

**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 7:45 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

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Robert Johnson, Member  
Joan Demarest, Member

PRINCIPALS PRESENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Andrew Grill, Corvallis High School  
Ashleigh Campi, Crescent Valley High School

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Ron Corbell, Assistant Superintendent  
Kathy Rodeman, Business Services Director  
Duane Jager, Information Services  
Manager  
Kim Finch, Student Services Director  
Karen Smith, Administrator for Instructional  
Services  
Fred Wright, Auxiliary Services Director  
Julie Catala, Board Secretary

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

**II. POST-ELECTION DISCUSSION**

Fred Wright, Director of Auxiliary Services, expressed his appreciation for voter approval of the recent bond measure, allowing the District to move ahead with the first phase of its long-range facilities plan. This phase includes three major projects; replacement of Corvallis High School, a replacement middle school, and the remodeling of Crescent Valley High School as well as \$7.29 million worth of district-wide improvements affecting every school.

Architectural services, hiring of project managers and support staff, and request for proposals for various parts of the projects is underway. Demolition at the Highland View site will begin by summer with site development there and at Corvallis High School around mid-summer. Both the replacement middle school and Crescent Valley's remodeling are expected to be completed by August of 2004 with Corvallis High School completed August 2005. Demolition of the old Corvallis High School building and its accompanying site development are expected to be done August 2006.

The District hopes to gain additional construction funds through grant allocations such as Senate Bill 1149 (energy savings bill) and Measure 15 (seismic safety funding).

In response to an inquiry regarding possible construction delays due to appeals, Mr. Wright responded that every year the construction of Corvallis High School is delayed it would cost the District over one million dollars.

At this time the request to close 16<sup>th</sup> Street, which bisects Corvallis High School's football and baseball fields, is being initiated by the adjacent neighborhood.

### **III. OSAT SCORES REPORT/DISCUSSION**

Dawn Tarzian, Director of Teaching and Learning, led review of the recently received OSAT scores referring to a distributed packet of scores, which are on file in the Teaching and Learning Department. The packet contains an overview, district results, and individual school results. There has been growth in all areas over the years which is quite an achievement considering cuts to the district's budget. There are concerns regarding the decline in writing scores for last year's 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. The Oregon benchmarks for these tests are set above the national average.

The district student database, which is in development, will let kids see how they are progressing and provide teachers more precise information regarding their students' needs. A presentation will be made covering that topic at a future meeting.

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Chair Gable adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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Cyrel Gable, Chair

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Ron Corbell, Assistant Superintendent

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