

**MINUTES**

Special Meeting 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 7:45 p.m. in Central Office Board Room, 1555 SW 35<sup>th</sup> 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  
Ron Miller, Vice Chair  
Robert Baldwin, Member  
Sara Gelser, Member  
Nell O'Malley  
Joan Demarest, Member

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Robert Johnson, Member

PRINCIPALS PRESENT

Jay Conroy, Corvallis High School

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES  
PRESENT

Ashleigh Campi, Crescent Valley High  
School

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Jim Ford, Superintendent  
Ron Corbell, Assistant Superintendent  
Jeanne Holmes, Assistant to the  
Superintendent  
Kathy Rodeman, Business Services  
Director  
Duane Jager, Information Services  
Manager  
Laverne Pitts, Corvallis Public Schools  
Foundations Director  
Julie Catala, Board Secretary

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

**II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Frank Hall, 3348 SW Chintimini, chair of the Waldorf School site selection committee, named reasons the district should sell the Fairplay property to the Waldorf School. He stated the offer has the backing of Hugh and Elizabeth White, that the district would have

first right of refusal and that the neighborhood spontaneously supported the purchase in writing (See Section V in the Official 2002-2003 Board Minutes.). He addressed concerns of letters to the editor regarding the appraised value of the property responding that loans over the appraised value would be hard to obtain. Grants are available to the school should they purchase the property that would not be available should they lease. He spoke of the land returning to agricultural use zoning if not used as a school by this next year, which decreases its value. He sees northerly growth taking place towards Crescent Valley as opposed to the Fairplay area so the location may not be of value to the district.

### **III. PROPOSAL REGARDING CUTTING SCHOOL DAYS**

#### **A. JOINT LABOR/MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDED SCENARIO**

Assistant Superintendent Ron Corbell, Assistant to the Superintendent Jeanne Holmes, Business Services Director Kathy Rodeman, Educational Services Coordinator Kerry Richey, Oregon School Employees Association Co-Presidents Marta DeCoster and Linda Keller, Corvallis Education Association President Peg Cornell and Crescent Valley parent Lisa Ullmer presented background information and insight into the process and final outcome of developing a calendar for the remaining school year, cutting days to balance the budget if necessary.

Kathy Rodeman explained both unions had signed an agreement, which avoids layoffs by cutting seven days. If Measure 28 fails (vote takes place January 28, 2003) and there were no plan to cut days, then staff would have to be cut.

Comments were obtained from staff and parents regarding which days to cut. Conference days, free and reduced lunches, activities, child-care, early release days, equity between semesters and numbers of workdays per month were taken into consideration when developing various calendars for review.

Peg Cornell described the Modified Proposal #1, which is the one that was recommended to the Board. (Filed as Supplemental Item #IX-2 in the Official 2002-2003 Board Minutes).

#### **B. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

No one wished to testify regarding the proposed calendar.

C. BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Discussion took place and questions were answered by the calendar team.

**MOTION #24:** Director Miller moved, Director Baldwin seconded, to approve the Modified Proposal #1 calendar as recommended to the Board, cutting seven days throughout the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year should Measure 28 fail to pass. The motion passed unanimously.

It was acknowledged the calendar was a compromise. Calendar team members were thanked and appreciation was expressed for the cooperation of the unions.

IV. RESOLUTION NO. 03-0102 – PERS UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL LIABILITY BONDS – SERIES 2003

Chair Gable, citing this resolution is similar to one seen in the past and receiving no desire to discuss the topic from members when prompted, asked for a motion to vote.

**MOTION #25:** Director Baldwin moved, Director Miller seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 03-0102-PERS Unfunded Actuarial Liability Bonds-Series 2003. The motion passed unanimously. (Filed as Supplemental Item #III-18 in the Official 2002-2003 Board Minutes)

By refinancing the district's PERS unfunded liability through approval of this resolution, the district could save about \$6 million over 26 years or about \$375,000 each year.

V. DISCUSSION REGARDING JOINT WORK SESSION WITH CORVALLIS CITY COUNCIL

Members discussed the upcoming joint work session scheduled for March 3 with the City of Corvallis, resulting in the following desired meeting characteristics:

- Overseen by a facilitator
- An open-ended exploratory forum to express areas of mutual interest
- Discussion of joint revenue sources such as youth activities levy, restaurant/entertainment tax or payroll tax
- Not a "Save CHS" debate
- Prior distribution of proposed tax information and past joint-meeting information so can use time most efficiently

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board met in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. under ORS 192.660 (1)(e) – Real Estate Transactions.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Chair Gable adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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Cyrel Gable, Chair

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Jim Ford, Superintendent

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