

Greater Albany Public School District 8J
718 Seventh Avenue SW
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Maria Delapoer, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Boehme called the regular meeting of the School Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jerry Boehme	Board Chair
Micah Smith	Board Vice Chair
Frank Bricker	Director
Sandi Gordon	gave advance notice of her absence
Lyle Utt	Director
Stephanie Dilbone	Student Board Member
Nate Burman	gave advance notice of his absence
Maria Delapoer	Superintendent
Tonja Everest	Assistant Superintendent
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 Boehme led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORE PURPOSE/GOALS

Director Utt 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

MICAH SMITH, OREGON CRIMINAL DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

Superintendent Maria Delapoer announced that Board Member Micah Smith was named the Oregon Criminal Deputy of the Year by the Oregon State Sheriff's Association. She noted that there were many things that he did to keep our community safe in addition to his service with the School Board.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

Superintendent Maria Delapoer read a proclamation from Governor Kitzhaber declaring January, 2015 as School Board Recognition Month. South Shore Elementary School principal Michael Ann McIlvenny and Periwinkle Elementary School principal Bob Daugherty and their students made presentations of behalf of their schools. Periwinkle students also recognized Superintendent Delapoer for her service to the district.

CALAPOOIA MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT REPORTERS

Executive Assistant Jim Haggart introduced Calapooia Middle School Student Reporter Emily Rowe. He said that she is an eighth grader taking Algebra, Language Arts, Advanced Science, Social Studies, Leader and PE. Her favorite subject is Language Arts.

He said that Miss Rowe participates in track where she competes in the high jump, long jump and the 1,500 meters. She also plays basketball at the Albany Boys and Girls Club. Her sister Caitlynn is a twelfth grader at South Albany High School and her sister Alexandra has completed her Albany schooling. Her parents are Jon and Mariann Rowe.

Mr. Haggart introduced Addison Peterson and said that she is also an eighth grader at Calapooia School. He said that she taking Algebra, Language Arts, Advanced Science, Social Studies, Leadership and PE. Her favorite subject is Language Arts.

He said that Miss Peterson participates in track where she competes in the high jump, 100 meters, and the 200 meter hurdles. She also plays basketball at the Albany Boys and Girls Club. Her brother Tucker is an eleventh grader at South Albany High School. Her parents are Mark and Jodie Peterson.

Board Chair Boehme welcomed both students.

ART IN THE BOARDROOM

Superintendent Delapoer said that the art in the Monteith Room to the left of the Board was from Ms. Mann's seventh and eighth grade art class at Timber Ridge School. She said that Ms. Mann took a photograph of each student and then had them cut the image in half lengthwise. Students glued one half to a sheet of paper and then drew the other half of their image.

STUDENT REPORTERS

Calapooia Middle School Student Reporters Emily Rowe and Addison Peterson provided a slide presentation to the Board. Their report is provided as an attachment to these minutes.

Board Chair Boehme thanked Miss Rowe and Miss Paterson for their report.

STUDENT ALL - STARS

Zackary Turcott, Cameron Henning, Desiree Fleming and Sara Nafziger of Oak Elementary School and Kamarie Buen, Zane Montgomery, Margo Vera-Dodge and Kaylie-Jo Robinson of South Shore Elementary School were recognized. Jalen Baney, Tagen Shew, Broc Wollam, Jessilyn Baney, Haven Doran and Joseph Henderson of Tangent Elementary School were also honored.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Minutes from December 12, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
- 2) Personnel
- 3) *EFA, Local Wellness Program*
- 4) *EFAA, District Nutrition and Food Services*
- 5) *JECB, Admission of Non-Resident Students*
- 6) *JHCD, Nonprescription Medication*
- 7) *JHCDA, Prescription Medication*

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

BOARD REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT

Superintendent Maria Delapoer distributed several talking points prepared by the superintendents of the Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service District. She said that the superintendents would share the same material with legislators on January 15.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Board Chair Boehme noted that the directors would discuss the District Accountability Plan, Superintendent Screening Committee and District Facilities Advisory Committee later in the session. He noted that the financial audit report would be heard at a later meeting.

