

CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, October 21, 2009  
GRADE SCHOOL LIBRARY/BOARD ROOM

Board Approved 11/18/09

The Board of Directors of Corbett School District No. 39, Multnomah County, Oregon, met at Corbett Grade School Library/Board Room in said district on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. The following members were present: Maureen Childs, Chairman; Brian James, Vice Chairman; Bob Buttke; Charlie O'Neil; Jeff Aho; Todd Mickalson and Mark Hyzer. Also present were: Bob Dunton, Superintendent and Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk. Randy Trani, K-12 Principal and Jan Younker, Deputy Clerk, had excused absences. NOTE: The minutes are prepared to coincide with time scheduled matters and the numbering system of the agenda and is not necessarily the actual order of happenings at the meeting.

7:34 p.m.

1.0 PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1.1 CALL TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE Maureen Childs – Board Chair  
-called the regular meeting to order and led the flag salute.

1.2 Review and Acceptance of Agenda – Board Chair Childs noted that 1.5a would be revisited next month. 1.7 was moved to follow this item.  
Brian James accepted the agenda as revised and Bob Buttke seconded. The vote was in favor of the changes unanimously.

1.3 MESD Annual Report and Summary 2008-2009 Ron Hitchcock – Superintendent  
Harry Ainsworth – Board Member

Our MESD guests thanked Corbett School District for having them here, and it was Mr. Ainsworth's first visit to our school. He was on his way back from visiting Outdoor School at a Sandy OR sight. Mr. Ainsworth spoke about E2 Foundation supporting districts to fundraise for Outdoor School in the spring. Dan Prince, Outdoor Education MESD, is helping to organize partnerships for our Gorge studies with Freshwater Trust at Eagle Creek and ECL (Ecology Outdoors), to obtain salmon eggs and aquarium set ups. A December release date (salmon) is projected.

Mr. Hitchcock noted the Northwest Connections article and the admiration he has for the Corbett School District and Corbett Charter School and congratulated Mr. Dunton and CCS as students' needs were being met and MESD can be involved.

The annual report for 2008-2009 showed Corbett School District receiving about \$306,000 in Resolution Services from MESD. Along with contracts and grants the totals approximate: \$170 K SPED Services, \$56K Technology/Administrative/Business Services, \$60K Health/Nursing/Social Services, and \$87K Instructional/Alternative Ed Services.

7:50 p.m. Board Chair Childs instructed the Board to look over the following handouts for a few minutes.

7:57 p.m.

1.4 Approval of Minutes Action Item  
Board Workshop  
Regular Meeting  
a. September 16, 2009

Brian James moved and Charlie O'Neil seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **32.10-09** - RESOLVED that the Board approved the minutes of the above listed workshop and meeting.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 7-0.

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- a. Results of Board Self-Evaluation – will be revisited at 11/18/09 meeting.

## 1.6 Review of Correspondence to Board

- a. OSBA Election Results – Board Chair Childs announced that Katie Larsell and Theresa Davis were elected to the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee from our region (see packet letter).

Board Chair Childs welcomed the students.

- 1.7 Student Report Representatives from classes of Lisa Kelly, Dacia Loeung and Lindy Sims, Intermediate Charter Teachers

Dacia Loeung, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Charter Teacher, gave her gratitude to the Board for their hard work and to make possible CCS happening for kids and parents. Great beginning to the school year with Imaginative Education to engage students and with developing intellectual learning and limits for families with the awe and wonder of the Gorge. Students worked on being experts at salmon life cycle and sharing their expertise. Twelve students talked about the salmon stages regarding eggs, alevin, fry, smelt stage estuary, adult and spawning. The students are our future marine biologists! A song was written and led by Lindy Sims, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Charter Teacher, and delivered by our entertaining twelve student representatives.

## 1.8 K-12 Principal Report

Bob Dunton for Randy Trani

Mr. Trani is in New York presenting to about 100 folks at the AP National convention regarding Corbett School District's AP program. He will return Monday, October 26.

Mr. Dunton acknowledged the student report and noted that six to seven grade school classes received their fish eggs October 20, and are managing heating/cooling elements of aquariums, with constant temperature checks – a true labor of love.

The middle school has completed their first round of parent conferences. Physical Education is done the last period of the day and athletics are done following, with coaches helping during the duration. This is working well, and the students are having a good time. The middle school volleyball team is still undefeated. The middle school is launching a pentathlon competition, with an online preparation program. There are five events in competition.

First round of high school conferences and grades released. In keeping an eye on incompletes, we are at or down from historical numbers. AP classes are up in passing completion; the adage of "the more you ask of them the more they do" seems to be true. There are two full academic decathlon teams, doing very informal in-house competitive exams. 24,000 points across 24 exams and presently 250 points separate one team from the other. There will be 10 events in AD.

Brian James asked how the other extracurricular participation is.

Mr. Dunton answered that participation is high in all programs, even a fledgling cross country team. The high school teams include charter school participants with no tensions on who's old/new. Students have embraced new folks and changes.

