

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 7:05 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
Barbara Ross, Member
Nancy Raskauskas, Member
Jenny McBride, Member

Executive Staff Present

James P. Ford, Superintendent
Ron Corbell, Assistant Superintendent
Rod Aust, Chief Information Officer
Deborah Dineen, Human Resources
Kathy Rodeman, Business Director
Jeanne Holmes, Assistant to Superintendent
Kim Finch, Student Services Director
Fred Wright, Auxiliary Services Manager
Julie Catala, Board Secretary

Excused

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.

Chair TenPas announced the resignation, effective August 28, 2000, of Vice Chair John Friday from the School Board, position 7. (See Supplemental ItemV-1 of the Official 2000-2001 Board minutes.)

Chair TenPas called for nominations for Board Vice Chair for fiscal year 2000-2001.

Motion #9: Director Dixon nominated Robert Baldwin as Vice Chair for the Board of Directors for fiscal year 2000-2001. The nomination was seconded by Director Gable.

Hearing no objections or further nominations, the nominations were closed.

The motion was unanimously approved.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Ford announced the Corvallis School District's in-service event on August 31, 2000, and invited all Board members to attend.
- Dr. Ford reported that District administrators attended a three-day retreat. He explained that each administrator will develop a personal development plan for use during the school year.
- Dr. Ford announced an orientation program for teachers new to the District. He said the program will run August 28 and 29, 2000.
- Dr. Ford reported that an anonymous donation was received by the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation in the amount of \$10,700. The donation was designated for use at Western View Middle School for the French program.
- Dr. Ford recognized volunteer debate coach Daren Eckstein from Crescent Valley High School for his outstanding dedication to the program.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE(S)

No students gave reports.

V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Robert Yeats, 1654 NW Crest Place, Corvallis, explained that he is a retired professor of geo sciences at Oregon State University. He commended the District for taking a very proactive stance in addressing seismic issues, but indicated that the question "what happens if we do nothing, what is the cost if we do not pass a ballot measure" has not been addressed.

Bob Collier, 1200 Ridgewood Place, Corvallis, urged the Board to take a strong look at the information from the community meetings and find a way to incorporate the educational process into the facility proposals, rather than just addressing the facility issues. He said he feels voters will be more agreeable if they see a longer term planning process for the action.

Susan Edwards, 570 NW Witham Drive, Corvallis, expressed concern about the unknown future of various schools. She used Harding Elementary School as an example, and said it is important for her that her child attends the same school on a continual basis. She

said she needs information to make the proper judgement regarding which school in which to enroll her child.

Christine Stillger, 1810 NW Beca, Corvallis, said she is a proponent for preserving Harding Elementary as a neighborhood school. She said families are more likely to participate in school activities if schools are close by their homes. She indicated that research has shown that one factor contributing to overweight kids is when kids are driven to school vs. walking to school. She added that kids who have to take a bus to school have to get up early; sleepy kids do not make good students. She urged the Board to consider all options, especially keeping neighborhood schools open.

Laura Evenson, 3855 NW VanBuren, Corvallis, said an important piece of information which has not been presented is the need to anticipate future growth. She asked about the projections for the coming 25 to 30 years. She suggested that some of the wording be altered in the facility proposals to clarify whether all of Harding Elementary School will be closed, or only the high risk portion.

VI. STAFF PARTICIPATION

Martin Bronstein, president of the Corvallis School District teachers association, explained that the District's insurance carrier requires all physicians to be part of an independent physician association. One Corvallis physician, Dr. Gallant, has been isolated from the umbrella of local medical groups and it has had a dramatic impact on approximately 200 staff and dependents connected with the District. He urged the Board for support in order to resolve the matter.

VII. SPECIAL REPORTS

Chair TenPas exercised his prerogative to change the order of the agenda. He moved Resolution 00-0805 Regarding Facilities Bond to fall under Seismic Conversation Continuation -- Decisions Regarding Next Steps.

A. SEISMIC CONVERSATION CONTINUATION—DECISIONS REGARDING NEXT STEPS

Chair TenPas called upon Auxiliary Services Director Fred Wright to provide a status report regarding Harding School.

Mr. Wright indicated that, pursuant to Board direction, staff vacated classrooms in the high risk portion of the facility and will keep Harding Elementary School open during the 2000-2001 school year.

