have district legal counsel approve any final documents.

4. AGREEMENT WITH LINN-BENTON-LINCOLN EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT (LBL ESD) FOR MEDICAID TIME STUDY

The Board approved this agreement which contracts with LBL ESD to access Medicaid funds available to school districts and provide outreach and health care coordination services to District students and families, including purchasing those services from the Benton County Health Department (BCHD). Students and families in need receive health care at school-based centers, along with the District receiving health services to elementary/middle school on a scheduled basis and on an on-call basis. These services include health screening and mental health services. The district will receive approximately \$69,000 from the ESD; the district will pay BCHD approximately \$59,000 for services, and the remaining amount will be used to pay indirect costs for staff and training time for completing the Medicaid time study. (See Supplemental Item #I-4 in the Official 2003-04 Board Minutes.)

5. AGREEMENT WITH BENTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (BCHD) TO PROVIDE HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Board approved this agreement which contracts with the BCHD to provide school based health services by way of community health nurses, mental health specialists and community health aides. (See Supplemental Item #I-4 in the Official 2003-04 Board Minutes.)

6. AGREEMENT WITH OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (ODE) FOR LONG TERM CARE AND TREATMENT

The Board approved this agreement which contracts the District to provide educational services for students who are in residential care at the Children's Farm Home. The contract covers the cost to educate these students at no additional cost to the district. (See Supplemental Item #I-5 in the Official 2003-04 Board Minutes.)

7. AGREEMENT WITH OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY FOR EXTENDED CAMPUS

The Board approved this agreement which allows the Corvallis School District to enroll students in online courses that are part of the OSU K-12 Online program. (See Supplemental Item #I-6 in the Official 2003-04 Board Minutes.)

C. OTHER

There were no other Consolidated Action items.

X. CONSOLIDATED INFORMATION

A. CORRESPONDENCE

Filed in Section V of the Official 2003-04 Board Minutes.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ITEMS

1. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER INFORMATION

The Board received information on 26 interdistrict transfers.

C. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. NON-LICENSED PERSONNEL INFORMATION

(Filed as Supplemental Item #IV-8 in the Official 2003-04 Board Minutes.)

2. INVESTMENT REPORTS FOR JUNE AND JULY 2003

The Board received the investment reports for the periods ending June 30, 2003 and July 31, 2003. (Filed as Supplemental Item #X-10 in the Official 2003-04 Board Minutes.)

3. 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-11 in the Official 2003-04 Board Minutes.)

XI. OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

There was no other business.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not meet in Executive Session this evening.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Gable adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Cyrel Gable, Chair

Jim Ford, Superintendent

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