Business and Operations Director Russ Allen said that the directors had in their boxes a draft audit report. He explained that the numbers were fine but staff discovered some grammatical errors which would be corrected in time for the next meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Director Smith said that he visited Oak Grove School to meet with staff in discussion of full-day kindergarten. He said that he would also attend the parent session on January 13. Board Chair Boehme said that he would attend the North Albany Elementary School staff meeting on January 14. Director Bricker said that he would also participate in the January 13 evening session. He said

that he had a meeting at the Linn Benton Lincoln ESD on January 14 and would be unable to participate in the parent session that evening.

STUDENT REPORT

South Albany High School Student Board Member Stephanie Dilbone said that winter sports were underway. She said that the dance team would have a competition on January 31. She said that final exams would begin the following week and that tryouts would begin the following day for the winter play.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN

DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN REVISIONS

Superintendent Maria Delapoer said that the Board packets contained her proposed revisions to the District Accountability Plan. She said that she wished to balance value to the Board with the amount of staff time that would go into a report. She said that the Directors might wish to schedule a work session to discuss her recommendations.

Board Chair Boehme noted that the document was first approved four years ago and much has changed since then. He said that he would prefer to discuss the plan at the next meeting and decide how much the Board wanted to discuss. Director Bricker suggested a work session. Board Chair Boehme stressed that the document should be the Board's plan.

REPORTS

FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

Assistant Superintendent Tonja Everest said that she would summarize preparations toward offering full-day kindergarten for the 2015-16 school year. She said that the information in the Board packet continued a refinement of the discussion at the previous meeting. She noted that at the previous session, discussion did not include Fairmount School as a kindergarten or K-1 hub. She said that the information was what was being presented at the Oak Grove Elementary and North Albany Elementary Schools parent and staff meetings. She said that she hoped to be able to make a recommendation to the Board at the February 9 Board meeting.

She related that at the Oak Grove Elementary School staff meeting, teachers were concerned about the district's ability to reopen Fir Grove School. She said that Business and Operations Director Russ Allen stated that the building could be made ready although the cost was estimated at \$250,000.

Ms. Everest said that Oak Grove staff had learned to appreciate the collective experience of having grades K-5 in the same building and were concerned about losing that continuity if they moved to split campuses. Ms. Delapoer noted, however, that the Oak Grove teachers wanted more instructional space.

Board Chair Boehme asked of the district's request of the City regarding the siting of modular classrooms. Mr. Allen said that the facilities department had collected all of the necessary information to submit to the three government agencies. He said that if one wanted to install an additional modular classroom at Oak Grove School, the most likely location would be between the

gym and the parking lot. He noted that there were other issues at that site such as sanitary limitations as well as the common areas of gymnasium and the library.

Board Chair Boehme asked if one of the options appeared to be more feasible. Ms. Everest said there was not one plan that stood out. Director Smith said that he spoke with parents and emphasized that there were no pre-determined decisions.

Director Bricker said that several parents recalled that when Fir Grove School was closed five years ago for financial reasons, the Board was adamant that the building would be reopened when the need was there. He said that the need was there now. He said that if the Directors did not reopen Fir Grove School, it would hurt their credibility.

Director Smith said that he heard from Oak Grove staff that they would prefer to remain on one campus. He said that he had not heard from them that Fir Grove School should be reopened. He noted that their preferred option, to construct new wings at the school, could not be accomplished before the fall.

Board Chair Boehme said that the Board needed to address the next year or two immediately. Director Smith said that longer term solutions should also be addressed.

Ms. Everest said that staff members appreciated that they were being listened to and they understood that the issues were complex.

