

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



REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 26, 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	Student Board Member
Maria Delapoer	Superintendent
Tonja Everest	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 Boehme led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORE PURPOSE/GOALS

Student Board Member Stephanie Dilbone 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

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

Lafayette Elementary School Gina Ayers, North Albany Middle School principal Jane Evans and Sunrise Elementary School principal Jodi Smith made presentations of behalf of their schools. Student School Board Member Nate Burman made a presentation on behalf of West Albany High School. Student artwork from North Albany Elementary and Timber Ridge Schools was also presented.

NORTH ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT REPORTERS

Executive Assistant Jim Haggart introduced North Albany Middle School Student Reporter Kamarie Buen. He said that she is a sixth grader taking part in her school's dual language immersion program. He said that she is taking dual language Social Studies and Language Arts, Honors Math, Science, Band, Health and PE. Her parents are Mande and Richard Buen.

Mr. Haggart also introduced North Albany Middle School Student Reporter Pedro Segura. He said that he is also a sixth grader taking part in his school's dual language immersion program. He said that he is taking dual language Social Studies and Language Arts, Math, Science, Computer Wheel, Health and PE. His parents are Martha Camacho and Pedro Segura.

Board Chair Boehme welcomed both students.

ART IN THE BOARDROOM

Superintendent Delapoe said that the oils and pastels artwork in the Monteith Room to the left of the Board and photography work in the lobby outside of the Boardroom was from Calapooia Middle School. She noted that if the directors had the opportunity to view the art display in the Flynn Building on January 15, they might may recognize some of the pieces. She said that Melinda Crowther is the Art teacher and Nikki Whittier is the Computer Science and Leadership teacher at Calapooia School.

STUDENT REPORTERS

North Albany Middle School Student Reporters Kamarie Buen and Pedro Segura addressed the Board. Their report is provided as an attachment to these minutes.

Board Chair Boehme thanked the students for their report.

STUDENT ALL - STARS

Zackary Patten, Shai Bravo, and Brooklyn Willard of Lafayette Elementary School and Hayden DeLair, Tyra Perrone, Margaret Dorn, Lawrence Howard, Katrina Schoening and Jackson Washburn of Liberty Elementary School were recognized. Elisha Billman, Gabriella Allen and Kairi Davis of Sunrise Elementary School were also honored.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Minutes from January 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- 2) Personnel (with Addendum)

- 3) LBL ESD Service Plan
- 4) Financial

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

Director Utt said that he and Superintendent Maria Delapoer met with State Legislators on January 15, 2015. He stated that it was too early to estimate the amount of State School funding for the next biennium.

Ms. Delapoer referred to the same meeting and said that State Senators Sara Gelser and Arnie Roblan recognized that the Co-Chairs proposed budget would be insufficient to maintain current school district programs and fund full-day kindergarten.

Director Smith spoke of potential action by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) regarding minimum instructional hours. He estimated that the action would be more restrictive of instructional days lost to bad weather. He also said that future ODE guidance would define expectations regarding elementary school recess time.

Assistant Superintendent Tonja Everest said that some recess time would count as instructional time if the activity was supervised by a certified teacher.

Board Chair Boehme asked if grade level instructional time would be computed separately. Ms. Everest said that it would and that there would be additional requirements for the 2018-19 school year.

Director Smith reported a statistic that estimated that legislators would consider 1,800 bills during the legislative session with 400 of those bills relating to K-12 education.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Board Chair Boehme noted that the District Facilities Advisory Committee would meet the following day and the Superintendent Screening Committee would begin their work on February 4.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

None.

STUDENT REPORT

South Albany High School Student Board Member Stephanie Dilbone said that the fall semester had completed. She said that the final exams were stressful. She said that the spring semester had begun and winter sports were enjoying successes.

West Albany High School Student Board Member Nate Burman said that the fall semester was also completed at his school and the spring semester had begun. He said that seniors attended a presentation during which they were encouraged to not slack off during their final semester and get the most out of high school. He said that he would continue to work hard during his remaining months of high school.

NEW BUSINESS

Business and Operations Director Russ Allen said that representatives from the district's auditing firm, Pauly Rogers and Company, were unable to attend the Board meeting that evening because they were busy reporting to other districts which had rescheduled their audit presentations from January 12, 2015.

Mr. Allen said that the directors had at their places the corrected audit report. He said that the numbers were unchanged but grammatical errors in the text were corrected. He noted that report indicated a "clean" audit and he asked if the Directors wanted a Pauly Rogers and Company representative to come to a future Board meeting and make the same statement. Director Bricker suggested that since that it was a clean audit, no report would be necessary. Board members nodded in agreement.