Director Dixon expressed his desire for more information. He added that going before voters in November would be premature and would involve rushing to get information out to the community. He added that he wants safety issues for students and staff

addressed as quickly as possible, short of going out for a bond issue, and to move as quickly as possible to resolve when a bond issue might be presented to voters.

Motion #10: It was moved by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Ross, to not adopt Resolution 00-0805, and to refrain from moving forward with a facilities bond election in November 2000.

Director Ross said that deciding to not go out for a November 2000 election is not an indication that the process has stopped. She said that staff needs to continue moving forward to flesh out the options, the costs, and the educational impact, and that the Board needs to be vigorously involved in the issue.

Director Baldwin expressed his desire that a second task force be formed in the next couple of months, including teachers, parents, and administrators, to articulate the direction in which the District wishes to go. He said this would complement the information received to date from the Facility Improvement Plan Task Force.

Director Gable agreed with the previous comments of the Board and suggested that a small group of either Board members or staff be formed to design the process for the next few months. She opined that the group should determine what additional information is needed, whether it involves public process, and what the ultimate timeline will be.

Chair TenPas cautioned against re-creating proposals. He said he would like to see additional recommendations relating to educational needs, population, and safety issues.

Director Gable clarified that she meant bringing together a small group within the next week or two, not necessarily creating another task force.

Chair TenPas called for the vote.

The motion was unanimously approved.

B. DISCUSSION REGARDING BALLOT MEASURES

Chair TenPas called upon Business Director Kathy Rodeman to present her report. Ms. Rodeman distributed a summary document regarding various ballot measures slated for the November 2000 election and led review of their potential impacts on the District. She presented background information about the District's budget. (See Supplemental Item VII-7 in the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

VIII. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

No reports were given.

IX. CONSOLIDATED ACTION

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

Director Dixon requested that Discussion/Possible Action -- Measures 9, 86, and 88 be held for discussion.

Director Ross requested that the Students Today Aren't Ready for Sex (STARS) Program Agreement be held for discussion.

Chair TenPas entertained a motion on the remaining items.

Motion #11: It was moved by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Dixon, and unanimously carried to approve the following:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 19, June 20, June 26 (work session), June 26 (regular meeting), July 17, July 31, and August 15, 2000, meetings were approved as presented.

B. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Licensed-Personnel Recommendations

New Hires

Julia Anema: Art Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Corvallis High School; effective August 30, 2000 (Probationary).

Anicia Criscione: Fourth Grade Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Mt. View Elementary School; effective August 30, 2000 (Probationary).

Stacey Free: Second Grade Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Franklin Elementary School; effective August 30, 2000 (Probationary).

Julia Heffernan: 8th Grade Humanities, 1.0 FTE, Cheldelin Middle School; effective August 30, 2000 (Probationary).

Michael Ann McIlvenny: Special Education Coordinator, 1.0 FTE, District Office; effective August 14, 2000 (Probationary).

Lisa Miller: Spanish Teacher, .83 FTE, Corvallis High School and Western View Middle School; effective August 30, 2000 (Probationary).

Gloria Youngblood: Technology Education, .50 FTE, Cheldelin Middle School; effective August 30, 2000 (Temporary).

Susan Breckenridge: Reading Specialist, .50 FTE, Garfield Elementary School; effective August 30, 2000 (Temporary).

Janet Campbell: French Teacher, .17 FTE, Western View Middle School; effective August 30, 2000 (Temporary).

Rebecca Chineworth: Special Education Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Farm Home School; effective August 30, 2000 (Temporary).

Susan Creighton: Reading Coordinator/Retiree, .30 FTE, Jefferson Elementary School; effective September 27, 2000 (Temporary).

Claudia Daly: Physical Education Specialist, .60 FTE, Fairplay Elementary School; effective September 6, 2000 (Temporary).

John Friday: Eighth Grade Mathematics Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Cheldelin Middle School; effective August 30, 2000 (Probationary).

Sarah Gates: Social Studies Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Corvallis High School; effective August 30, 2000 (Temporary).

Anne Griffith: Elementary Reading Teacher, .50 FTE, Fairplay Elementary School; effective August 30, 2000 (Temporary).

David Hawley: Counselor/Retiree, .35 FTE, Cheldelin Middle School; effective August 30, 2000 (Temporary).

Bob Holt: Athletic Director/Math Teacher, .67 FTE/.33 FTE, Corvallis High School; effective August 30, 2000 (Probationary).

Robert Hunter: Seventh Grade Science Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Western View Middle School; effective August 30, 2000 (Probationary).