Mr. Allen spoke of Fir Grove School and the projected expenses related to reopening the school. He explained that the roof needed repair when the building was closed. He said that with the building being unoccupied, the repair could be "band-aided." He said, however, that if the building was to be reoccupied, a \$125,000 roof repair would be necessary. He also said that the heat registers needed to be replaced. He estimated that cost at \$85,000. He stated that the equipment needed replacement when the building was closed. He said that both projects needed to be done but were delayed because the building was closed. He explained that if the school were to be reopened, the district would have to deal with the deferred maintenance issues.

Director Smith asked about Fir Grove School's wells and septic systems. Mr. Allen said that there were never any issues with the septic system, and the wells were no different now than in the past.

Director Smith said that teachers needed the classroom to be ready by the first week in August when the teachers would begin returning to their classrooms.

Director Utt asked about the sewer system at Oak Grove. Mr. Allen replied that the sanitary system was linked to the existing in City sewer line.

Director Smith asked of the rest of the school district. Ms. Everest replied that staff was also working with the other schools in the district. She said that work had begun in siting a modular classroom at Clover Ridge School. She said that other schools were considering reconfigurations within their buildings.

She said that sub-group of teachers began last spring, in moving curriculum from a half-day structure to a full-day model. She said that the group was developing instruction models, designing professional development, and ordering instructional materials.

Director Smith asked if there were any additional schools with space concerns. Mr. Allen replied that the same question was posed to all schools in August and all of the schools except the North Albany campuses said that had sufficient space.

Director Utt said that he would like to see a description of the kindergarten plan for each school. He said that he also wanted to see a course of action if one school received a much higher number of kindergarten students than expected. Ms. Delapoer said that staff was already assuming that there would be more kinders than first graders because kindergarten would be an all-day program offering next year.

Ms. Everest said that it was difficult to forecast kindergarten enrollment and it could be unsettling to parents to not know which school their child would attend.

She said that Central Elementary School principal Lisa Shogren was a state recognized leader in kindergarten instruction. She said that Ms. Shogren was part of a cadre developing kindergarten instructional plans and assessments. She stated that the district did not have tight answers for everything yet, but parents wanted some kind of acknowledgement that those matters were being considered.

Superintendent Delapoer said that the Board has been clear that the desire of the district was to go to full-day kindergarten at every school. The question was, "How do we do that?" She said that some parents have asked why the district didn't start working on full-day kindergarten two years ago. She said that the answer was that the district did start working on kindergarten two years ago, but since then much of the empty classroom space was filled up because the district was able to add more teachers. She said that the district didn't know for sure that the state budget would allow those additional teachers until last spring. She said that some of the extra space principals had two years ago was taken up by adding teachers this year. She said that staff was going school by school to ensure there was a viable plan for each building.

Ms. Everest said that some of the enrollment growth in the North Albany area was due to people moving in from other states.

Director Bricker said that whatever the plans for the North Albany area, the plans should include returning to Oak Grove School the children who live in the Oak Grove attendance area.

Ms. Everest said that Oak Grove School has very few transfer students. She said that North Albany Elementary school has a significant number of transfer children because, at the district's direction, that campus became the overflow school because the building had space. She said that the transfers could be revoked but the action would have the undesirable action of creating grade blends.

Board Chair Boehme asked about kindergarten hubs at other places in the district. Ms. Everest said that she was working with other districts with more experience to consider to possibilities.

Director Smith asked of the deadline for a Board decision on modular classrooms. Mr. Allen estimated that he would want a Board decision by March 1.

Board Chair Boehme noted that there were no easy answers, but the district needed a long term plan. He said that the district could not make everyone happy.

Ms. Delapoer estimated that staff would have more information for the next meeting.

Director Utt said that he appreciated all the work that the staff was doing.

DIVISION 22

Assistant Superintendent Tonja Everest said that she would report the district's compliance with state Division 22 requirements. She said that there were five areas for which the district had to gather additional information: Modified Diploma, Equal Educational Opportunities, Instructional Hours, Teacher and Administrator Evaluation and Support and Complaint Policy.

