

MINUTES

Regular 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 7:00 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
Ron Miller, Vice Chair
Joan Demarest, Member
Robert Baldwin, Member
Sara Gelser, Member
Nell O’Malley, Member
Robert Johnson, Member

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Jim Ford, Superintendent
Jeanne Holmes, Assistant to the Superintendent
Kathy Rodeman, Business Services Director
Michael Ann McIlvenny, Administrator for
Special Programs
Dawn Tarzian, Teaching and Learning Director
Laverne Pitts, Foundation Director
Duane Jager, Information Services Manager
Karen Smith, Administrator for Instructional
Services
Julie Catala, Board Secretary

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

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

PRINCIPALS PRESENT

Dick Behn, Crescent Valley High School
Jay Conroy, Corvallis High School

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

No items were reported.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Andrew Grill of Corvallis High School reported they would be hosting a pre-Thanksgiving Spaghetti Feed as was done last year. They are endeavoring to make it an annual event.

Ashleigh Campi reported her school's core council held a long work session last week focusing on ways to spread the word to the community about the school's accomplishments and ways to instill student respect for each other and school property.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ford:

- Reported a national search to replace outgoing Crescent Valley Principal Dick Behn would begin in mid-November,
- Commended Corvallis High School arts teacher Dennis Staats on his award from the Oregon Art Education Association for outstanding achievement,
- Explained a current project of creating a community involvement map listing partnerships at each school in areas such as art, donations, office help, grounds maintenance, supervision, career awareness, academics, emergency/law enforcement, social services, medical/mental health, sports, and activities. The map will allow the district to become aware of all the partnerships it has and facilitate in directing partnership assistance to schools. New administrators will also be able to make use of the map as a tool in introducing themselves and recognizing partners.

Director Johnson complimented Crescent Valley Principal Dick Behn on creating a pleasant environment during his 18-year tenure. Dr. Ford led those present in a standing ovation of appreciation.

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Anne Halpin, 1835 SW Edgeing Drive, Corvallis, parent of a Corvallis Waldorf School student, encouraged the sale of the district's vacant Fairplay Elementary School building to the private school.

VII. STAFF PARTICIPATION

Peg Cornell, 4643 NW Chenille Place, Corvallis, Crescent Valley High School science teacher and Corvallis Education Association Union President reported she is seeing more teachers stressed earlier in the year compared to other years. Though teachers are enthusiastic about extended learning

opportunities they are reaching their limits and it is affecting morale.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. K-5 MATH CURRICULUM ALIGNMENT

Karen Smith, Administrator for Instructional Services, and Gail Gerdemann, Adams Elementary teacher and Science Education Partnerships (SEPS) representative, presented a synopsis of their work and goals regarding math education in the district's elementary schools. SEPS would like to assist the district in making math more meaningful, purposeful, and relevant much as they did for the science program in providing customized science kits for teacher use. Additional funding could come from Eisenhower funds, Title 1A funds, and the district. New curriculum would have the capability to provide for differentiated instruction for all learners, follow the recommendations of the National Council for Teaching of Mathematics, and be aligned across the district and with State standards. The project was launched at the August Institute and the biggest need is consistent teaching materials. They hope to create a model program for the State as was done in science.

IX. OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

A. EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES DISCUSSION/BOARD DIRECTION

The Board entered into a discussion on options and directions for expanded learning opportunities at the secondary level, striving to economically meet student needs. Required ingredients are guiding policies, self-directed learners, and the approval of teachers' union. Options include electronic education, internships, night school, and possible dual enrollment either at both high schools and/or local colleges. Questions to be answered include how dual enrollment funding would be handled, centralization or decentralization of curriculum, transportation costs, district goal of education (whether to prepare for work or to provide general knowledge), and curriculum focus (a body of knowledge or skills).

X. CONSOLIDATED ACTION

Board Chair Gable directed the Board's attention to the Consolidated Action items and requested that Item B.6. Agreement with Old Mill Center for Children and Families for Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education Evaluations be held for discussion.