Anette Johnston: Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Hoover Elementary School; effective August 30, 2000 (Temporary).

Loretta Lee: Speech Therapist, .60 FTE, Jefferson/Inavale Elementary School; effective August 30, 2000 (Probationary – contingent upon TSPC licensure).

Amy Peters: Speech Therapist, 1.0 FTE, District Office, effective August 30, 2000 (Temporary).

Jennifer Rodriguez: Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Garfield Elementary School; effective August 30, 2000 (Probationary).

Jennifer Seesz-Jones: Special Education Teacher (Essential Life Skills), 1.0 FTE, Crescent Valley High School; effective August 30, 2000 (Probationary).

Robyn Tilton: Special Education Teacher (Essential Life Skills), 1.0 FTE, Highland View Middle School; effective August 30, 2000 (Probationary).

Linda Weckesser: Kindergarten Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Harding Elementary School; effective August 30, 2000 (.50 FTE Probationary/.50 FTE Temporary).

Terminations

Angela Ambert: Eighth Grade Humanities Teacher, .67 FTE, Western View Middle School; effective August 1, 2000 (Resignation).

Sherry Moore: Fourth/Fifth Grade Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Garfield Elementary School; effective June 11, 2000 (Resignation).

Howard Rub: Athletic Director, .67 FTE, Corvallis High School; effective June 19, 2000 (Resignation).

Terry Bennett: Social Studies Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Corvallis High School; effective August 11, 2000 (Resignation).

Dan Hasselschwert: Seventh Grade Science Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Western View Middle School; effective August 23, 2000 (Resignation).

Voluntary Reduction in FTE

Linda (Faye) Cummins: First/Second Grade Teacher, .80 FTE, Jefferson Elementary School; requesting .30 FTE reduction effective August 30, 2000.

Mary Anne Sellers: Kindergarten Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Lincoln Elementary School; requesting .50 FTE reduction effective August 23, 2000.

Request for Leave

Carolyn Nigro: Speech/Language Therapist, .60 FTE, Wilson Elementary School; requesting .10 FTE leave of absence effective August 30, 2000 – June 20, 2001.

Ellen Parker: School Psychologist, 1.0 FTE, Farm Home School/Highland View Middle School; requesting .20 FTE leave of absence effective August 30, 2000 – June 20, 2001.

Julie Williams: Physical Education Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Corvallis High School; requesting .17 FTE leave of absence effective August 30, 2000 – December 30, 2000 (first semester only).

Lehua Cummings: Learning Resource Center Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Highland View Middle School; effective August 30, 2000 through April 2, 2001.

Joan McDougal: Learning Resource Center Teacher, .50 FTE, Corvallis High School; effective August 30, 2000 through June 20, 2001.

Sandy Oberg: Leave W/O Pay, 1.0 FTE, Jefferson Elementary School; requesting leave extension effective August 30, 2000 through December 31, 2000.

2. STUDENTS TODAY AREN'T READY FOR SEX (STARS) PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Held for discussion: Director Ross expressed her support for the agreement, indicating that the research-based program has been proven to change behavior. She indicated her expectation that the program will run more effectively now that it is under school control.

Motion #12: It was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Johnson, and unanimously carried to approve the STARS Program Agreement.

3. THERAPEUTIC LEARNING CENTER AGREEMENT

The Corvallis School District and Greater Albany Public School District (GAPS) entered into an agreement by which Corvallis purchased slots in GAPS Therapeutic Learning, for students with special needs that cannot be met in the Corvallis system. The agreement will be in effect until June 30, 2001.

4. ADAPTED PHYSICAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

The Corvallis School District and Oregon State University (OSU) entered into an agreement by which Corvallis will provide funding for graduate students from the Movement Studies in Disability Program in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science at OSU. The agreement provides adapted physical education to students with disabilities. Corvallis will pay OSU to partially cover graduate student tuition and stipends for one full year. The agreement will be in effect until June 30, 2001.

5. BOARD RESOLUTION 00-0801 IN OPPOSITION TO BALLOT MEASURES 91, 93, AND 8

The Board adopted the resolution.

6. BOARD RESOLUTION 00-0802 IN SUPPORT OF BALLOT MEASURE 1

The Board adopted the resolution.

7. BOARD RESOLUTION 00-0803 IN OPPOSITION TO BALLOT MEASURES 92 AND 98

The Board adopted the resolution.

