

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 TenPas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Western View Middle School Library, 1435 SW 35th Street, Corvallis. 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
Ron Miller, Vice Chair
Robert Johnson, Member
Cyrel Gable, Member
Joan Demarest, Member
Sara Gelser, Member
Robert Baldwin, Member

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Ron Corbell, Assistant Superintendent
Jeanne Holmes, Assistant to Superintendent
Kathy Rodeman, Business Services Director
Fred Wright, Auxiliary Services Director
Laverne Pitts, Foundation Director
Michael Ann McIlvenny, Special Education
Coordinator
Dawn Tarzian, Teaching and Learning
Director
Duane Jager, Technology Integration Manager
Julie Catala, Board Secretary

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Stacey Mitchell, Crescent Valley

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair TenPas led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

No report was given.

IV. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

No items were presented.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In Superintendent Ford's absence, Assistant Superintendent Ron Corbell reported that the Crescent Valley robotics team won the Motorola Quality Award at the Pacific Northwest Regional competition in Seattle this last weekend. They are eligible to continue to compete in Orlando, Florida April 27-29. The trip will cost \$10,000. The Corvallis Public Schools Foundation will be contacted to inquire about funding.

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Ellen Deitch, 1805 NW Garfield, Corvallis, spoke to what she sees as the duplication of programs of the proposed Harding Charter School. She said Garfield Elementary offers extremely similar situations in their language instruction, diversity, small group learning, partnering with senior citizens, and the after school program. Garfield has a wide socio-economic range and essential life skills classes as well. She said the consolidation and closure process was due to too many buildings and too few students so supporting a charter school in a high-liability building (Harding Elementary) would not be spending the district's money wisely and start-up costs could further erode basic funding for textbooks, music, and art. Fundraising volunteers at the schools would rather see their efforts garner enrichment programs as opposed to being used to support basic needs.

Bob Veazie, 4840 NW Bruno Place, Corvallis, a Scout, spoke to the Board on two points. The first item was the upcoming November bond levy. Though he strongly supports schools he asked the Board to consider a moderated version with a lesser financial impact on citizens or perhaps two options on the ballot, the current one and a lesser one for voters to choose from. The second item he addressed was regarding the proposed Policy KK. Policy KK deals with school visitors, including recruiters, and had its first reading at this meeting. He asked that the Board permit recruitment by groups serving the community, if even for a couple of hours per year. In Eugene, where recruitment was disallowed, the Scouts lost nearly 500 members. He stated that the students who assisted in controlling Kip Kinkle in the Springfield shooting were scouts.

Jared Vanderhoff, 715 16th Place SE, Albany, a Scout, also spoke to the recruitment issue. He is opposed to the district disallowing recruitment during lunch and recesses. He stated Salem and Portland have decided to allow it. If the proposed policy is approved he requested a moratorium so that Scouts can search for a replacement venue for recruitment. He also requested that the policy be reevaluated at the end of one year. He has no problems with the proposed fee schedule for facilities use. He hopes the district will consider reduced fees for disadvantaged organizations or donated labor in lieu of fees.

Mark Smith, 2959 NW Angelica, Corvallis, the director of racing for the Crescent Valley Ski Team, spoke to their reliance on the Scouts for their insurance. The ski team, like some other high school sports teams, is a self-funded, parent-run organization. The ski team obtains their insurance through the Boy Scouts. They are considered to be an adventure troop and are registered under the umbrella of the Boy Scouts, though they do not take the scout oath.

VII. STAFF PARTICIPATION

No staff presented information.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. YOUTH ACTIVITIES LEVY

Four high school students from the Chamber of Commerce's youth leadership program brought forth a proposal for a youth activities levy. (Supporting documentation filed in Section VII of the Official 2001-2002 Board Minutes.) The \$3,017,000 levy would support enrichment programs in reading, foreign language, sports, music, art, and drama. The estimated tax rate would be approximately \$1/\$1000. Provided it was worded carefully to support extra-curricular or enrichment programs to fall outside of school funding formula, it would provide a funding source that would have no affect on the local option. The idea has been addressed before and other communities have adopted similar levies.

Though Board members definitely saw the value of the proposal and commended the students, their hesitancy in showing unreserved support hinged on the timing with the district putting forth a major bond also in November. They encouraged the students to address the City Council to obtain their response and thanked them for caring.

IX. CONSOLIDATED ACTION

Chair TenPas directed the Board's attention to the Consolidated Action agenda. No members wished to pull any items for discussion.

Motion # 43: It was moved by Director Baldwin, seconded by Director Miller, and unanimously carried to approve the following.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 11, 2002, and the Special Meeting minutes of March 18, 2002, were approved as presented. (Filed in the Official 2001-2002 Board Minutes.)

B. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S LICENSED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board approved the recommendations. (Filed in Section IV of the Official 2001-2002 Board Minutes.)

2. EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR BUSINESS MANAGER

The Board approved a three-year rolling contract for the Director of Business Services. (A copy is on file in the Human Resources Department.)