Motion #17: Director Baldwin moved, Director Johnson seconded, to approve the remaining Consolidated Action Items. The motion passed unanimously.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 9, 2002; September 23, 2002; October 7, 2002; and October 21, 2002

were approved as presented.

B. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S LICENSED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board approved the recommendations. (Filed as Supplemental Item #IV-17 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

2. AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE THE DISTRICT DONATION FUND, RESOLUTION NO. 02-1101

As Corvallis Public Schools Foundation activities continue to expand, it was determined that the accounting between the Foundation and the District needed to be revised to better match the organizational structure and responsibilities for each entity. Funds received by the District from the Foundation will now be received and expended for within a new District Special Revenue Fund. Previously, the direct expenditures of these funds occurred within the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation Agency Fund. This change will give each agency the information needed to manage the funds, update financial reporting processes and clean up management lines of responsibility for employees. (Filed as Supplemental Item #III-9 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

3. PERS ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENCY FACTORS, RESOLUTION NO. 02-1102

This Resolution encourages the PERS (Public Employee Retirement System) to select the most fiscally prudent solution to applying new actuarial table values to upcoming retirees. (Filed as Supplemental Item #III-10 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

4. SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET – PERS BONDS PROCEEDS FUND, RESOLUTION NO. 02-1103

This reflects a change in the district's PERS Bond Proceeds Fund budget, an increase of less than 10%.

The increase is needed to offset the loss of revenue incurred from the delay by PERS and the state attorney of the 42-district refinancing bond sale. (Filed as Supplemental Item #III-11 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

5. INTERFUND LOAN TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, RESOLUTION 02-1104

This Resolution allows a loan of \$119,300 from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund. The loan is necessary because November property tax revenues have been delayed until December due to errors in the original property tax statements. The loan will allow payment of the Aquatic Center bond debt due November 15. (Filed as Supplemental Item #III-12 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

6. AGREEMENT WITH OLD MILL CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR EARLY INTERVENTION/EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATIONS

Held for discussion. See "Consolidated Items Held for Discussion" following.

7. AGREEMENT WITH LBL ESD FOR EARLY INTERVENTION/EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATIONS

This Agreement allows for the LBL ESD (Linn, Benton, Lincoln Education Service District) to perform the portion of Early Intervention/Early Childhood special education evaluations that the Old Mill Center for Children and Families does not have the certified staff to perform. (Filed as Supplemental Item #I-16 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

8. AGREEMENT WITH LBL ESD FOR REGIONAL AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER SERVICES

This Agreement allows the hiring of a district autism specialist funded by flow-through dollars from the LBL ESD. (Filed as Supplemental Item #I-17 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

9. AGREEMENT WITH ALSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM AT CORVALLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT

This Agreement provides enrollment of an Alsea student in the Corvallis School District's 18-21 year-olds Life Skills Program. The Alsea district will pay tuition. (Filed as Supplemental Item #I-18 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

10. AGREEMENT BETWEEN CORVALLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT EVEN START AND LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This Agreement provides for Linn-Benton Community College adult education faculty to furnish on-site services to families whose primary language is not English, at Lincoln Elementary School. (Filed as Supplemental Item #I-19 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

11. AGREEMENT BETWEEN CORVALLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT EVEN START AND BENTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

This agreement provides a family health liaison for Even Start families to assist in the procurement of health services. (Filed as Supplemental Item #I-20 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

12. IN-KIND DONATIONS

The Board accepted the donations. (Filed as Supplemental Item #X-13 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

13. BOARD POLICY JB – EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY –REVISION -- SPECIAL ACTION

This policy revision reinstates district-approved language omitted in a group of special education blanket replacement policies, which were based on changes in federal law. (Filed as Supplemental Item #XII-12 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

14. BOARD POLICY EEBB – USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES FOR DISTRICT BUSINESS – ELIMINATION

The elimination of this policy will remove conflicts when compared to Policy EEAE, which is accurate and comprehensive. (Filed as Supplemental Item #XII-13 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

