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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 23, 2014 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Maria Delapoer, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Bricker called the regular meeting of the School Board to order at 6:00 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 Frank Bricker led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

ADMINISTRATOR HIRES

Superintendent Maria Delapoer introduced current Timber Ridge School assistant principal Jodi Dedera and stated that she had been selected as their next principal of the school. She said that Ms. Dedera had worked closely with former principal Jason Hoffert-Hay for several years and would be a great fit for moving the school forward with the next phase of leadership.

Ms. Delapoer spoke of Jodi Smith and stated that she had been selected as their next principal for Sunrise Elementary School. She said that Ms. Smith had worked closely with former principal Lori Greenfield this year and was very familiar with the instructional path the school was on. She said that Ms. Smith also worked at Memorial Middle School and Timber Ridge School so knew our district well.

Superintendent Delapoer stated that Tangent Elementary School principal Kelley Guilliot would be leaving the district. She said that she asked current Oak Grove elementary principal Rich Sipe

to be the principal at Tangent School. She said that Mr. Sipe would also assist Human Resources Director Randy Lary in the Human Resources Department.

She spoke of Jerrie Matuszak and said that she was selected as the next principal of Oak Grove School. She said that Ms. Matuszak was a former Albany School District employee and her husband Bob was principal at Oak Elementary School for several years. She said that Ms. Matuszak was an elementary principal for 7 years of a school of about 500 students and would be a good match for Oak Grove Elementary.

Director Gordon asked where former Timber Ridge School principal Jason Hoffert-Hay was assigned. Ms. Delapoer replied that Mr. Hoffert-Hay was selected as the new Secondary Curriculum Director replacing Peggy Blair who was retiring. She said that former Sunrise Elementary School principal Lori Greenfield was selected as the Elementary Curriculum Director, replacing Tonja Everest who would move up to the Assistant Superintendent position. She said that she was working to fill to open assistant principal positions at Timber Ridge School and West Albany High School.

Ms. Delapoer said that the Board would have the opportunity to confirm the appointments at the Consent Agenda.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1) Minutes from June 2, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
2) Personnel (with Addendum)
3) Albany Online Inter-District Transfer Openings

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 Chair Bricker welcomed the administrators to their new assignments.

BOARD REPORTS
LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT
None.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
None.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN
None.

REPORTS
None.

OLD BUSINESS
TEACHER DISMISSAL
Human Resources Director Randy Lary said that the superintendent's recommendation based upon information presented in correspondence and in Executive Session was for dismissal of teacher Jessica Spencer.

Motion: Director Smith moved to approve the dismissal of Jessica Spencer as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ADOPTION
Business and Operations Director Russ Allen said that the Board had written documentation in their packets, referring to information the Board received at the June 2, 2014 Board meeting describing adjustments to the Beginning Fund Balance for the 2014-15 school year.

He said that additional information referred to a revision of the Beginning Fund Balance, superintendent's recommendations, information about building carryover, and some changes to the approved budget to accommodate the South Albany High School all-weather turf field.

Mr. Allen requested approval of a proposed Resolution Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, and Imposing and Categorizing Taxes.

Director Gordon asked of the deficit in the nutrition services account. Mr. Allen replied that he had included a transfer out of the General Fund which would be used to potentially buy down some of that deficit. He said that there was not a thought to use additional revenue to further buy down that debt.

Action: Director Smith moved to approve the budget resolution for 2014-15 adopting the budget, making appropriations, and imposing and categorizing taxes, as presented. Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board Chair Bricker thanked the Budget Committee members for their work.

NEW BUSINESS
BOARD MEETING CALENDAR
Superintendent Maria Delapoer proposed a Board meeting calendar for the 2014-15 school year. She said that the pattern was similar to previous years.

Director Gordon asked if the search for a new superintendent would require sub-committees and a different set of meetings. Board Chair Bricker said that the work would require an entirely different set of meetings. He said that the proposed calendar would just for regular meetings.

Director Boehme recommended that the topic be added to the Consent Agenda of the next meeting.

ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS
Business and Operations Director Russ Allen delivered several resolutions and stated that he would request approval of those documents at the July 21, 2014 Regular Board meeting.

Director Gordon asked if the resolutions could be returned to the Board at the Consent Agenda of a future meeting. Board Chair Bricker said that the resolutions could be returned to the Board on the Consent Agenda.

Director Gordon asked of the number of non-resident students who actually pay tuition. Mr. Allen replied that it happened occasionally. He said that students in an exchange program would be exempt from this tuition charge.

OTHER BUSINESS
NUTRITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT WRITTEN REPORT
Board Chair Bricker noted that the packets contained a written report from the Nutrition Services Department.

FAREWELL FRANK CAROPELO
Board Chair Bricker noted that this would be the last Board meeting for Assistant Superintendent Frank Caropelo. Mr. Caropelo thanked the Board for his nine years with the school district. Director Gordon and Director Smith thanked him for his hard work.

Board Chair Bricker noted that Mr. Caropelo made quite a difference in his seven years at Waverly Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT
Board Chair Bricker said that the Board would meet in joint session with the Albany City Council at 7:15 p.m. that evening. He said that the next regular Board meeting would be July 21, 2014.

Board Chair Bricker adjourned the Board meeting at 6:12 p.m.

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Frank Bricker, Board Chair

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Maria Delapoer, Superintendent

(Recorded by Jim Haggart)
Business and Report Items - Document Reference (filed with original minutes)

JOINT MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD
and
ALBANY CITY COUNCIL
Greater Albany School District Office
June 23, 2014
7:15 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

School Board Chair Frank Bricker called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Frank Bricker	School Board Chair
Jerry Boehme	Board Vice Chair
Sandi Gordon	Director
Lyle Utt	Director
Micah Smith	Director
Sharon Konopa	Mayor
Dick Olsen	Councilor
Floyd Collins	gave advance notice of his absence
Ray Kopczynski	Councilor
Bill Coburn	Councilor
Bessie Johnson	Councilor
Rich Kellum	Councilor
Maria Delapoer	Superintendent
Russ Allen	Business and Operations Director
Wes Hare	City Manager

A list of others present is filed with the original minutes. It was noted that a quorum of the School Board and City Council was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

School Board Chair Frank Bricker led attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Board Chair Frank Bricker introduced members of the School Board. Superintendent Maria Delapoer introduced her staff. Mayor Konopa introduced the members of the City Council. City Manager Wes Hare introduced city staff members.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS
SCHOOL SAFETY: EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Director Smith said that he would discuss school safety and improvements taken in the aftermath of some school shootings and violence. He said that after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in December 2012, many school districts and law enforcement agencies across the county conducted audits of their schools. He said that he worked with school resource officers from three cities in using 150 criteria points to evaluate schools in Albany, Harrisburg, Lebanon, and other communities throughout the county. He said that he and Albany school resource officers visited schools in Lebanon and Harrisburg so that there would be a consistent set of eyes at each school.

He said that work rolled into a safety committee convened by Superintendent Delapoer. He said that Committee participants included parents, community members, teachers, administrators and students. He said that individuals were divided into four subcommittees and the process was guided by former district administrator and risk manager Ric Blasquez. He said that the sub-committees brought recommendations to the superintendent who brought action to the Board.

Director Smith said that the work of the committee led to the implementation of the I Love You Guys Foundation Standard Response Protocol and training and education of community and staff.

He provided photos taken during the actual reviews. He said that the team examined front entrances, fencing, classroom door locks and playground security. He said that the examination was conducted not only from a mass violence viewpoint, but from a view of all safety issues that might jeopardize a student or the school. He said that throughout the year, police officers receive a number of calls regarding children on school roofs. He recalled that several years ago a student got on a school building roof during vacation time and fell through a skylight.

Director Smith said that he found patterns that were present at every level of school. He said that he also found features that were unique to a single school. He said that Timber Ridge School has scan cards to permit access to areas of the school. He said that classrooms in that school have panic buttons. He said that striking the panic button causes all of the fire doors to close. The doors can then only be opened from the outside with an authorized key scan card. He said that the fire department has that card in the Knox Box outside the school building. He said that door interiors are configured with push bars so that if necessary, students can go right out. He said that the equipment is approved by the fire marshal.

