

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 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room, 1555 SW 35th Street, Corvallis. Chair TenPas dispensed with the calling of the roll and the secretary recorded those present as listed below.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill TenPas, Chair
Robert Baldwin, Member
Robert Johnson, Member
Cyrel Gable, Member
Sara Gelser, Member
Joan Demarest, Member

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ron Miller, Vice Chair

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Tyler Storie, CHS
Stacey Mitchell, CV

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Ron Corbell, Assistant Superintendent
Fred Wright, Director of Auxiliary Services
Jeanne Holmes, Assistant to Superintendent
Laverne Pitts, Foundation Director
Julie McCann, Community and Resource
Development Coordinator
Kim Finch, Student Services Director
Michael Ann McIlvenny, Special Education
Coordinator
Dawn Tarzian, Teaching and Learning
Director
Duane Jager, Technology Integration
Manager
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. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

There were none.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As Superintendent Ford was not present, Assistant Superintendent Corbell relayed the report in his absence. He informed the Board that there was a smooth school opening district-wide. Buildings appreciated the support of central office staff in their buildings the first two hours of opening day. The district's current enrollment is 7,249 students, which is within three of the prediction.

Assistant Superintendent Corbell reminded members of the OSBA annual convention Nov. 16-18.

He introduced the new student representatives to the Board, Tyler Storie and Stacey Mitchell, from CHS and CV respectively. Tyler Storie reported the freshmen were off to a great start and the student council orientation went well. Stacey Mitchell reported her school's orientation went well, also. Chair TenPas invited them to participate fully in discussions.

V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No citizens wished to speak.

VI. STAFF PARTICIPATION

No staff came forward.

VII: SPECIAL REPORTS - Fred Wright, Auxiliary Services Director

Mr. Wright stated that once the architectural firm is approved by the Board tonight the next steps are to set up meetings with or obtain information from the following: Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals; geotechnical study on soil conditions; traffic studies; Oregon Department of Transportation, especially as relates to 35th and Philomath Boulevard intersection; City of Corvallis Planning Staff; K-8 Sub-Committee, which is due to make their recommendation to the Board on October 22; all three middle school principals; and the two city councilors whose wards include the middle schools of Highland View and Western View. These meetings will take place prior to forums for public input. Mr. Wright will also begin working with an oversight committee, which will oversee the education specifics in layout and design. This oversight committee will consist of the two middle school principals, two parents, two students, four teachers, one Board member, representatives from our Teaching and Learning, Student Services, Technology and Food Services Departments as well as a representative from the

Corvallis Parks and Recreation Department and himself. This oversight committee will meet with the architectural firm over several months.

Mr. Wright then introduced Alan Costic of Arbuckle Costic Architects of Salem who provided some background on his firm. It is a second-generation firm in its 42nd year of operation. They have dealt with 50 school districts over 12 years including 20 middle school projects. He has chaired a citizens' task force in Salem as a parent when they were considering going from a 7th/8th middle school configuration to a 6,7,8. There were 144 people on that committee, including 9 sub-committees.

Mr. Costic then answered questions from the Board:

Q: In addition to being safe can we bring in someone from the local arts community to add beauty and pizzazz?

A: He appreciates fun architecture as well. He has worked with artists and historians. An accomplished artist in Salem called him to complement him on the design of Mt. Angel Elementary School, saying it was stunning and creative. He said each client has a personality and the same building would not work on both sites. He said the building needs to reflect the district's philosophy meeting these criteria:

1. Function
2. Code Compliant
3. Aesthetically appropriate for education in pleasing sight, sound, and touch
4. Budget

Q: Should not the student's point of view be paramount in interior design?

A: Not necessarily, the community will use the facility for a long time.

Q: Will the design be cell-like?

A: Social spaces have been neglected in past.

VIII. CONSOLIDATED ACTION

Chair TenPas requested Item C1, Interdistrict Transfer Request, be pulled from the consolidated action.

Motion #11: It was moved by Director Baldwin and seconded by Director Gable and unanimously approved to carry the following.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 20, 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. SPECIAL EDUCATION REPLACEMENT POLICIES – FIRST READING

It was approved to forward the policies for a second reading.

In 1997 the United States Congress reauthorized the laws regarding special education. This became known as the Individuals with Disabilities Act, or I.D.E.A. States were expected to update their special education laws to match the federal regulations. This process took nearly two years. The policies brought forth for action on September 10, 2001 to the Corvallis School District Board have been adopted on a statewide level. The policies need to be approved at the district level. They are complete replacement sets for the district's outdated policies. The policies are as follows:

- GCL - Staff Development – Licensed
- IGBA – Students with Disabilities (Version 1)
- IGBAB – Records of Students with Disabilities
- IGBAC – Special Education – Personnel Development
- IGBAE – Special Education – Participation in Regular Education Programs
- IGBAF – Special Education – Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- IGBAG – Special Education – Procedural Safeguards
- IGBAH – Special Education – Evaluation Procedures
- IGBAI – Special Education – Private Schools
- IGBAL – Special Education – Services for Home-Schooled Students with Disabilities
- JB – Equal Educational Opportunity
- JGDA/JGEA – Discipline of Disabled Students
- JO – Education Records
- JOA – Directory Information
- JOB – Personally Identifiable Information

3. ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR REPLACEMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT

After a selection committee narrowed the choices to two firms, Superintendent Ford and Auxiliary Services Director Wright, using reference checks, services offered and a proposed service fee schedule, recommended the Board of Directors approve a motion authorizing the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Arbuckle Costic Architects for architectural services for the replacement middle school project.

C. OTHER

1. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST

Held for discussion: Chair TenPas stated that he requested this category be pulled from the Board approval process and put into the hands of staff for approval. Appeals to the staff decision could then be brought before the Board if necessary.

Motion #12: Chair TenPas moved, Director Baldwin seconded, and it was unanimously approved to allow staff to approve or deny interdistrict transfers with appeals to come before the Board.

IX. CONSOLIDATED INFORMATION

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

C. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. NON-LICENSED PERSONNEL INFORMATION

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. ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Administrative Regulations corresponding to the policies brought before the Board for a first reading tonight (15 Special Education Replacement Policies) were presented as information items.

X. OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Chair TenPas apologized to Superintendent Ford for the delay in approving his new contract. Due to vacations it has been a long process.

Motion #13: Director Baldwin moved, Director Gable seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the changes to Superintendent Ford's contract.

B. K-8/MIDDLE SCHOOL SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Chair TenPas announced that due to concern there was not a Western View parent on the committee that Bridget Allen had been added.

Jeanne Holmes then gave an update on the committee's activities. She stated they had met two times, mostly receiving background information on enrollment and finances. They were just beginning to dive into consolidation and siting discussions. She stated their charge is to determine if there is enough interest in K-8. If so, where should it be sited? Should it have an organizing concept such as core knowledge or a math and science focus? They were to consider whether the two middle schools up for replacement should be consolidated prior to rebuilding and where the new middle school should be sited. They will be holding three public forums for input at the CHS Cafeteria from 7-8:30 p.m. on September 27, October 1, and October 4, 2001.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not meet in Executive Session.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair TenPas declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Bill TenPas, Chair

Ron Corbell, Assistant Superintendent