

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Corvallis School District 509J
1555 SW 35th Street
Corvallis, Oregon

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair TenPas at 7:10 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room, 1555 SW 35th Street. Chair TenPas dispensed with the calling of the roll and asked the secretary to record those present as listed below:

Board Members Present

Bill TenPas, Chair
Robert Baldwin, Vice Chair
Jay Dixon, Member
Cyrel Gable, Member
Robert Johnson, Member
Ronald Miller, Member
Barbara Ross, Member

Executive Staff Present

James P. Ford, Superintendent
Ron Corbell, Assistant Superintendent
Kathy Rodeman, Business Director
Cathi Alden, Teaching and Learning
Jeanne Holmes, Assistant to Superintendent
Julie Catala, Board Secretary
Kim Finch, Student Services Director

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair TenPas led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Dr. Ford provided no report due to his recent return from an extended vacation.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE(S)

Nancy Raskauskas reported that school would start later this week at Corvallis High School due to testing. She believes it will be a good opportunity to interview juniors and seniors regarding school starting times and the impact of beginning school at 9:00 a.m.

Gay Straight Alliance representatives from the two high schools provided letters of thanks from students for the Board's action on the equal educational opportunity policy regarding discrimination based on sexual orientation. (Filed in Section V of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

Jenny McBride reported on a speaker regarding polarization of students, and about action relating to covering up the Raider sign in the cafeteria. Ms. McBride also mentioned a fundraiser for the drama club, and said the student council is working to repair the Raider Board (a bulletin board which holds Raider memorabilia).

V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No staff presented information.

VI. STAFF PARTICIPATION

Roger Rictor, 31919 N. Lake Creek Drive Space 90, Tangent, spoke regarding possible closure of the Central Instructional Media Center (CIMC). He stressed that he is not representing any employee group, merely speaking for himself. Mr. Rictor read from a prepared statement urging the board to maintain services of the CIMC. (Filed in Section V of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.) Chair TenPas pointed out that no decisions have been made at this point to close CIMC.

VII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. CORVALLIS STUDENTS IN PORTLAND OPERA

Janet Reinholt, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator for the District, announced that on January 22, 2001, two performances of the Portland Opera will be held, free of charge, for K-5 grade students. She reported that Jefferson Elementary School members of the "Alveoli Choir" would sing with the Portland Opera.

B. EFFECTIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT (EBS)

Student Services Director Kim Finch and EBS Coordinator Patty Parnell presented information on EBS. They explained that EBS examines the types of behaviors that go on in school buildings and creates school-wide strategies to address those behaviors.

Ms. Parnell explained that work began last year with funding from an Oregon Department of Education grant; funding obtained this year through an additional grant allows folding all District K-8 schools into the program. Ms. Parnell outlined staff training and implementation of the program on a site-by-site basis. She explained that discussion is underway regarding adding a student representative on the building committee for middle schools. She added that plans are underway to expand the program to high schools.

Ms. Finch added that a behavioral tracking system is being used by the University of Oregon to track data regarding the number of referrals by schools. The Board encouraged including students in the program to connect and engage them.

VIII. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

A. K-3 READING PROGRAM

Cathi Alden, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Student Services Director Kim Finch presented information about K-3 reading instruction. Ms. Alden said no system has been in place to comprehensively record and report data about reading District-wide; this prevents analysis of student growth. Ms. Alden explained that the program is a systematic approach to identifying kids who need more support in order to read. Ms. Finch said assessment under this system requires only 60 seconds per child, which is very easy to complete. Discussion ensued regarding potential funding sources, including grant funds, fees, and general fund monies.

IX. CONSOLIDATED ACTION

Chair TenPas drew the Board's attention to the items on the consolidated consent agenda.

Director Gable requested that Board Policy JB and City of Corvallis/CSD 509J Facility Use Agreement Renewal be held for discussion. Director Miller requested that LBCC/CSD 509J Facility Use Agreement Renewal be held for discussion. Director Dixon requested that Benton County/CSD 509J Nursing - School Based Health Services Agreement be held for discussion.

Chair TenPas entertained a motion on the remaining items.

Motion #23: It was moved by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Dixon, and unanimously carried to approve the following.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 11, 2000, were approved as presented.

B. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S LICENSED-PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board approved the recommendations. (Filed in Section IV of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

2. AUXILIARY SERVICES DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT REVISION

The Board approved the revised contract.