He said that an objective of the safety committee was to have consistent safety and security procedures across the district, both for the law enforcement teams and the substitutes who move from building to building.

Director Smith said that the sub-committee examined numerous school security studies which indicated that school resource officers were a vital component to ensuring school safety. He said that locked interior doors work. He said that there was yet to be a recorded fatality inside a classroom behind a locked door. He emphasized that getting a school classroom door locked is the most vitally important thing that can be done to protect children in a school. He said that the Greater Albany district has worked with that philosophy and the Superintendent has adopted that in a number of ways and the physical plant is moving forward to do more.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Director Smith said that Albany Police Lt Dorland would speak about school resource officers and how they work with the schools.

Lt. Casey Dorland of the Albany Police Department said that he has supervised the school resource officers for three years. He said that the department has two full-time school resource officers that are specifically tasked with the schools. He said that a sergeant is also available and he himself has assisted as needed.

He said that the resource officers are on a three-year rotation. He said that after that assignment, the officers rotate back into their department and integrate what they have learned about the schools into a patrol setting. He said that the department works closely with the superintendent's office. He noted that Executive Assistant Jim Haggart was great in quickly responding to his requests for information.

Lt. Dorland said that in the event of a crime, he tries to have the school resource officer respond because they already have a relationship at the schools. He explained that there are two school resource officers and he assigns one to each high school. The officer also has the responsibility for the middle and elementary schools that feed to that high school. He said that sounds like a lot but the sergeant can assist as needed. He said that there was also a community education specialist who helps in teaching child safety for the younger students.

A councilor asked what would be done if the school resource officer had a child in one of the schools. Lt Dorland said that situation would be considered on a case by case basis. He said that one of the present officers has a high school student. He said that officer was assigned to the other high school.

Superintendent Delapoer said that the district has school resource officers so that students develop a relationship with the officers. She said that students who have concerns can talk to a trusted adult on campus. She said that students are often aware of an unsafe situation in the building. She said that their relationship with the resource officer would make them feel comfortable in approaching the officer.

Lt. Dorland said that the relationships continue over the years. He recalled that he was a school resource officer when Ms. Delapoer was the principal of Calapooia Middle School.

Mayor Konopa said that in the past, the school district funded the cost of the school resource officers, now the City pays for most of the expense. Ms. Delapoer said that the school district contributes $40,000, but not nearly the cost of the officers.

PHYSICAL SECURITY VS PUBLIC ACCESS

Director Smith said that the school district adopted the I Love You Guys Foundation. He said that he wished to discuss several of the items from the School Response Protocol.

He said that previously, the district had three levels of building security but the implementation of those procedures was inconsistent across the district. He said that the safety committee looked a number of security procedures examples and settled on the I Love You Guys Foundation. He said that it was one of the most promoted school safety response protocols in the country. He explained that it was developed by a

husband and wife who lost their daughter to a school shooter in Platte Canyon High School in Platte Canyon, Colorado. He said that the last message the daughter sent to her parents was “I love you guys.” He said that the parents began the foundation to help schools have a better response to incidents of school safety/mass violence. He said that the information was free.

Director Smith said that the protocols use shared vocabulary and expectations for students, teachers, parents and the community. He said that all parties needed to know what the expectations were. He explained that when something happens at a school, parents will want to go to the school and find their children, but if they know what the expectation is when there is a lockdown at the school and they know they will not be able to get beyond the law enforcement perimeter, the district is more likely to get cooperation from them. He said that parents want to know that school staff and law enforcement officers have their student’s safety at heart.

He said that the procedures call for four actions: Lockout, Lockdown, Evacuate and Shelter. He said that as of April 1, every school in the district has been moved to Lockout and Lockdown under the standardized response protocols. He said that teachers and administrators have all been trained and have shared that information to their students.

