

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 7:00 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
Joan Demarest, Member
Cyrel Gable, Member
Sara Gelser, Member
Ronald Miller, Member

Executive Staff Present

James P. Ford, Superintendent
Ron Corbell, Assistant Superintendent
Jeanne Holmes, Assistant to Superintendent
Fred Wright, Auxiliary Services Manager
Kathy Rodeman, Business Director
Dawn Tarzian, Director of Teaching and Learning
Julie Catala, Board Secretary

Board Members Absent

Robert Johnson, 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. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Chair TenPas reported on the dedication ceremony for Hansen Stadium at Taylor Field, stating that the event was a big success.

V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Dr. Ford invited the Board to attend the District-wide back to school kick-off on August 27, 2001. He outlined the events for the day.

- Dr. Ford shared information regarding a restructuring of communication with key communicators for the District, adding that e-mail would be the new mode of correspondence.
- Dr. Ford requested feedback from Board members for a new format for Board packet items as a way to provide more detailed information before decisions are called for.
- Dr. Ford introduced Dawn Tarzian, new Director of Teaching and Learning. Ms. Tarzian replaced Cathi Alden, who became the Corvallis High School Principal.

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Karuna Neustadt, 1640 NW Emperor Drive, Corvallis, represented the Mid-Valley Human Rights Coalition. Ms. Neustadt read from a prepared statement indicating a belief that the District is out of compliance with its anti-discrimination policy, and a belief that groups whose philosophies, policies, and practices run counter to the District's anti-discrimination policy are using District facilities and have access to students during the school day for meetings and/or recruitment purposes. She urged the District to adopt an anti-discrimination pledge similar to the one adopted by the Benton County United Way. She distributed copies of the statement and a pledge currently in effect by the United Way.

Chair TenPas indicated that the District had already begun reviewing its facility use guidelines. Dr. Ford added that specific language would address sponsorship, building use, and recruitment.

Guy March, 466 S. 28th Place, Philomath, represented the Benton District of Boy Scouts of America, said that the US Supreme Court decided that the Boy Scouts have the right for free association. He stressed that any Board decision should be in the best interests of youth.

Bob Veazie, 4840 NW Bruneau Place, Corvallis, also a member of the Boy Scouts of America, encouraged the Board to think systemically in terms of the impact on kids of its decision for use of District facilities. He added that as a system, the Boy Scouts is not focused on sexual orientation, and said that the Boy Scouts program would suffer degradation if troops were not allowed to use District facilities.

VII. STAFF PARTICIPATION

No staff presented information.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

No reports were presented.

IX. CONSOLIDATED ACTION

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

Director Gelser requested that the Comprehensive Risk Evaluations agreement be held for discussion. Director Miller requested that the Students Today Aren't Ready for Sex renewal agreement be held for discussion.

Chair TenPas entertained a motion on the remaining items.

Motion #7: It was moved by Director Miller, seconded by Director Baldwin, and unanimously carried to approve the following.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 9, 2001, 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 2001-2002 Board Minutes.)

2. E-RATE FILING SERVICE AGREEMENT

The last four years of E-Rate refunds have not been actualized due to an unwieldy process. Approval of the agreement provides for filing on the District's behalf by Umatilla-Morrow ESD. Approval offers potential E-Rate reimbursements amounting to as much as \$200,000.

3. SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES RENEWAL AGREEMENT

Benton County, through the Benton County Health Department, will provide school nurse services to the students of 509J.

4. COMPREHENSIVE RISK EVALUATIONS AGREEMENT

Held for discussion: Director Gelser raised a question regarding the functional behavioral assessment and asked why it would not be given to all students at risk for committing a violent act at school, not just those in special education or on a 504 plan. Assistant Superintendent Corbell said he would work with Student Services Director Finch on this matter. Director Finch was unable to attend the meeting.

Motion #8: It was moved by Director Gelser, seconded by Director Miller, and unanimously carried to approve the Comprehensive Risk Evaluations Agreement.

5. STUDENTS TODAY AREN'T READY FOR SEX (STARS) AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Held for discussion: Director Miller asked if programs of this nature are measured and evaluated for their positive impact. Dr. Ford said he would address the matter with staff.

Motion #9: It was moved by Director Miller, seconded by Director Baldwin, and unanimously carried to approve the Students Today Aren't Ready for Sex (STARS) Agreement renewal.

6. REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION 01-0801 FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND

The Board adopted resolution 01-0801, declaring the District's intent to reimburse expenditures with the proceeds of a future issue of bonds.

7. DONATIONS

The Board accepted the donations. (Filed in Section X of the Official 2001-2002 Board Minutes.)

C. OTHER

1. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS

The Board took action on 23 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 2001-2002 Board Minutes.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ITEMS

1. EXTENDED FIELD TRIPS

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

C. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. INFORMATION ON CLASSIFIED AND NON-REPRESENTED PERSONNEL

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

2. CHECK REGISTER

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

3. ARCHITECTURAL SELECTION COMMITTEE - REPLACEMENT HIGH SCHOOL (CHS)

The Board received information on committee members and selection process for architectural services. Proposals are due September 20, 2001, for review by the committee and interviews are scheduled for October 16, 2001. A recommendation will be made to the Board on November 5, 2001.

XI. OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

A. LEADERSHIP TEAM RETREAT

Dr. Ford reported on the retreat, stating that it was the most successful leadership retreat in which he had participated. He turned the meeting over to Jeanne Holmes, who indicated the purpose of the retreat was to develop instructional leadership roles for principals and to develop the central administration office to be a support for principals in those roles. Ms. Holmes shared information from the retreat, including the concept of centralization. She and Dr. Ford conducted an illustrative exercise with the Board as an example of the work done at the retreat and by the District since Dr. Ford's arrival.

The Board expressed appreciation to Dr. Ford for his leadership and the work that has been done since his arrival. Director Baldwin said he was in awe of the hard work staff put in at the retreat.

Ms. Holmes and Ms. Tarzian continued the report about the work completed at the leadership retreat.

Director Gable said she would like to see the Board address the question of how it can add value to the process begun at the retreat, and to support making excellence of instruction the focus of the District. It was suggested that Director Gable's idea be discussed at a future Board retreat.

B. SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

Kathy Rodeman led review of the options available and the research conducted to arrive at the recommendation.

Dr. Ford recommended combining Fairplay Elementary and Mountain View Elementary Schools attendance boundaries.

Motion #10: It was moved by Director Miller and seconded by Director Baldwin to assign Harding Elementary School students to Adams, Jefferson, and Garfield Elementary Schools and to adjust Adams and Jefferson Elementary Schools boundaries to make room for Harding

Elementary School students; and to combine Fairplay and Mountain View Elementary Schools attendance boundaries.

Discussion ensued.

The motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not meet in Executive Session.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Chair TenPas adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Bill TenPas, Chair

James P. Ford, Superintendent

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