JUNE BOARD MEETING DATE

Superintendent Maria Delapoer proposed moving the June 22, 2015 Board meeting to June 15, 2015. Board members were agreeable.

Board Chair Boehme directed that the matter be returned to the Board at the Consent Agenda of the next meeting.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

Business and Operations Director Russ Allen introduced Facilities Supervisor Doug Pigman said stated that he would provide a report on Facilities Department activities as well as ongoing energy conservation efforts

Mr. Pigman provided a slide indicating the number of work orders completed. He said that the numbers for the most recent year available were up from 6,220 to 6,908.

He also provided statistics for energy usage. He said that he noted that energy usage was up during the 2013-14 school year but he attributed that to a colder than average winter. He said that the usage for the current year was what he expected.

Mr. Pigman provided charts to indicate water and sewerage usage at each of the schools. He said that the sewer usage was fairly consistent but water usage varied greatly with field irrigation. He explained that water consumption at Liberty Elementary appeared to be unusually high but he explained that some of the water for West Albany High School athletic field irrigation came from Liberty School.

He spoke of the district's desire for irrigation wells. He said that well drilling companies were previously busy in other states but the equipment had recently returned to the area and the district was able to obtain competitive bids for the work. He estimated the cost at \$50,000 for the drilling alone, not counting pumps, piping or other equipment.

Director Bricker asked for specifics about the wells. Mr. Pigman replied that the wells would be 8-10 inches in diameter and from 50-200 feet deep. He remarked that the projections for water were better at South Albany High School than for the West Albany High School fields.

Mr. Pigman provided pictures of work completed across the district. Work included an office remodel at Clover Ridge School, replacement of exterior doors at Liberty Elementary, roof repairs at Calapooia Middle School and an emergency repair to a steam leak beneath the flooring of West Albany High School.

He also spoke of projects to improve the safety of school campuses. He said that additional fencing was added to South Shore and North Albany Elementary School, more than 600 "Lock Bloks" were installed on interior classroom doors of all schools, and interior communications upgrades were applied to several campuses. He said that observation cameras and a front door intercom was installed at Liberty Elementary School. He said that the project was ongoing as the school did not yet have the ability to remotely "buzz-in" a visitor at the front door.

Mr. Pigman also discussed a restroom remodel at West Albany High School and pump repairs at Timber Ridge School and the community pool on the South Albany High School campus. He said that the West Albany High School athletic stadium was painted and seating was repaired. Sunrise Elementary School received new library shelving and Albany Options School received new landscaping.

He spoke of summer community projects and described the work to landscape Liberty and Sunrise Elementary Schools and to paint the entire exterior of Periwinkle Elementary School.

Director Smith asked about all-day kindergarten. He asked if the McKinstry work was expandable to modular classrooms. Mr. Pigman said that it was.

Director Smith spoke about the one-year warrantee period for the controls work performed by McKinstry. He asked if a service contact was available. Mr. Pigman said that it might be possible.

Director Utt asked about irrigation wells. He asked if the district would break even on water costs. Mr. Pigman said that that if the district was able to find underground water as anticipated, the district would be able to water more areas more often. He estimated a 6 year pay-back period. Director Bricker commented that additional watering might result in increased mowing costs.

Superintendent Delapoer asked if the district maintains heat in the buildings when teachers are in school but the students are not. Mr. Pigman replied that the buildings are heated, but he estimated that the district might be able to save money in the future on gymnasium heating.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN REVISIONS

Superintendent Maria Delapoer provided the Board with her proposed revisions to the District Accountability Plan. She suggested that the Directors might wish to schedule a work session in April to discuss her recommendations.

Director Utt asked if work on the document needed to be completed before the next superintendent took office. Board members considered that the new superintendent might appreciate the document but may wish to make revisions of the new superintendent's choice.

Board Chair Boehme suggested a Board Work Session in April. Ms. Delapoer said that Board meetings were scheduled for April 13 and April 27. Board Chair Boehme suggested a work session on April 27. He asked that the directors provide their recommendations for revisions to Board Secretary Jim Haggart.

REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

KINDERGARTEN PLAN

Assistant Superintendent Tonja Everest said that she would summarize preparations toward offering full-day kindergarten for the 2015-16 school year.

Ms. Everest said that retired elementary school principal Jay Thompson was working on curriculum with 4 kindergarten teachers. She said that the curriculum plan had been identified and the team would begin training kindergarten teachers after spring break.

Ms. Everest referred to the document in the Board packets. She said that the first and second pages of the summary identified classroom options that were still under consideration. She said that the third page of the handout indicated options removed from deliberation. Ms. Everest estimated that Option 2 would be the most costly.