3. BOARD POLICY BC/BCA - BOARD ORGANIZATION/BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - REVISION--SECOND READING

The revision brings the district's policy in line with the state's recent policy change, altering the time a Director can serve as Board Chair from two to four years in succession. (Filed in Section XII of the Official 2001-2002 Board Minutes.)

4. YOUTH LEADERSHIP CORVALLIS AGREEMENT

This is an annual renewal of an agreement between the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce and the District. The Chamber provides eight all-day sessions (one per month) for 30 high school youth to inform, motivate, and increase leadership awareness through issue-oriented activities and interaction with community decision-makers. The fee to the district is \$1540. (Filed in Section I of the Official 2001-2002 Board Minutes.)

5. RESOLUTION 02-0401 TO REALLOCATE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Falling interest rates resulted in the District not realizing expected earnings on investments. This led to a deficit in the Short-Term Borrowing Fund. The reallocation of funds transfers \$3,820 from Support Services to cover the difference. (Filed in Section III of the Official 2001-2002 Board Minutes.)

6. FIXED ASSET APPRAISAL AND ACCOUNTING

In order to ensure the district maintains its financial rating regarding asset appraisal and accounting, per a new regulation of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, it is deemed most prudent to enter into a contractual agreement for the purchase of compliant software, fixed asset appraisal services to establish the database, and scanner equipment to annually update the database. The contract is expected to be a maximum of \$30,000. The selected vendor was chosen by a group of representative districts in the region. (Filed in Section VI of the Official 2001-2002 Board Minutes.)

C. OTHER

There were no other items included in this meeting's Consolidated Actions.

X. CONSOLIDATED INFORMATION

Chair TenPas drew the Board's attention to the Consolidated Information. Director Miller had questions regarding Board Policy KJA and KJA-AR and Board Policy KK. Chair TenPas responded they would be dealt with later in the meeting when the Board discusses Board Policy KG and KG-AR.

A. CORRESPONDENCE

Filed in Section V of the Official 2001-2002 Board Minutes.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ITEMS

1. EXTENDED FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

The Board received information on six extended field trips. (Filed in Section IV of the Official 2001-2002 Board Minutes.)

2. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER INFORMATION

The Board received information on 13 interdistrict transfers.

C. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS**1. NON-LICENSED PERSONNEL INFORMATION**

Filed in Section IV of the Official 2001-2002 Board Minutes.

2. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

A proposed meeting schedule for the 2002-2003 fiscal year was presented.

3. BOARD POLICY KJA AND KJA-AR--DISTRIBUTION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION - REVISION - FIRST READING

This is a new policy and its accompanying administrative regulation regarding the distribution of announcements and flyers.

4. BOARD POLICY KK--VISITORS TO DISTRICT FACILITIES - REVISION - FIRST READING

The proposed policy change adds language dealing with recruitment.

5. 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 February 28, 2002. (Filed in Section X of the Official 2001-2002 Board Minutes.)

6. CHECK REGISTER

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

7. ARCHITECTURAL SELECTION COMMITTEE – CRESCENT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL REMODEL/MODERNIZATION BOND PROJECT PHASE ONE

The Board was informed of the Architectural Selection Committee members, staff and non-staff, for selecting a firm to design the improvements to Crescent Valley High School that will be included in the November facilities bond. (Filed in Section IV of the Official 2001-2002 Board Minutes.)

XI. OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS**A. BOARD POLICY KG AND KG-AR--COMMUNITY USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES - REVISION - SECOND READING**

Assistant to the Superintendent Jeanne Holmes came forward with Shelley Dubkin-Lee, the District's Human Resources Coordinator for Licensed Staff; Fred Wright, Auxiliary Services Director; and Joe Richards, the district's attorney, to review Policies KG, KJA, KK, and their related administrative regulations. Policies KJA and KK had their first reading at this meeting. Policy KJA deals with distribution of announcements and community information. Policy KK deals with visitors

to district facilities, including recruiters. Administrative regulations are normally brought before the Board for information only but because of the impact on the community the district chose to bring them forward for Board review.

Suggestions were made by the Board to make some of the language clearer. Concerns were raised for regulations outlining when announcements can be removed, consistency among buildings, announcements in school newsletters, payment in labor for facilities fees, co-supporting of a team and insurance obtained through Boy Scouts for high school sports teams.

It was decided to inquire as to how the Eugene school district policy reads and how it affects related administrative regulations. This resulted in Policies KJA and KK being forwarded for a second reading and Policy KG being forwarded for another reading.

Chair TenPas referenced an earlier discussion and requested Board feedback for delaying implementation of revised policy KG and KG AR until July 1, 2002. Mr. Wright recommended at least waiting to implement the surcharge until July 1, 2002, to allow staff time to communicate the changes to the public. Director Johnson recommended implementing the policy and AR at the same time. Consensus was reached by the Board to delay implementation of the revised policy KG and KG AR until July 1, 2002.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Chair TenPas adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Bill TenPas, Chair

Ron Corbell, Assistant Superintendent

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