Director Bricker referred to Board Policy *KL, Public Complaints*. He said that at the COSA/OSBA Law Conference, a speaker suggested that language be added to indicate that discriminatory complaints could be appealed to the federal Office of Civil Rights. Ms. Everest said that she examined the Office of Civil Rights website and noticed that the agency had a sample statement. She said that sample policy language from the Oregon School Boards Association did not mention the Office of Civil Rights. She said that she would further investigate the language of the policy.

OLD BUSINESS

SUPERINTENDENT SCREENING COMMITTEE

Board Chair Jerry Boehme said that the Board packet contained a listing of the individuals nominated to participate in the Superintendent Screening Committee. He noted that the group was composed of students, parents, district staff, and community members and would begin its work with a training on February 4, 2015.

Action: Director Smith moved to approve the membership of the Superintendent Screening Committee. Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISTRICT FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Business and Operations Director Russ Allen said that the Board packets contained a listing of the 27 people the district was recommending to participate in the District Facilities Advisory Committee (DFAC). He noted that document recommended that Greg Roe and Pat Eastman be appointed as Co-Chairs of the advisory committee. He said that if approved by the Board, the first meeting of the Committee would be 4:00 p.m. January 27.

Director Smith said that as a result of talking to parents about full-day kindergarten, there were now parents who were interested in participating. Ms. Delapoer replied that persons with

recommendations could attend a meeting and share their information. She said that a number of groups were doing sub-committee work which would be presented to the DFAC.

Board Chair Boehme said that, hopefully, the committee would examine the district as a whole.

Director Smith suggested that the DFAC membership and meeting schedule be available to the public.

Action: Director Bricker moved to approve the membership of the District Facilities Advisory Committee and to appoint Greg Roe and Pat Eastman as Co-Chairs. Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

LBL ESD LOCAL SERVICE PLAN

Superintendent Maria Delapoer said that she would discuss her recommendations for services from the Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service District. She said that there was a synopsis in the Board packet. She explained that the model was such that Tier 1 included all of the services that all twelve component school districts received. She said that the districts also had money to select from a menu of services as the districts desired.

Director Smith asked about the Pinnacle reporting system. He asked if there were things in Tier 1 that the district was paying for but not receiving.

Assistant Superintendent Tonja Everest responded and described the Pinnacle program in detail. She said that she had every confidence that the district was moving forward on the Pinnacle gradebook.

Director Smith asked if every student was on Pinnacle. Ms. Everest said that was the expectation and there were various levels of users and varying levels of support for different teachers. She said that more teachers were coming forward and asking that additional standards be added. She said that the system was trying to meet the needs of teachers but the system would always be evolving.

Board Chair Boehme asked if the ESD constructed the district webpage. Ms. Delapoer said that the ESD re-designed the website five or six years ago. She said that the district was heavily involved in the process. She said that probably it was time to do that again and continue to make improvements.

Board Chair Boehme directed that the document be forwarded to Consent Agenda of the next meeting.

BOARD POLICY, COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Superintendent Maria Delapoer said that she was proposing revisions to Board Policy *KL, Complaint Procedures* to bring the document into compliance with Oregon Department of Education Division 22 requirements. She said that staff would examine the requirement to mention the federal Office of Civil Rights before returning the document for Board approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Boehme said that he and Director Utt would meet with Superintendent Delapoer on January 16. He said that the next Regular Board Meeting would be January 26, 2015. He said that January 27 would be the organizational meeting for the District Facilities Advisory Committee. He requested Board Member participation in that session. He said that the Superintendent Screening Committee would meet on February 4. He said that contractor Greg McKenzie had requested that Board members attend that session. Director Smith asked that the events be added to the Google calendar.

Board Chair Boehme adjourned the Board meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Jerry Boehme, Board Chair

Maria Delapoer, Superintendent

(Recorded by Jim Haggart)

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