

**MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Corvallis School District 509J  
1555 SW 35<sup>th</sup> Street  
Corvallis, Oregon

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Chair TenPas at 7:00 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  
Cyrel Gable, Member  
Ronald Miller, Member

Executive Staff Present

James P. Ford, Superintendent  
Ron Corbell, Assistant Superintendent  
Kathy Rodeman, Business Director  
Kim Finch, Student Services Director  
Cathi Alden, Teaching and Learning  
Deborah Dineen, Human Resources Director  
Rod Aust, Chief Information Officer  
Jeanne Holmes, Assistant to Superintendent  
Julie Catala, Board Secretary

Excused

Jay Dixon, Member  
Robert Johnson, Member  
Barbara Ross, Member

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 announced that the November 27, 2000, joint work session with the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation was postponed after the resignation of Executive Director Kay Reynolds.

- Dr. Ford alerted the Board that he and Chair TenPas are currently reviewing the concept of student representatives on the Board. Student Representative Nancy Raskauskas said issues discussed this year by the Board are not things that students really are involved in. The Board expressed the value derived from student input.
- Dr. Ford called upon Kathy Rodeman and Jeanne Holmes to update the Board on progress by the budget work team to date. Ms. Holmes explained that the budget work team is working to align the budget with the four goals of the district. Ms. Rodeman clarified that the group's charge is for the internal budgeting process, not pre-empting the Board's role in the budget process. Dr. Ford shared information regarding the Linn-Benton-Lincoln Education Services District resolution services system.

#### **IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE(S)**

No students spoke.

#### **V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Larry Weymouth, 415 NW Merrie Drive, Corvallis, addressed the issue of general communication with the Board and use of the web site for posting meeting minutes. Mr. Weymouth requested information regarding the recent Board retreat. He shared his concerns regarding the length of time the Board has taken to put a measure on the ballot regarding seismic issues, and expressed concern for safety of students. He urged the Board to put the safety of students first, and to set a firm date for a ballot measure.

#### **VI. STAFF PARTICIPATION**

Denise Purdy, Jerry Lasater, and Roger Rictor read aloud a petition signed by 273 classified members of the district. (See Supplemental Item IV-5 of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.) Mr. Lasater shared his belief of the District's ability to override the contract and pay additional insurance costs. He said that during contract negotiations, classified staff stressed equity across all employee groups. Mr. Rictor said that classified employees do not feel appreciated by the District. Discussion ensued with the Board regarding its decision.

#### **VII. SPECIAL REPORTS**

##### **A. SUSAN KLINKHAMMER ARCTIC EXPEDITION**

Susan Klinkhammer presented information about Teachers Exploring the Arctic (TEA), which matches teachers with research scientists, to boost student interest in science. She shared details of her expedition to the Arctic.

##### **B. ENERGY PROGRAM UPDATE**

Due to illness, Darin Davidson was not present. The Board had received the report in advance of the meeting; any Board member questions will be addressed to Mr. Davidson upon his return to work.

### C. SHARE NETWORK

Rod Aust, Chief Information Officer, presented information about the interactive SHARE network, which allows users to create customizable portals on the web. He explained that the network could be used for such things as accessing student grades, lesson plans, and attendance information; registering for volunteer opportunities and matching volunteers to programs in the District, etc. Mr. Aust explained that the SHARE Network would allow partnering opportunities for local businesses that could give discounts to persons who volunteer in the District.

## VIII. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### A. GOALS AND BOARD INVOLVEMENT

The Board brain stormed details of the first of the four proposed goals. Discussion included clearly outlining performance expectations for the District; employee performance evaluations; contract negotiations that focus on teacher quality vs. seniority; the impact of statewide report cards on teaching and learning; balancing accountability and assessment; “learning for all” and its meaning; innovation, which includes the school day and start times; whether staff feels the Head Start Program benefits young people; integrated science; advanced placement vs. honors programs; whether or not reading programs really work, etc.

