

Greater Albany Public School District 8J
718 Seventh Avenue SW
Albany, Oregon 97321-2399



REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 26, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Maria Delapoer, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Bricker called the regular meeting of the School Board to order at 7:05 p.m.

Frank Bricker	Board Chair
Jerry Boehme	Board Vice Chair
Sandi Gordon	Director
Lyle Utt	Director
Micah Smith	Director
Maria Delapoer	Superintendent
Frank Caropelo	Assistant Superintendent
Randy Lary	Human Resources Director
Russell Allen	Business and Operations Director

A list of others present at the meeting is filed with the original minutes. It was noted that a quorum of the Board was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair Bricker led attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

CORE PURPOSE/GOALS

Board Chair Bricker began the meeting with a review of the district's Core Purpose and Strategic Goals:

Core Purpose: Educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential, equipped to be positive, contributing members of society.

Strategic Goals:

- We provide every student with challenging and motivating learning experiences that lead to continuous growth.
- We instill in every student the character traits that enable them to understand and interact in the world, appreciating and valuing differences.
- Our students thrive because every community member is a stakeholder and takes responsibility for the success of every student.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

RECOGNITION OF RYAN GRAVES

Superintendent Delapoer introduced Ryan Graves and stated that he served as the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Albany from January 2005 through August 2013. She presented him with a Community All-Star certificate and thanked him for positively impacting the youth of Albany. She said that it was a pleasure working with Mr. Graves. She noted that he expanded the Club's offerings into a full service facility for meeting the academic, physical, nutritional and future career needs of children. She said that his work was much appreciated.

RECOGNITION OF JENNIFER MOODY

Superintendent Maria Delapoer noted that Albany Democrat Herald reporter Jennifer Moody was unable to attend the meeting but she wanted to make the Board aware of Ms. Moody's achievements. She said that Ms. Moody earned professional writing awards at the July 2013 conference of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association. She said that Ms. Moody earned first and second place awards for Best Education Coverage as well as a first place award in the Best Feature Story category and a first place award for Best Lifestyle Coverage.

She thanked Ms. Moody for her coverage of education events and said that the district was fortunate to have her sharing the district's message with the community."

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Minutes from August 5, 2013 Board Work Session
- 2) Minutes from August 12, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
- 3) Personnel (with Addendum)
- 4) Financial

Board Chair Bricker stated that if there were no objections the Board would approve the Consent Agenda. There were no objections. Board Chair Bricker DECLARED THE ACTION DECIDED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

BOARD REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT

There was no report. The Legislature was not in session.

Director Utt said that he was disappointed that the Governor vetoed Senate Bill 215 which pertained to high school mascots. He said that he thought the bill would have provided an opportunity to educate students on different cultures.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no sub-committee reports.

STUDENT REPORTS

There were no student reports.

REPORTS

Director Gordon said that she attended the registration event for incoming sophomores at South Albany High School and thought it was very well organized.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN
TRANSPORTATION

Business and Operations Director Russ Allen introduced Transportation Director Kim Crabtree. He said that Board members had at their places data regarding the Transportation Department.

Director Boehme asked for clarification of the graph recording the number of miles traveled between accidents. Ms. Crabtree replied that the page measured only preventable accidents.

She spoke of the number of students transported daily. She said that 6,845 students were registered to be transported by school bus and an average of 5,860 children was carried each day.

Ms. Crabtree reported that several drivers participated in skill competitions during the previous year and three qualified to compete at the national level. She announced that one driver placed fourth internationally.

She spoke of new personnel assignments in her department.

Ms. Crabtree spoke of new legislation slated to take effect in March, 2014 concerning physical exams for persons with commercial driver's licenses. She said that the new legislation concerned federal requirements for physical exams drivers must pass in order to receive and then later renew their commercial driver's licenses. She said that commercial drivers (including school bus drivers) must pass a physical exam each time they renew their license. She said that for drivers under the age of 50, the exam would be every two years. As drivers become older, the requirements would become annual or even more often than that, she said.

She explained that the new legislation was aimed at addressing the problem of fatigued drivers and that regulations included screening for sleep apnea. She said that the requirements stated that drivers who were overweight and/or who had overly large neck sizes might be turned down for renewal pending sleep testing. She said that a Body Mass Index of 31 or greater or a neck circumference of more than 17 inches could trigger testing as a condition of renewal. Ms. Crabtree described what she was doing to help drivers improve their nutrition and stay physically fit.

Ms. Crabtree described driver training to be ready for the start of the school year.

Director Gordon asked how the department would ensure young children got off at the correct bus stop. Ms. Crabtree replied how she was working with building principals.

Director Boehme asked of the number of new buses the district would need to purchase this year. Ms. Crabtree estimated that the department would need seven new buses. Mr. Allen said that he would discuss the requirements with the transportation director.

Director Gordon asked why school buses do not have seat belts. Ms. Crabtree said that seat belts were not proven to be effective in school buses. Mr. Allen replied that seat belts were installed on the smaller vehicles and on the special needs buses.

TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT

Business and Operations Director Russ Allen introduced Technology Director Richard Thomas. He said that Board members had at their places data regarding the Technology Department.

Mr. Thomas said that his department had a very exciting and challenging year, but the staff made great leaps. He said that department stabilized some of the issues that it had with quickly addressing concerns as they come in. He said that his staff updated several systems this year to make them more automated, remotely manageable and usable for the end user.

He said that the department updated its wireless “brain” which controls access points. He said that the district moved from having perhaps 10-15 percent of the secondary school classrooms covered by wireless to approximately 85 percent today. He said that the revisions reduced the cost of network expansion and made the equipment more remotely manageable.

Mr. Thomas reported that during the summer, the district changed its email system from GroupWise hosted by the Linn Benton Lincoln Education District to GoogleApps for Education managed by the district. He said that the transition went fairly well.

He spoke of the district content filter. He said that for years, the district relied upon a content filter provided by the education service district. He said that the filter was not as effective as his staff wished. He explained that one of the challenges was providing differentiated access to staff members compared to students while on a wireless system. He said that the current filter integrates and ties well into the existing wireless management system. He estimated that the new filter would be a huge improvement.

Director Smith asked if the content filters would also apply to tablets or iPads. Mr. Thomas said that it would. He said that he was in discussion with the iBoss, the company that manages the filters, to permit the use of YouTube.

Director Gordon asked of the number of iPads in the district. Mr. Thomas replied that the district has approximately 400 devices, most purchased through grants.

Director Boehme asked if the Technology Department’s role was more focused on the hardware rather than continuing education. Mr. Thomas said that it depended on the complexity. He said that the department developed a help site during the summer. He described how the help links were developed. Assistant Superintendent Frank Caropelo stated that part of the answer was dependent on the teacher’s purpose. He said that a question as to how to use the email system would likely go through the technology department but a question such as how to use an iPad to create a video for a class project would likely go through Instructional Technology Coordinator Tim Haag in the Curriculum Department.

Director Utt asked of content filters. He asked how quickly the district could respond to hacking. Mr. Thomas said that if an intrusion was reported to him, he could respond from his hand-held device and block the site immediately.

Board Chair Bricker said that the construction of some of the buildings made wireless connection difficult. Mr. Thomas agreed and noted that in some structures the only way to achieve wireless capability was to put an access point in the individual room.

Director Smith asked if the district had sufficient bandwidth. He asked if the access could be prioritized for instructional purposes. Mr. Thomas responded that the iBoss security system could shape bandwidth to prioritize access for testing windows.

Director Utt asked if the district was sharing best-practice information with other activities. Mr. Thomas said that his staff was doing so. He provided examples.

Board Chair Bricker thanked Mr. Thomas for his report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

PARENT COMPLAINT

There was no discussion of the parent complaint heard during Executive Session.

SUPERINTENDENT GOALS

Superintendent Delapoe said that the Board packets contained her proposed goals for the coming school year. She recalled that the Board discussed the goals at their Work Session of August 5. She stated that she would give the Board a mid-year progress report and an end-of-the-year report. She said that the end of the year the Board would determine whether the goals were “In Progress” or “Completed.”

Board members had no discussion.

SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCE AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Executive Assistant Jim Haggart presented a summary of conference and training opportunities that would be available to the Board in the coming year. He explained that the conference fees for some of the events had not been identified by the conference hosts. He provided estimates of those costs. He said that he also estimated travel and lodging expenses using information available from “Travelocity.”

Mr. Haggart noted that the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) was offering fall regional events in 20 locations throughout the state. He said that the closet event would be September 19 at the Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service District in Albany.

He also stated that the OSBA annual conference would be November 15-17, 2013 in Portland. He said that housing for that conference would open for reservations on September 16.

Mr. Haggart invited Board members to identify the conferences they wished to attend. All five board members stated that they wished to participate in the OSBA annual conference in November.

Board Chair Bricker and Director Utt stated that they wished to participate in the COSA Law Conference in December. Director Smith said that he would present at that conference.

Director Utt and Director Gordon were interested in attending the Bonds, Ballots and Buildings Conference in Salem in January, 2014.

Director Gordon and Director Smith were interested in attending the National School Boards association Conference in New Orleans in April, 2014

OTHER BUSINESS

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

Board Chair Bricker noted that the director had at their places a summary of the school Open House events in the coming weeks. He invited the directors to indicate the Open House events they were available to attend. Board members did so.

Board Chair Bricker reviewed the Dates of Interest at the conclusion of the Agenda. He said that there would be an Executive Session of the Board at the completion of the regular meeting He said that the Back to School Rally would be August 27 and first day of school would be September 3, 2013. He said that the next regular meeting of the School Board would be September 9, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Bricker adjourned the Board meeting at 7:54 p.m. to Executive Session under Oregon Law, 1972, ORS 192.660, 1(d) and (f).

Frank Bricker, Board Chair

Maria Delapoer, Superintendent

(Recorded by Jim Haggart)

Business and Report Items - Document Reference (filed with original minutes)