Maureen Childs asked how the morning routine is going.

Mr. Dunton agreed that transportation is a big item, but pick up at end of day is nine minutes compared to the original 20 minute routine. The sixth graders moving up to middle school at the last minute is seen as positive change per teachers. The sixth grade decision was made with not a lot of options otherwise (space constraints), and it seems to matter as to how it was implemented as the few who were fearful now liking it.

## 2.0 INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTS OF GUESTS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Board Chair Childs reminded the audience about procedures for public comment.

2.1 Gary Law, patron/SSCA President, announced that there is a holiday dinner (benefiting SSCA) December 9 at Springdale Job Corp. The Santa Breakfast will be in the MPB but other events usually held at the Old Corbett Grade School will be held at Springdale School. He thanked Sylvia Maly and Michelle Smith for their volunteer efforts with SSCA. The SSCA is thankful for the MOU (see

\*\*7.1). SSCA will be sending out a survey to the community in November. He noted the land use issues in the board packet, with parking more than 50 cars instigating another study by a parking lot engineer at cost of \$700-\$1000. CCT is waiting for parking lot upgrades in order for their productions to resume at Page 3

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SSCA. Mr. Law requests that our Board look at granting a delay of \$1000.00 earnest money payment for December.

### 3.1 Report

### Information Item

Mr. Dunton gave the one page report, noting changes from last month in fine-tuning student count and its effect on funding. We have an influx of students in Corbett School District residency. We are up the attrition in charter school, expecting 90% enrolled. We are up in count, but lower than the authorized numbers. We are not adding to charter school, as we're pushing 400 kids in the grade school building. The middle and high school numbers projected are ok, with 200 in CMS/CCS and 307-308 in CHS/CCS. The Projected Ending Fund Balance is \$143,886.00. With Contingency of \$400,000.00 our Carry Forward would be projected at \$543,000.00 + and our Beginning Fund Balance still projected at \$450,000.00.

The October forecast is due by the state, and if their reserves drop below \$200,000, it will impact this biennium. The two ballot issues in January could impact Corbett School District by \$540,000. (see packet). With passage of these ballot issues, schools will be held harmless during the first year of the biennium. Next year there would be a shortfall, and possible layoffs to start in the spring. If the legislative ballot measures go down, another package will be put together, potential to be lots of places, but this assumes status quo. It will be a radical change based on elections of 2010. The disappointment will happen in 2010-2011 funding.

Jeff Aho mentioned The Oregonian article about PERS and a 7-20% increase. How will it affect Corbett School District? Can we adjust in one year?

Mr. Dunton said there is no way to know, but upward of a quarter million for Corbett School District.

Brian James stated PERS and ballot measures making a tough biennium.

Mr. Dunton believes a one million adjustment possible, and would be recurring affect compounded between health care, PERS and other shortfalls, crisis of double digit increases. The challenges are down the road, operating with a lot of unknowns, making good judgments and adjusting.

Maureen Childs commented we have done this before, but maybe never been in this dire situation – scary.

Bob Buttke assured that we are good reacting because of our size and leadership.

Jeff Aho asked about occupancy limits - bubble at 400 in grade school, and 200 students in middle school.

Mr. Dunton replied that to some degree CCS has already been aligned to smooth bubble. Our in district population is still in reverse, as each Corbett cohort smaller as it works down the grades.

Jeff Aho asked even with 50 new kids in district this year?

Yes, it just brought us back to where we once were, per Mr. Dunton. 50 students are high for MS/HS per grade levels, 45 for intermediate and 40 for primary.

Charlie O'Neil moved and Brian James seconded:

### **4.0 Consent agenda resolution items 33.10-09\*\* through 41.1-09\*\* Action Items**

#### **\*\*3.2 Surplus Telephones**

**\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 33.10-09\*\* – RESOLVED** that the Board approved the disposal of Norstar/Meridian business telephones (Policy DN).

#### **\*\*3.3 Surplus Kitchen Items**

**\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 34.10-09\*\* - RESOLVED** that the Board approved the disposal of commercial dough divider and mixer. (Policy DN).

#### **\*\*3.4 (TSCC) Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission**

**\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 35.10-09\*\***-RESOLVED that the Board approved continuing jurisdiction under TSCC for the 2010-2011 Budget, 2011-2012 Budget and the 2012-2013 Budget. After that time, the jurisdiction can be renewed or rejected prior to January 1, 2012.

**\*\*3.5 Detailed Budget Calendars for 2010-2011**

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**\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 36.10-09\*\***-RESOLVED that the Board approved the detailed budget calendar for 2010-2011.

**\*\*7.1 MOU between Springdale School Community Association and Corbett School District**

**\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 37.10-09\*\*** - RESOLVED that the Board accepted the MOU between Springdale School Community Association and Corbett School District.