Director Smith said that the feedback he received has been fantastic. He said that the most common comment was, ”It’s about time.” He said that the protocols use consistent language which is repeated twice: “Lockout, Secure the perimeter. Memorial Middle School is in Lockout. Secure the perimeter.” He said that reminder cards can be placed by the telephone so that in difficult situations the office person knows what to say. He provided a video to illustrate the procedures.

He also described the Lockdown procedures in the event of a threat already inside the school. He said that the doors would be closed and locked, lights would be turned off and the students would hide in the classroom. He said that an easy way to remember the procedures was, “Locks, Lights, and Out of-Sight.”
He said that since the threat was assumed to be inside the school, there was no advantage in locking unlocked exterior doors as locking those doors could put staff unnecessarily at risk. He said that an unlocked exterior door could make it easier for law enforcement staff to access the building.

Director Smith said that procedures would be further refined as the adoption continued. He said what was most important was that a good plan was in place; there was a protocol that was easy and kept student safety at the highest level without making schools fortresses. He said that schools would be welcoming to families but students would be protected once instruction began in the classroom.

Mr. Kopczynski noted that Micah used the term “when” in discussing lockouts which implied some level of eventuality. Director Smith responded that schools are put in lockout or lockdown fairly frequently. He said that the schools need to have a plan like this and the schools need to execute it fluidly.

Superintendent Delapoer said that the task force looked at services and support for at-risk students without a connection to a school. She said that staff received training on identifying students struggling with depression or not feeling connected. She also spoke of students coming to the school after in-patient treatment. She said that procedures were developed so that the student could have a plan in place to help them be successful.

Director Smith said that having a connection to the school and a connection to a police officer was

important.

Councilor Kellum asked if preparing students for an emergency might be prepping a potential aggressor. Director Smith said that was something that the safety task force struggled with but the schools need a default system. He said that the high schools each have approximately 1,400 students. He said that the only way to ensure that that all 1,400 know what to do is to communicate the plan. He said that you have to hope that your early warning signs, interventions and counseling efforts identify those students who may be thinking about some sort of mass violence. He added that you want to have a strong enough student body that will help them talk about it ahead of time and strong enough students who will report what they hear ahead of time. Ultimately the students and staff need a default response, he said

Director Gordon said that she has a daughter at South Albany High School. She said that it was unfortunate that children grow up in a potentially dangerous world.

Ms. Delapoer added that the safety audit indicated a need for greater fencing. She said that it was not intended to keep the public out after school hours but it was important to keep children safe during the school day.

Mayor Konopa commended the school district for its work.

COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS:
HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS/GROWTH AREAS

Albany City Manager Wes Hare said that he would discuss growth and development in Albany. He said that the news was good**.** He said that for the year ending in June of 2012, there were 87 new residential housing units constructed in Albany. He said that the value of all residential and commercial construction that year was $55 million. He said that in comparison, during the peak of building in Albany during 2006 and 2007, the city saw approximately 300-400 units constructed annually. He said that by the end of 2013, the number of new residences grew by 128. He said that in the first 11 months of this year, the city experienced the construction of 340 units which included 170 apartments.

He said that even when economic times were tough there was still a modest level of growth in Albany. He said that in additional to residential construction there was also commercial growth. He said that Lowes was still coming to Albany. He said that Hobby Lobby was here and Marshalls would open, but Kmart would close. He said that the environment was good for new investment.

Mr. Hare said that last year there was just one new sub-division application. He said that this year there were four requests. He noted, however, that residential development does not pay for itself, but the increases in commercial assessments would help cover those costs.

Director Smith estimated that the district would eventually build a new school. He asked of the city's plan for allocating land for a new school building.

Mr. Hare said that the South Albany community plan was in place. He said that there was space in the area for a school site. He said that there were other potential sites owned by the City. He said that now would be a good time to secure property for new school sites.

Councilor Kopczynski asked if the city plan was a “crystal ball.” Mr. Hare replied that there was evidenced based information.

Ms. Delapoer said that the district needed to determine where the growth areas would be and plan school capacity accordingly.

Mr. Hare said that Timber Ridge School was built in an area were residential development was planned.