It was mentioned that a more focused work session could be held regarding three basic activities the Board could address: 1) what the District does with pre-K; 2) how the Board reaches out to at-risk youth; 3) the school year.

Dr. Ford entertained discussion regarding the concept of a “proactive” board. Board discussion included the concept that the Board should monitor and respond to what the Superintendent and staff bring to the Board (a series of options), without being taken too deeply into the internal workings/management of departments. Other sentiments expressed included the need for Board members to be very involved in the schools and keep abreast of activities in the District Office, so that when policy decisions are made they are from a real knowledge of the District. Further sentiments included the belief that it is the Board’s role to support a vision; the importance of removing politics from the Board; taking unpopular stands to create positive outcomes; and participating in school activities to be visible on the school scene.

Director Baldwin shared that the words “engaging, relevant, rigorous, and personal”, in the first goal, have a history and a shared meaning within the District, and are powerful concepts that are meaningful from the point of view of all students.

## IX. CONSOLIDATED ACTION

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

**Motion #18:** It was moved by Director Baldwin, seconded by Director Gable, and unanimously carried to approve the following:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 25, 2000 (work session), and October 16, 2000 (regular meeting), were approved as presented.

B. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S LICENSED-PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

See Supplemental Item IV-6 of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.

2. 2000-01 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION 00-1101

The Board approved Resolution 00-1101 (See Supplemental Item III-11 of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

3. CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATORS' COMPENSATION

The Board approved an optional \$25 per month cellular telephone stipend for administrators and designated non-represented staff. For those who participate in the optional program, no District-purchased cellular telephone or air time would be provided for business use. All expenses for the telephones would be the responsibility of the individual. Such a program eliminates the need for eligible staff to carry two cellular telephones -- one for personal use and one for business use.

4. COLLECTION AGENCY AGREEMENT

The agreement with Creditors Collection Services will be used to pursue formal collection efforts when internal collection efforts fail. The Board approved the agreement. (Filed in Section I of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

5. LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES AGREEMENT

The agreement with Central Linn School District (CLSD) provides for library/media services including program consultation, automated library services, and staff training. The board approved the agreement. (Filed in Section I of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

6. DONATIONS

The Board accepted the donations. (See Supplemental Item IV-7 of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

**C. OTHER**

**1. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS**

The Board took action on five 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**

No items were submitted for Board information.

**C. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS**

**1. INFORMATION ON CLASSIFIED AND NON-REPRESENTED PERSONNEL**

See Supplemental Item IV-7 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 September 30, 2000. (See Supplemental Item X-4 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. SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLAN ACTUARIAL VALUATION**

The Board received information regarding the actuarial update for the Corvallis Supplemental Retirement. (See Supplemental Item X-5 of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

**D. OTHER**

**1. CORVALLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT**

The Board received the annual report of the Foundation. (See Supplemental Item VII-10 of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

**XI. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

Chair TenPas urged Board members to read the Aquatic Center Agreement, provided to the Board already, so that action can be taken at the December meeting.

**XII. OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**A. CONTINUING FACILITIES DISCUSSION**

Jeanne Holmes distributed a draft timeline; discussion ensued regarding details of the timeline.

**B. CHARTER SCHOOL DISCUSSION**

Alternative Education Principal Sharon Thornagle updated the Board on the status of the charter school implementation grant to date.

**C. INNOVATION - DISCUSSION REGARDING PROGRAMS BEING INVESTIGATED**

Dr. Ford announced that a meeting would be held on November 16, 2000, for the purpose of discussing various options for high schools. He added that he would meet with the Wilson Elementary School principal to begin exploratory conversations regarding core knowledge. Dr. Ford announced that he would also meet with Franklin School parents regarding possibilities at that school, and alerted the Board that the February 2001 work session would be held at Fairplay School.

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board did not meet in Executive Session.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Chair TenPas adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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Bill TenPas, Chair

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James P. Ford, Superintendent

**Prepared by: Julie Catala**

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