CONSOLIDATED ITEMS HELD FOR DISCUSSION

6. AGREEMENT WITH OLD MILL CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR EARLY INTERVENTION/EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATIONS

This Agreement contracts Old Miller Center for Children and Families to meet Corvallis School District's obligation to perform Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education Evaluations for children between birth to age 5 who reside in Corvallis, Oregon. The Agreement allows for the LBL ESD (Linn, Benton, Lincoln Education Service District) to perform the portion of Early Intervention/Early Childhood special education evaluations that the Old Mill Center for Children and Families does not have the certified staff to perform. Michael Ann McIlvenny, Administrator for Special Programs, explained there was a change to the Agreement. The District would be paying Old Mill \$55 per hour for evaluations as opposed to the \$65 stated. (Filed as Supplemental Item #XII-14 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

Motion #18: Director Miller moved, Director Gelser seconded, to approve the Agreement as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

C. OTHER

There were no other Consolidated Action Items.

XI. CONSOLIDATED INFORMATION

A. CORRESPONDENCE

Filed in Section V of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ITEMS

1. EXTENDED FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

The Board received information on one extended field trip. (Filed as Supplemental Item #IV-18 of the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

2. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER INFORMATION

The Board received information on 5 interdistrict transfers.

C. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. NON-LICENSED PERSONNEL INFORMATION

(Filed as Supplemental Item #IV-19 in the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

2. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board received the unaudited statements of revenues, expenditures, and fund balances of the various funds of the District for the period ending September 30, 2002. (Filed as Supplemental Item #X-14 in the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

3. BOARD POLICY AD – DISTRICT MISSION, BELIEFS, AND GOALS – REVISION -- FIRST READING

This change aligns the policy with the October 7, 2002 approved District Improvement Multi-Year Plan. (Filed as Supplemental Item #XII-15 in the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

4. BOARD POLICY JBA/GBN – SEXUAL HARASSMENT – REVISION – CROSS REFERENCING ONLY

This addition provides the reader reference to related district Policies JFCF/GBNA Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing and JFCM Violence and Threats of Violence. (Filed as Supplemental Item #XII-16 in the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION JBA/GBN – SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

This regulation adds the reporting of violence or threat of violence in its application. (Filed as Supplemental Item #XII-17 in the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

6. BOARD POLICY JFCF/GBNA – HAZING/HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION/BULLYING/MENACING – REVISION --FIRST READING

The 2001 Legislature created a new requirement mandating that districts adopt a policy prohibiting harassment, intimidating, and bullying. This revision adds the word “bullying” to current policy and its accompanying administrative regulation. The policy would also be adopted as Policy GBNA/JFCF and included in the personnel section of the School Board Policy Handbook. It will also be cross-referenced with Policies JFCM Violence and Threats of Violence and JBA/GBN Sexual Harassment. (Filed as Supplemental Item #XII-18 in the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION JFCF/GBNA-AR –HAZING/HARASSMENT/ INTIMIDATION/

BULLYING/MENACING

The 2001 Legislature created a new requirement mandating that districts adopt a policy prohibiting harassment, intimidating, and bullying. This revision adds the word “bullying” to current policy and its accompanying administrative regulation. (Filed as Supplemental Item #XII-19 in the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

8. **BOARD POLICY JFCM – VIOLENCE AND THREATS OF VIOLENCE – REVISION – CROSS REFERENCING ONLY**

This addition provides the reader reference to related district Policies JFCF/GBNA Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing and JBA/GBN Sexual Harassment. (Filed as Supplemental Item #XII-20 in the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

9. **ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION JFCM-AR – VIOLENCE AND THREATS OF VIOLENCE**

This is a new administrative regulation allowing immediate removal of a charged student from the classroom or any other extracurricular activity. (Filed as Supplemental Item #XII-21 in the Official 2002-03 Board Minutes.)

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Gable adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Cyrel Gable, Chair

Jim Ford, Superintendent

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