Superintendent Delapoer asked about sidewalks in North Albany. Mr. Hare responded and described a $1.4 million dollar grant to provide sidewalks on Gibson Hill Road. He said that the construction would encourage children to walk to school.

Councilor Johnson asked of capacity vs. enrollment at Timber Ridge School. Ms. Delapoer said that the grades 3-8 school was near capacity. She said that each year, the district examined capacity and projected enrollment at each school.

Councilor Johnson asked of enrollment at other schools. Ms. Delapoer responded, speaking of the all-day kindergarten coming in 2015. She said that would double the requirement for kindergarten classrooms. She said that Fir Grove Elementary School in North Albany was mothballed. She said that Fairmount Elementary School in North Albany was rented out to Family Tree Relief Nursery. Mr. Allen said that all-day kindergarten would max out many of the facilities.

Ms. Delapoer said that during the budget cuts in the past, the district had to reduce the number of teachers and that freed up a number of classrooms. She said that this year the district was able to add back a number teachers because the financial picture was better, but that has created classroom space issues already.

Human Resources Director Randy Lary said that the district hired 61 teachers of which were 49 new to the workforce. Ms. Delapoer that some of the new hires were due to turnover but about 24 were new positions.

ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN AND ADDITIONAL TEACHERS

Mayor Konopa asked if all-day kindergarten would be a requirement or a choice. Ms. Delapoer said that it would be a choice but nearly all districts would offer all-day kindergarten in the fall of 2015.

Councilor Coburn asked of the advantage of all-day kindergarten. Ms. Delapoer said that the children would be in class longer and they could be taught more. She said that surrounding districts with all-day kindergarten would become Greater Albany’s competitors. She said that some Greater Albany students have extended-day kindergarten now for targeted instruction.

Director Gordon said that more children are attending local pre-schools and are ready to be in all-day kindergarten. She said that the district was striving to help students reach reading goals by the end of the third grade.

Ms. Delapoer described the kindergarten readiness assessment. She said that the purpose was not to determine whether they could enroll, but to see whether they had some kind of preparation in academics and social skills.

FAMILIES WITH ECONOMIC RISK FACTORS: HOMELESS STUDENTS/FOOD SERVICE

Ms. Delapoer said that Board members and counselors had at their places a summary of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. She said that law identifies as homeless, a child who lacks fixed, regular, and adequate housing. She described the role of the district's FACT (Families and Communities Together) Team as the social services arm of the district.

She said that students who become homeless while enrolled in our schools may request transportation from where they are now living to the school they are currently attending. She said that the district was transporting students from Brownsville, Corvallis, Harrisburg, Jefferson, Lyons, Salem, Sweet Home, and Turner. She said that they were attending Albany schools before they became homeless.

Counselor Johnson asked why the district had to transport homeless students from other communities. Board Chair Bricker said that some homeless students might change schools ten times. Business and Operations Director Russ Allen said that one of the reasons the district was transporting homeless students was because it was a federal mandate.

Director Utt said that children who transfer schools frequently are much more likely to fail to graduate or end up in a correctional facility. He said that if one compared the cost of educating a child as compared to incarcerating that child as an adult is "night and day."

Nutrition Services Director Sharon Short spoke of her department's Future Chef culinary competition. She said that each year the nutrition department seeks to engage students in special events which help students get excited about eating healthy. She said that the efforts cross over many economic boundaries and backgrounds.

She said that this year, her department was thrilled to introduce the Future Chef culinary contest for fourth and fifth graders. She said that each school participated and ten students were selected to show off their skills. She said that recipes for healthy sandwiches were submitted and finalists were judged on healthy content, simple, kid-friendly preparations, fun foods, and best table preparations. She said that on February 20, the kitchen buzzed with excitement as foods were prepped and tables were decorated. She said that after the judging, parents and friends joined in for the awards ceremony. She said that all awards and culinary gifts were sponsored by Sodexo. She identified the winners as Christian from Waverly Elementary, Kiera from Sunrise Elementary, Addison from Oak Elementary, Mackenzie from Lafayette Elementary, and grand prize winner Chris from Lafayette. She provided a video presentation highlighting the competition.