**\*\*9.1 Hire of More Fall Coaches**

**\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 38.10-09\*\*** – RESOLVED that the Board confirmed the recommendations to hire the following coaches for the 2009 fall season: Cami Paul and Michelle Dawkins as Assistant Middle School Volleyball Coaches; Sterling Eltagonde as Assistant Middle School Football Coach and Shannon Andrews as High School JVII Volleyball Coach.

**\*\*9.2 Additional Hour for Certified Employee**

**\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 39.10-09\*\***- RESOLVED that the Board confirmed the additional hour for teacher Andy Blanc from .7 FTE to .78 FTE effective October 12, 2009.

**\*\*9.4 Extra Duty Contract**

**\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 40.10-09\*\*** -RESOLVED that the Board confirmed the extra duty positions of Student Management and Student Leadership for 2009-2010 school year for Phil Pearson.

**\*\*9.5 Retirement**

**\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 41.10-09\*\*** - RESOLVED that the Board confirmed the retirement notice of Jan Schaefer, Secondary Administrative Assistant, effective 11/30/09 and requested to be put on contract with same medical benefits and salary 12/1/09 through 6/30/10.

The vote of the Board was 7– 0 in favor of Resolution No. **\*\*33.9-09** through **\*\*41.9-09**.

**5.0 CURRICULUM**

**5.1 No information at this time in the meeting.**

**6.0 STUDENTS**

**6.1 No information at this time in the meeting.**

**7.0 TRANSPORTATION, BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE**

**7.1 See 4.1**

**8.0 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**8.1 No information at this time in the meeting.**

9.0 PERSONNEL

- 9.1 See 4.1
- 9.2 See 4.1
- 9.3 Vacant Positions

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The district has vacant positions at this time for Substitute Bus Drivers and on-call Instructional Assistants for 2009-2010, as read aloud by Board Chair Childs.

- 9.4 See 4.1
- 9.5 See 4.1

10.0 POLICY

- 10.1 No information at this time in the meeting.

11.0 SUPERINTENDENT DUNTON'S REPORT

Regarding the H1N1 impact question, we have no reliable information, as some say four sets of symptoms. We have about 75% attendance in the middle school and two or three of the eight teachers here during the month, and awful flu season. Multnomah County Health and MESD will implement an after school clinic on November 4, open to the public, and then a second date will be set for H1N1. Charlie O'Neil asked if this is for anyone.

Mr. Dunton replied yes, residents of district and will be held after school is out. There is full disclosure regarding vaccinations if parents are concerned. The MESD web site has lots of information. Our absenteeism is highest in the middle school, then the high school and lowest in the grade school, probably because of the classroom containment management there.

Todd Mickalson asked about the letter regarding school lunches and the fact that you get one lunch after the money in the student's account runs out, then peanut butter and jelly sandwich. He heard from a parent that a student was sent to the back of the line for that. Free and reduced students are not impacted?

Mr. Dunton will follow up on that. Dorothy Hayden, Lunch Aide, has been in habit of sending out notices early, so we'll make sure that students are not sent to end of the line for lack of money.

Charlie O'Neil reiterated that there should be a way that other kids don't know about that situation.

Todd Mickalson asked if phone calls or written notices are done.

Mr. Dunton said we are not staffed to make phone calls.

Brian James added that he has been in that situation and a note has been presented in the past, or if the student rides Ms. Hayden's bus she will remind them.

Todd Mickalson asked if we have projections for basketball numbers.

Mr. Dunton has heard mention of a sophomore (boys) team and know there will be a full plate. The Cascade Locks kids bring in about 20 students, with a great addition to sports.

Brian James commented that the Cascade Locks students/parents are very supportive of our school.

- 12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660...(identify section and item) none at this meeting.

13.0 ACTION ON PROPOSED OR TABLED MATTERS TO FOLLOW EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 13.1 None at this meeting.

14.0 MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

14.1 Brian James commented on the volleyball game October 20, and that it was wonderful to embrace cancer awareness at the athletic arena, and to see the bleachers full. He thanked J.P. Soulagnet, Phil Pearson and coaches for their energetic approach, as well as the teachers. He likened it to MESD talking about helping out our school, as well as our partnership with SSCA, we're a

well oiled machine. He enjoys seeing kids come home energized, and he sees it and hears it from parents, as well as at school. Thanks to all. He appreciates Mr. Trani out in NYC spreading our good information.

14.2 Charlie O'Neil noted that there is lots of energy around sports after school, probably because of the extra students.

14.3 Mr. Dunton and Board Chair Childs announced that the girls' varsity soccer assistant coach, Brie Windust, gave birth October 19 to a baby boy – congratulations and welcome to another Corbett School District future kindergartner.

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Mr. Dunton added that the volleyball team has three more matches and then hosting playoffs.

#### 15.0 COMING EVENTS

15.1 Tuesday and Wednesday, October 27-28, GS Conferences eve

15.2 Sunday, November 1, daylight savings time ends, set clocks back one hour

15.3 Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day Holiday – no school

15.4 OSBA Annual Convention November 12-15, 2009

15.5 Friday, November 13, School Day

15.6 Wednesday, November 18, