

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 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
Ron Miller, Vice Chair
Robert Baldwin, Member
Joan Demarest, Member
Cyrel Gable, Member
Sara Gelser, Member
Robert Johnson, Member

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

James P. Ford, Superintendent
Ron Corbell, Assistant Superintendent
Fred Wright, Director of Auxiliary Services
Jeanne Holmes, Assistant to Superintendent
Kathy Rodeman, Business Services Director
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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Stacey Mitchell, CV

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. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

No student reports were made.

IV. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Chair TenPas reported that he met with the Harding Charter School members, and then with Superintendent Ford and Harding's Ward 4 representative, along with Fred Wright and Kathy Rodeman.

Chair TenPas recognized Corvallis High School Teacher Betsy Berg who received an Honorable Mention in USA Today's 2001 Teacher Team. Ms. Berg was also runner-up for 2001 Oregon Teacher of the Year.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ford recognized Cheldelin physical education and leadership class teacher, Dave Gable, for being the Oregon Physical Educator of the Year for 2001. The award is presented each year by the Oregon Alliance for Physical Education Association.

Superintendent Ford reported:

- Three Board members are meeting with the Human Rights Coalition and the Boy Scouts to hear what would be acceptable to both parties regarding district facility uses, including recruitment.
- The Board Retreat has been postponed due to scheduling conflicts. After some discussion the Board agreed they would rather meet for one or two shorter retreat sessions than assign the retreat topics to work sessions.
- Dr. Ford may be setting up meetings with two to three Board members at a time to keep everyone up to date with so much happening in the district.
- The long-awaited and postponed ESL report will be a work session topic on November 18. The district had requested the audit from the state, which was done, but due to the illness of the investigator the report was delayed. A written copy was sent to the Board in April but due to the consolidation and closure focus, the report has not been brought before a meeting.
- Due to retirements and school closures, some administrative changes are underway and will be announced prior to winter break. For the high school principal position opening at CHS next year, the district will post the opening in November with a closing date of January. Interviews will be held in February.

- The district underwent a Special Education Audit. Kim Finch, Student Services Director, reported the team of three people from the State gave a glowing oral report. The district will receive a written report in 45 days, which will be forwarded to the Board.
- Dr. Ford made minor revisions on the charge to the Long Range Facilities Plan Committee. (Filed in Section IV of the Official 2001-2002 Minutes.)

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Patti Tavenner, 5055 NE Elliott Circle, #215, Corvallis, voiced a complaint about an individual case involving her young son. She was not aware a process was available for handling complaints privately. After the Board made her aware of the available process, she terminated her presentation.

VII. STAFF PARTICIPATION

No staff wished to speak.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Members Bonnie Forbes and Catherine Collins gave a brief annual report on their committee, which has been advising the district since 1979 on matters of special education. Their committee does not have a budget. A link has been established on the district's web site, which provides information, including meeting dates. They have added a liaison to attend Board meetings and quarterly special education meetings. Their focus this year is the transitioning of 14-21 year olds to adult living or further education. They also wanted to emphasize to the Board their request that all teachers become proficient in differentiating their instruction and providing effective behavioral support so that all learners can benefit. Superintendent Ford responded that this could be done through the August Institute though it would take a huge amount of training. If it is not possible to train all the teachers, then perhaps the principals could receive training. He added that training days take away from student days during the year and that upsets parents.

B. WILLAMETTE VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL UPDATE

Willamette Valley Community School's Board Chair, Timothy Allen, and Principal, John Rollofson, gave the update report on the district's only charter school. Principal Rollofson addressed four areas: their search for a new permanent facility, enrollment and funding issues, their instructional program, and student assessment.

Mr. Rollofson reported that the school had been looking for a permanent facility since before he was hired last July. Sites that have been pursued have either not met state or county regulations. Staff is still searching for a permanent facility.

Their current enrollment is 20 students, a drop from the 45 they had at the end of last year. They have reallocated grant funds so they can operate through the end of this school year.

Mr. Rollofson reported that the district's Leadership Team Retreat in provided the school additional insight. Students attend longer days Monday through Thursday so Fridays are flexible for staff development and field trips. All of the staff is certified even though charter school requirements state only half need to be.

Though the state directs assessment at 8th and 10th graders, Willamette Valley Community School will test all levels this year to obtain a more accurate assessment picture.

Board discussion resulted in these comments:

- Facilities: Some funding may be made available from the state specifically for charter schools. A liaison is meeting with the state to try to obtain leniency on building requirements.
- An on-going topic of discussion with the charter school's board is what criteria will be used to determine the school's viability.
- Concern was raised over the possible disproportionate amount of district resources used to keep the charter school viable. Chair TenPas requested a time and money analysis be presented to the Board before meeting again with the charter school.
- Concern was raised over not all the charter school students taking the state tests.
- February 2002 is the date for the next formal look at the charter school.

C. ENROLLMENT

Business Services Director Kathy Rodeman gave a brief enrollment report covering the following:

- Middle school enrollment will continue to decline until 2010 or 2011 and is not expected to reach the current level until 2015. This is based on a current trends forecast as well as an optimistic medium growth forecast.
- 34 more students in the Corvallis district are being home schooled this year over last year.
- Total private school enrollment has declined.
- The district's net gain in transfers this year is 29, which is less than last year's 75. More than twice as many are transferring to Philomath this year as last year. Because of ever-tightening budgets superintendents across the state are becoming more reluctant to allow students to transfer out of their districts.

IX. CONSOLIDATED ACTION

Chair TenPas drew the Board's attention to the items on the Consolidated Action agenda.

Director Gable asked that Item A2, Agreement with LBL ESD for Internet Filtering Services, and Item A10, Board Policy IIBGA – Electronic Communications System – Revision – First Reading, be held for discussion. The items are related.

Chair TenPas entertained a motion on the remaining items.

Motion #15: It was moved by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Miller, and unanimously carried to approve the following.

A. 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. AGREEMENT WITH LBL ESD FOR INTERNET FILTERING SERVICES

Held for discussion: Director Gable wanted the district to be mindful of spending \$15,000 per year on an item that the district has gotten along without so far, as well as not receiving any of the e-rate funds (possible \$200,000) that the district is eligible for through the related agreement.

Technology Integration Manager, Duane Jager, is optimistic the district could receive the e-rate funds. Rod Aust, of the Willamette ESD, is pursuing funds expected for years two, three, and four. Year five is being pursued through the Umatilla ESD, which has been successful in the past. Chair TenPas raised concern that the district is paying for services that should be considered resolution services through the district's contract with the LBL ESD. Superintendent Ford stated it is his quest to secure equitable services from the LBL ESD. The superintendents will be selecting services their districts would use. On December 5 the LBL ESD will announce how they can incorporate those selections into their service contracts. Superintendent Ford suspects this filtering issue will likely be in the package.

Motion #16: It was moved by Director Gable, seconded by Director Johnson, and unanimously carried to approve the Agreement with LBL ESD for Internet Filtering Services.

3. AGREEMENT WITH OREGON FOR LONG TERM CARE OR TREATMENT

In previous years, the district and the state have entered into agreements for the district to provide educational programs for students in long-term care or treatment. This primarily affects Farm Home School and the Old Mill Center. The contract is for the 2001-02 school year. The state will reimburse the district \$1,043,271 for these services.

4. AGREEMENT WITH LBL ESD FOR PRESCHOOL EVALUATION SERVICES

This agreement outlines a partnership between LBL ESD's Early Intervention Program and 509J in order to provide evaluation services for preschool children with suspected disabilities, birth to kindergarten. This agreement is for the 2001-02 school year.

5. AGREEMENT WITH LBL ESD FOR TRAGEDY RESPONSE NETWORK

The Tragedy Response Network was created to provide inter-district crises network services to buildings and districts in a coordinated fashion when faced with widespread grief in the aftermath of the loss of a student(s), staff member(s), or other tragic event. The Corvallis School District has a trained crisis management team and has provided the opportunity for members to be a part of the Tragedy Response Network. The purpose of this Intergovernmental Cooperation is for the participating districts to agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the assisting districts and their employees from any claim, loss, or liability arising out of rendered services as part of the Tragedy Response Network in a time of crisis. Renewal of this agreement provides auxiliary support and back up for the district crisis team. There is no cost for this agreement.

6. AGREEMENT WITH YES HOUSE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING

This contract covers the 2001-02 school year. The Corvallis School District shall remit to YES House an annual payment of \$26,000 to cover contracted services. Continuation of collaborative work between YES House and staff at the Corvallis schools, primarily the secondary schools, to provide appropriate support to staff, students, and parents with the goal of reducing substance abuse and promoting healthy attitudes and alternatives to substance abuse.

7. AGREEMENT WITH LBL ESD REGARDING MEDICAID-ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

Continuation of this agreement provides Medicaid outreach, coordination, case planning, information, assessment, and assistance with the Medicaid eligibility process for children and families. The district is scheduled to receive \$50,275 for these services.

8. AGREEMENT WITH OLD MILL SCHOOL FOR COUNSELING SERVICES

This agreement outlines a partnership between Old Mill Center and 509J in order to provide limited therapeutic services to students at Western View Middle School. This agreement is for the 2001-02 school year in the amount of \$22,000.

9. BOARD POLICY BDDH — PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – REVISION – FIRST READING

This policy change was enacted to ensure first amendment rights at public meetings when complaints or charges are made against district employees.

10. Board Policy IIBGA – Electronic Communications System – Revision – First Reading

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Motion #17: It was moved by Director Gable, seconded by Director Johnson, and unanimously carried to move Board Policy IIBGA – Electronic Communications System – Revision – to second reading.

11. BOARD POLICY JEBA—EARLY ENTRANCE – REVISION – FIRST READING

Board Policy JEBA—Early Entrance was read and moved to second reading.

12. DONATIONS

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

B. OTHER

There were no other Consolidated Action items.

X. CONSOLIDATED INFORMATION

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

2. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER INFORMATION

The Board received information on 10 interdistrict transfers.

C. SUPPORT SERVICES ITEMS

1. NON-LICENSED PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Filed in Section IV of the Official 2001-2002 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 periods ending August 31, 2001 and September 30, 2001. (Filed in Section X of the Official 2001-2002 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. ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

The Board was provided written copies of the following new administrative regulations:

- AC-AR Discrimination Complaint Procedure
- JECB-AR Admission of Nonresident Students
- IGBAJ-AR Special Education – Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)

XI. OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

A. ARCHITECT FOR REPLACEMENT HIGH SCHOOL

Chair TenPas removed Item XIA. Architect For Replacement High School from the agenda. It will be discussed at the December 10, 2001 meeting.

B. K-8 PROGRAMS

The K-8 Subcommittee recommended to the Board they take no formal action at this time to create more K-8 options in new facilities.

Motion #18: Director Miller moved, Director Gelser seconded, and it was unanimously carried to accept the recommendation of the K-8 Subcommittee to take no formal action at this time to create more K-8 options in new facilities.

C. MIDDLE SCHOOL SITING

Motion #19: Director Johnson moved and Director Gable seconded to accept the recommendation of the K-8 Subcommittee to site the replacement middle school at the Highland View site.

Discussion ensued with those opposed citing reasons of:

- Removing a possible southern emergency shelter by not choosing the Western View site;
- Only large plots of developable land for future housing in Corvallis are in the south;
- The desire to keep a geographical balance in the city with regard to facilities.

Those in favor cited reasons of:

- A declining general student population over the next fifteen years;
- Southern growth may not happen, if it does a school could be built at a southern location when population warrants;
- Western View site is not convenient for the southern population with the bus ride to either site not much different in time;
- Siting the middle school where the population is and has been centered for at least the last decade;
- A higher concentration of students would be bused from the Highland View area to Western View if that were the site;
- Dense populations near Garfield would be within walking distance;
- The high school is in the vicinity for educational and athletic resource sharing;
- Benefits to Life Skills students to be near pool, shopping, and bus lines;
- Boys and Girls Club in close proximity so more students could benefit.

Chair TenPas called for the vote. Chair TenPas and Director Demarest voted in opposition to the motion; all others voted in favor. The motion carried.

D. CONSOLIDATION OF WESTERN VIEW AND HIGHLAND VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Motion #20: Director Gable moved, Director Johnson seconded to accept the recommendation of the K-8 Subcommittee to consolidate Western View and Highland View Middle Schools in

Fall 2002, due to declining enrollment and budget constraints. The motion was unanimously carried.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair TenPas announced:

- January 11, 2002 is the deadline for this year only for elementary and middle school transfer requests;
- Action on the new middle school boundaries will be slated for the December 10, 2001 Board meeting;
- The first reading of the proposed facilities policy will take place in January with action expected in February.

There being no further business before the Board, Chair TenPas adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Bill TenPas, Chair

James P. Ford, Superintendent

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