

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

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

- Assistant Superintendent Ron Corbell announced that Dr. Ford is on vacation. He further acknowledged that schools would be closing for winter break after December 15, 2000.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE(S)

Nancy Raskauskas reported that she met with Corvallis High School (CHS) student council members to discuss seismic issues. From those discussions, Ms. Raskauskas learned that students hoped that CHS facilities were either improved or that a new facility would be built. Ms. Raskauskas said that discussion had taken place regarding charter schools and

misinformation about decreased funding to CHS and Crescent Valley High School (CVHS). She said that students wish to receive more information about charter schools. Ms. Raskauskas said that students are pleased that a committee is reviewing school start times.

Jenny McBride reported that CVHS students are focusing on human rights issues, and that the group Students for World Awareness circulated petitions to end torture and to help human rights around the world. Ms. McBride said CVHS students oppose combining CVHS and CHS into one high school.

Chair TenPas said District staff and Board members are willing to meet with students regarding charter schools and/or seismic issues.

V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Students Sasha King and Cristina Cruz-Uribe read from a statement by representatives of the Gay-Straight Alliances from Crescent Valley and Corvallis High Schools. (Filed in Section V of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.) The statement urged the Board to include “sexual orientation” in language in the Equal Educational Opportunity policy, relating to non-discrimination. The Board informed the students that the revised policy language was on the agenda for first reading at the current meeting. The students were pleased to learn that the Board had voted unanimously to oppose Measure 9.

VI. STAFF PARTICIPATION

No staff presented information.

VII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. WILLAMETTE VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL (WVCS) UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Corbell reported on the progress to date of WVCS. He said that initially a few reports were submitted after deadlines, then added that all reports are currently up to date.

Mr. Corbell reported that 34% of WVCS students are special education students, adding that the average for the rest of Corvallis public schools is 11-17%. He commended WVCS and Corvallis School District staff for their collaborative efforts in implementing the charter.

Mr. Corbell called upon Leslie Crisp, WVCS Director, to share her perspective of the year to date. Ms. Crisp explained the challenges that the school has overcome, including the increased population. She provided examples of adventure-based learning underway at the school.

VIII. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

A. ADOPTION OF BOARD/DISTRICT GOALS

Cathi Alden, Director of Teaching and Learning, led review of the proposed goals. (See Supplemental Item IV-9.) She reported that staff added sub-goals to the four main goals, and stated that building administrators will use them as guides for their work. Discussion ensued regarding measuring goals and their effectiveness and impact; tracking progress toward the goals and reporting to the Board; and the word “rigorous” and the sub goals to address the concept.

Motion #20: It was moved by Director Ross, seconded by Director Baldwin, and unanimously approved to adopt the Board/District goals as presented, with the understanding that reports will be provided to the Board later in the year.

IX. CONSOLIDATED ACTION

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

Director Miller requested that the Osborn Aquatic Center Intergovernmental Agreement be held for discussion.

Chair TenPas entertained a motion on the remaining items.

Motion #21: It was moved by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Dixon, and unanimously carried to approve the following:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 30, 2000 (work session), November 13, 2000 (regular meeting), and November 27, 2000 (special meeting), were approved as presented.

B. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. SUPERINTENDENT’S LICENSED-PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board approved the recommendations. (See Supplemental Item IV-10 of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

2. UPDATE STUDENT BODY CHECKING ACCOUNT SIGNORS - RESOLUTION 00-1201

The Board approved Resolution 00-1201, updating the authorized signors for student body checking accounts. (See Supplemental Item III-12 of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

3. AMERICA READS/AMERICA COUNTS WORK-STUDY AGREEMENT

The Board approved the agreement, which reflects changes in federal regulations and institutional policy. (Filed in Section I of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

4. OSBORN AQUATIC CENTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Held for discussion: Director Miller expressed concern over Issue Resolution—Routine Maintenance, regarding matters that are not of a routine nature. Auxiliary Services Director Fred Wright said he believes Director Miller’s concern can be addressed with minor language changes in the agreement.

Motion #22: It was moved by Director Miller, seconded by Director Johnson, and unanimously carried to approve the Osborn Aquatic Center Intergovernmental Agreement.

The agreement transfers to the City of Corvallis complete operation of the aquatic center. (Filed in Section I of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

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

Policy JB was read and moved to second reading. Policy JB is being revised to include gender and sexual orientation in the non-discrimination language, and to make the policy congruent with Policy GBA -- Equal Employment Opportunity and district practices.

6. ELECTRICAL EASEMENT FOR SCOREBOARDS AT CRESCENT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

The Board approved the easement agreement, which gives Consumer’s Power an electrical easement in order to provide power for installation of softball and soccer scoreboards at CVHS. (Filed in Section I of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

7. DONATIONS

The Board accepted the donations. (See Supplemental Item IV-11 of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

C. OTHER

1. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS

The Board took action on two 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 six extended field trips. (See Supplemental Item IV-12 of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

C. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. INFORMATION ON CLASSIFIED AND NON-REPRESENTED PERSONNEL

See Supplemental Item IV-13 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 October 31, 2000. (See Supplemental Item X-6 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. FY99-00 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board received the FY99-00 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. A complete copy is on file in the Business Services Office and is available for information at any time.

5. UPDATE ON STATE SCHOOL FUNDING

The state released an updated forecast of state funding formula revenues for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 in November. The Board received summary information on the estimates compared with the information prepared in September. (See Supplemental Item X-7 of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

XI. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

The Board discussed the District's weapons and drugs policies to determine whether or not to revise them. Directors Johnson, Gable, and Baldwin will work with staff to review the policy and determine whether or not to bring revised policies before the Board.

Director Gable reported that she would be serving on the steering committee of the Coalition for School Funding Now; she requested input from Board members.

Director Ross requested that Board members, Business Services Director Kathy Rodeman, and other appropriate staff meet with legislators in January 2001. The meeting would be to brief local legislators on the District's budget and other issues facing the District. Directors Gable and Ross will attend the meeting with the appropriate District staff members.

XII. OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

A. CONTINUING FACILITIES DISCUSSION

Auxiliary Services Director Fred Wright distributed a site feasibility survey regarding future high school sites, and led review of the document. (See Supplemental Item IV-14 of the Official 2000-2001 Board Minutes.)

B. INNOVATION--DISCUSSION REGARDING PROGRAMS BEING INVESTIGATED

No information was presented.

C. THIRD HIGH SCHOOL DISCUSSION

Jeanne Holmes, Pat Canan, Dick Behn, and Director Baldwin shared discussions to date about creating different possibilities for high school and middle school levels. The discussions resulted from meetings of the "Bombay Rhinos" and "The High School Experience" groups. Ms. Holmes outlined future meetings, including those with national consultants.

Board input included obtaining Board approval of the concept before securing funding; including students in discussions throughout the process; concern regarding success of transitioning from new, best-practices types of schools into larger school settings; concern regarding possibly weakening of the current education system by focusing energy on an experimental system; the potential for excluding the many for the sake of a few.

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 9:00 p.m.

Bill TenPas, Chair

Ronald R. Corbell, Assistant Superintendent

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