

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 7:07 p.m. in the 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
 Nell O'Malley, Vice Chair
 Helen Higgins, Member
 Kari Rieck, Member
 Bob Johnson, Member
 Joan Demarest, Member

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Jim Ford, Superintendent
 Kathy Rodeman, Business Services Director
 Fred Wright, Auxiliary Services Director

Principals Present

James Wickman, Linus Pauling Middle School

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sara Gelser, Member

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

II. PRESENTATION BY STUDENTS ON SUSAN CASTILLO'S YOUTH ADVISORY TEAM

Two Corvallis High seniors, Allyson Oar and Alyssa Warren, related to the Board their experience at serving on Oregon State Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Castillo's Youth Advisory Team. The Advisory Team consists of about 25 students from around the state who meet once a month to talk about education issues. Class sizes, graduation requirements, history text replacement cycle, and CIM and CAM have been topics of conversation. Superintendent Castillo hears their comments at the end of the meeting. The group is trying to place a student on the state board of education.

The students have gained insight into how the education system works and they have had the opportunity to present their views and solutions. When speaking with senators, they felt they were heard. They have become more politically aware and interested. The students report to their principal or student body president items of significance. Any student is eligible to apply to participate on the Advisory Team which has existed for about 2 ½ years. Board members

suggested that it might be helpful if the students had a better conduit to interact with students at their school and if future representatives could report to the Board a few times a year.

III. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROJECTS TO BE ADDRESSED WITH ADDITIONAL BOND FUNDS

Auxiliary Services Director Fred Wright reviewed the distributed handout he prepared entitled "Our Future." The report detailed potential additional projects by building to which possible remaining bond funds could be applied. The report included the Long Range Facilities Master Plan approved by the Board June 24, 2002 as well as the bond ballot approved by voters November 5, 2002.

Through discussion with Mr. Wright it was ascertained that:

- A cushion has been allowed for commodity increases affecting uncompleted projects such as happened with steel during the Corvallis High School project and could happen with gasoline, for example
- The Facility Improvement Plan referred to in the ballot is the Long Range Facilities Master Plan
- Energy items were listed only if the District could get reimbursement from the State and would have 10 years or less payback

Applying the possible leftover bond funds to other capital improvement projects would provide greater savings than doing them as costs rise in the future and would save the cost of another bond passage to complete them. Vice Chair O'Malley noted that the listed potential projects are not luxury items or superfluous and Mr. Wright stated that some of them are safety issues. If there were to be bond funds remaining when the planned bond projects were finished and rather than apply the funds to other capital projects the decision was made to "return" the funds to taxpayers, this would occur by way of not collecting the tax for one year. A property valued at \$200,000 might see a relief of \$50 for one year.

As the District's upcoming Programs and Resources Review may call for changes in facilities support, the consensus was to wait until after the Review is complete in November 2005 to make a decision where to apply any remaining bond funds.

IV. ADJOURN

Being no further business, Chair Gable adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Cyrel Gable, Chair

Jim Ford, Superintendent

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