Ms. Short said that Board members and City Council members had in their packets a report addressing food security. There was no discussion.

FUTURE BONDS AND FACILITY NEEDS :

FIRE AND POLICE STATIONS

City Manager Wes Hare said that the City has been planning for a new police and fire station. He said that studies dating back 20 years identified the need for both facilities. He said that a $20.3 million bond measure was recently put before the voters but was not successful. He said that the city subsequently convened a group of citizens to examine the issue and thus far they have made a number of recommendations. He said that the first recommendation was a unanimous declaration that the community needed new police and fire facilities.

He said that the committee recommended that the fire station be constructed at the site of the current Station 11. He said that the City was acquiring the property at that site.

Mr. Hare said that the committee believed that the new police station should be built at the site of the current police facility. He said that the problem that limited the options in the past was that it was quite a bit more expensive to acquire property in that area because the current station is surrounded by private development. He said that the committee estimate that there would be a million dollar premium attached to trying to keep the police station at its current location. He said that committee members estimated that if the costs were no greater, that was where the police station should go. He said that the City was in conversations with nearby property owners, but was still uncertain as to whether a new facility could be constructed within those boundaries. He said that as a backup plan, the City had property on Highway 99 that could be used.

He said that the committee and City were still determining costs and no determination had been made as to what the funding would look like, although the committee thought that some of the funds should come from the litigation settlement with PepsiCo. He said that part of the money should come from a bond issue, possibly in May or November of 2014.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES

Business and Operations Director Russ Allen spoke of the 2006 school bond. He said that the school district was just beginning a review whether to go out for a school bond and for what amount. He said that the possible timeline would be November 2016.

Mayor Konopa asked about school impact fees. Mr. Allen estimated the value of that account at $1.6 million. He said that the only expenditure from that account thus far was for the modular classroom at Oak Grove Elementary School.

Mayor Konopa asked if there were any conversations to increase the rate across the state. Mr. Allen said that there was not, although there was an escalator clause in the law.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR RECREATION AND PERFORMING ARTS

South Albany High School Brent Belveal spoke of the program to install a turf surface on the school athletic field. He said that the project had 650 truckloads of dirt going out and 550 truckloads of gravel coming in. He said that the vision for the project included a donor wall for gifts as small as $100.

Mr. Belveal said that the Turf for Kids committee wanted a play facility for Albany children which would also bring in families from other communities. He said that Albany was one of the last of the communities of its size to build a field of this type.

West Albany High School parent Pat Richards said that he is an alumnus of Albany schools. He spoke of West Albany High Schools' transition to the 6A level for sports and activities. He also described the school's efforts to engage every student. He said that of the entire senior class of more than 300, only five did not graduate.

He said that West Albany High School was taking a broad approach to activities. He said that preparations for the 2006 bond included discussion of a performing arts center but that was not supported by the

community. He said that 6A schools are larger and generally have better facilities. He said that West Albany High School was examining all its facilities and was considering a multi-purpose turf field.

Director Smith asked Mr. Belveal and Mr. Richards what they had learned from other districts when they held athletic tournaments. Mr. Richards said that anecdotal information indicated that tournaments were a big deal. Mr. Belveal said that Director Gordon estimated that athletic tournaments attracted by a turf field could yield an increase in spending on lodging and meals of 15 percent.

Director Boehme said that he recently attended a soccer tournament in Albuquerque, New Mexico in which 2,000 players participated. He estimated the economic impact at millions of dollars.

Mr. Richards said that he did not want to focus on just sports. He said that a performing arts center could be a real gem. He said that West Albany High School was constructed in 1953 and not much about the campus had changed since.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL AND BOARD
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Board Chair Bricker adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Frank Bricker, Board Chair

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Maria Delapoer, Superintendent

(Recorded by Jim Haggart)
Business and Report Items - Document Reference (filed with original minutes)
Copies of documents presented for action and report purposes are located in the district audit folder prepared for permanent record.