Mr. Pigman spoke about the possibility of installing modular classrooms at the elementary schools in North Albany. He said that the district would require the approval of the City or County before installation could begin. He said that the approval process was quite lengthy but the application work had started and that he would have a pre-meeting with City next week. He noted, however, that the Fir Grove campus could not handle a modular classroom because the septic system was already at capacity.

Director Smith asked about costs to re-open Fir Grove School. Mr. Allen said that roof repairs and replacement of some of the heating and ventilation equipment would be a one-time cost that would have to be met eventually.

Director Smith asked about costs to reopen Fairmount School. Mr. Pigman said that the building could be reopened easily. He noted that the phone and intercom systems would probably need to be replaced.

Director Bricker asked about Option 4c which would open all of Fairmount School as a K-1 campus. Ms. Everest said that there would be one spare classroom if a modular was added.

Board Chair Boehme noted that the growth in North Albany was in the Oak Grove School attendance area. He estimated that enrollment at North Albany Elementary would be more stable and that the school's enrollment could be moderated with transfers.

Board Chair Boehme said that there needed to be a longer term solution. Ms. Everest noted that District Facilities Advisory Committee (DFAC) would begin meeting the next day to examine such matters. Director Smith agreed, noting that at the Oak Grove and North Albany Elementary community meetings, parents were told that DFAC would examine the long term plan.

Board Chair Boehme said that North Albany area students and teachers have been bumped around for several years and it would be nice to have a long term solution.

Board Chair Boehme asked for a recommendation. Ms. Everest replied that there was reason Options 1 and 2 were listed on the first page.

Director Smith said that parents liked that Option 2, to reopen Fairmount and Fir Grove as K-1 schools for North Albany Elementary and Oak Grove Schools respectively, required no modular classrooms.

Ms. Everest said that large schools have economy of scale, but Option 2 would use four small schools. Ms. Delapoer agreed, noting that small schools were more expensive to operate.

Ms. Delapoer said that Option 1, to reopen Fir Grove School as a K-1 campus for Oak Grove School would work only if a modular could be added to North Albany Elementary School. She acknowledged that there would still be the difficulty in scheduling the use of the school gym/auditorium/cafeteria.

Director Bricker suggested that Option 2 would be better for the long term.

Mr. Allen said that the North Albany Elementary School principal Tracy Day preferred Option 1 as it would keep all of the North Albany Elementary students at one campus.

Mr. Allen estimated the cost to operate an additional school at \$180,000.

Ms. Everest cautioned against isolating teachers at a kindergarten-only school.

Board Chair Boehme said that the consideration should be about what was best for students as employees could be moved.

Ms. Everest asked the Directors for their preferences.

Board Chair Boehme suggested reopening just one school now, noting that if there was additional growth in the future, a fourth school could be opened. Ms. Delapoer said that enrollment growth was an unknown.

Director Utt asked if a modular would be possible at Oak Grove School. Mr. Allen replied that he thought an additional modular could be sited on the campus but the North Albany Elementary and Fairmount locations were unknowns.

Director Smith said that he would be hesitant to select an option until knew whether a modular classroom could be sited at the Fairmount, Oak Grove and North Albany Elementary school sites.

Board Chair Boehme said that he was intrigued by Option 5, submitted by a parent, which would open Fairmount School as a grades 4-5 campus for both North Albany and Oak Grove Schools. He said that the option would permit all of the fourth and fifth graders to know each other before they moved as a group to sixth grade at North Albany Middle School. Ms. Delapoer said that parking at the Fairmount campus was very limited and it would like require that Fairmount student performance events be held at another location.

A former kindergarten teacher said that Fairmount School was outfitted for smaller students.

Director Smith said that he was not a fan of Option 3 which would open Fir Grove School as a kindergarten hub for all of North Albany. He said that the kinders would lose the opportunity for interaction with older students. Student Board Member Nate Burman agreed, stating that young children like to look up to older students. Board Chair Boehme proposed to remove Option 3 from consideration.

Mr. Allen said that he would try to get more information from the City and County offices regarding modular classrooms.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Boehme noted that January 27 would be the organizational meeting for the District Facilities Advisory Committee. He requested Board Member participation in that session. Director Bricker and Director Smith said that they could participate. He said that that the AIM meeting was rescheduled for February 3. Director Bricker said that he could attend that session.

Board Chair Boehme 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. He said that the next Regular Board Meeting would be February 9, 2015.

Board Chair Boehme adjourned the Board meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Jerry Boehme, Board Chair

Maria Delapoer, Superintendent

(Recorded by Jim Haggart)

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