3. RESOLUTION 01-0101 TO RATIFY SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

The Board approved Resolution 01-0101, ratifying the supplemental budget, after staff failed to publish appropriate notices for the November 11, 2000, supplemental budget approval. This resolution provides re-approval of the same supplemental budget. (Filed in Section III of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

4. RESOLUTION 01-0102 TO AUTHORIZE SIGNORS FOR EASEMENTS

The Board approved Resolution 01-0102, authorizing Superintendent Ford or Auxiliary Services Director Fred Wright to enter into easements, subject to Board ratification. (Filed in Section III of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

5. BOARD POLICY JB -- EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY - REVISION - SECOND READING

Held for discussion: Director Gable requested that an editorial revision be made to change the word "sex" to "gender".

Motion #24: It was moved by Director Gable, seconded by Director Dixon and unanimously carried to approve Board Policy JB with the editorial change.

Director Ross thanked the students who participated in making the policy a living document and making students more aware of hidden prejudices and stereotypes that can be damaging to others in the student population.

6. CITY OF CORVALLIS/CSD 509J FACILITY USE AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Held for discussion: Director Gable expressed concern regarding the age of the agreement. She requested that Auxiliary Services Director Wright update the agreement in time for the next renewal, six months in the future.

Motion #25: It was moved by Director Gable, seconded by Director Johnson, and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with the understanding that it be updated for the next renewal period. (Filed in Section I of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

7. LBCC/CSD 509J FACILITY USE AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Held for discussion: Ron Miller asked clarifying questions regarding facility use.

Motion #26: It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the agreement. (Filed in Section I of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

8. BENTON COUNTY/CSD 509J NURSING - SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT

Held for discussion: Director Dixon announced that he would abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest with his role as Benton County Commissioner.

Motion #27: It was moved by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Baldwin, to approve the contract. All those except Director Dixon voted in favor of the motion; Director Dixon abstained from the vote.

The motion carried. (Filed in Section I of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

9. REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS DESIGNEE

The Board designated Auxiliary Services Director Fred Wright to negotiate real property transactions for the District with the understanding that all agreements will be submitted to the Board for review and final approval. (Filed in Section III of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

10. CHAMBER/EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ADDENDUM

The Board approved the addendum to the agreement, which reflects parity in per-student costs between Philomath and Corvallis School Districts. (Filed in Section I of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

11. DONATIONS

The Board accepted the donations. (Filed in Section IV of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

C. OTHER

1. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS

The Board took action on six interdistrict transfer requests.

X. CONSOLIDATED INFORMATION

Chair TenPas drew the Board's attention to the items on the Consolidated Information Agenda.

A. CORRESPONDENCE

Filed in Section V of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ITEMS

The Board received information on three extended field trips. (Filed in Section IV of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

C. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. INFORMATION ON CLASSIFIED AND NON-REPRESENTED PERSONNEL

(Filed in Section IV of the Official 2000-2001 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 November 30, 2000. (Filed in Section X of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

3. CHECK REGISTER

The detailed check distribution ledger is on file in the Business Services Office and is available for information at any time.

4. ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

The Board received information on enrollment projections for 2000-2001. A complete copy is on file in the Business Services Office and is available for information at any time.

XI. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Director Miller announced that he has received telephone calls from citizens regarding examining the existing Corvallis High School (CHS) site for future high schools; Director Miller requested that staff consider the existing site in future discussions.

XII. OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

A. CONTINUING FACILITIES DISCUSSION

Auxiliary Services Director Wright reported that staff is evaluating possible new school sites using the criteria brought to the Board at the last meeting. He stressed that no decisions on a site have been made at this point and that no decision has been made regarding CHS.

B. INNOVATION--DISCUSSION REGARDING PROGRAMS BEING INVESTIGATED

Dr. Ford coupled this topic with discussion of the third high school.

C. THIRD HIGH SCHOOL DISCUSSION

Dr. Ford discussed the "hot topic" of a third high school, noting that it related to creating a different avenue for high school, not the building of a new facility. Dr. Ford discussed meetings

held to date regarding a third high school, and referenced an upcoming meeting with national consultants to discuss funding. He added that the school will serve all students, not just at risk students.

Dr. Ford said he expects that grants will pay for startup costs, with the program being cost neutral after that. Dr. Ford expressed anticipation for attracting new students into the District.

Board members asked to be kept apprised of the design/outline of the program and grant parameters. Further, Board members expressed a desire to prevent innovative and rich teachers from being pulled to the new high school, eliminating their availability to other schools.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. under ORS 192.660 (1) (d) -- Labor Negotiations.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Chair TenPas adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Bill TenPas, Chair

James P. Ford, Superintendent

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