8. BOARD RESOLUTION 00-0804 FOR EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Resolution 00-0804 provides official notice that the Board of Education of the Corvallis School District has given the Superintendent the discretion to officially declare that an emergency situation exists in the District. It also sets up a frame work for the Superintendent and the Board to work through the decision-making process to assure that the health and safety of students, staff, and community are protected until the emergency situation is terminated.

The Board adopted the resolution.

9. EXTENSION OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Ronald R. Corbell, Assistant Superintendent, has an employment contract with the Corvallis School District that ends June 30, 2001. The revised contract extends his employment through June 30, 2003. There are no significant changes to the terms of his employment contract, which has been reviewed by District legal counsel.

The Board approved the contract extension.

10. BOARD POLICY JEBA--EARLY ENTRANCE--REVISION--SECOND READING.

The Board approved revisions to the policy.

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION--MEASURES 9, 86, AND 88

Held for discussion:

Motion #13: It was moved by Director Dixon, seconded by Director Gable, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolutions 00-0806, 00-0807, and 00-0808, opposing Ballot Measures 9, 86, and 88, respectively.

C. OTHER

1. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS

The Board took action on 15 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

1. INFORMATION ON EXTENDED FIELD TRIPS

- Corvallis High School Advanced Algebra/Physics students visited Pine Mountain and Fort Rock (staying at a campground near French Glen in southeastern Oregon) on August 25-27, 2000. Approximately 25 students traveled by car and van, accompanied by two teachers and four parents. Costs were minimal (food was provided by pot luck). Activities included the use of the observatory and telescopes, exploring ice caves, and climbing Fort Rock. Another group of 25 students will be repeating the same trip September 15-17, 2000.

- Twenty-eight Crescent Valley High School Cross Country team members (boys and girls) will travel to Edmund, Washington, on September 8-10, 2000, to attend invitational meets. Students will travel by van and will be accompanied by two teachers and five parent chaperones. Scholarships are available for students who cannot afford the cost of the trip. Costs are approximately \$100 per student athlete and were offset with fundraising.

- Twenty-eight Crescent Valley High School Cross Country team members (boys and girls) will travel to the Stanford Invitation in California on September 29-October 1, 2000. Students will travel by van and will be accompanied by two teachers and five parent chaperones. Scholarships are available for students who cannot afford the cost of the trip. Costs are approximately \$200 per student athlete, plus \$50 for food, and will be offset with fundraising.

C. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. Information on Classified and Non-Represented Personnel

New Hires

Kimberly Aust: Career Center Coordinator, 6.5 hours, Crescent Valley High School; effective August 31, 2000 (Probationary).

Tony Ling: Technology Computer Lab Assistant 2, 8.0 hours, Highland View Middle School; effective August 31, 2000 (Probationary).

Tracy Relf: Maintenance 1, 8.0 hours, Wilson Elementary School; effective August 16, 2000 (Probationary).

Steve Watson: Maintenance 1, 2.0 hours, Aquatic Center, effective August 16, 2000 (Probationary).

Terminations

Pat Baier: Food Service Assistant 2, 6.50 hours, Philomath Elementary School; effective June 15, 2000 (Resignation).

Marylee Baker: Educational Assistant 2, 6.0 hours, Student Services; effective June 16, 2000 (Resignation).

Ronda Baker: Maintenance 1, 2.0 hours, Aquatic Center, effective April 13, 2000 (Resignation).

Susan Breckenridge: Educational Assistant 2, 3.0 hours, Garfield Elementary School; effective June 30, 1999 (Resignation).

Turtle Haste: Outdoor School Coordinator, 8.0 hours, District Office, effective August 18, 2000 (Resignation).

Laura Scott Mayer: Library Media Assistant 1, 6.0 hours, Corvallis High School; effective June 16, 2000 (Resignation).

XI. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Director Johnson expressed concern about the school calendar, which schedules school for the first two days of the third week in June, instead of ending school on the preceding Friday, June 15, 2001. He indicated that he has received complaints from parents because the dates conflict with various summer camps. He requested that staff review the matter and recommend alternatives at the September 11, 2000, Board meeting.

1. BOARD RETREAT

Chair TenPas requested that Board members review their calendars and provide the Board secretary with the dates they are available for such a retreat. He indicated that the retreat is anticipated to begin during the afternoon and end in the evening.

XII. OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

Chair TenPas announced the plan for a process to select an interim Board member to fill position 7. Details will be released soon.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 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

Prepared by: Julie Catala

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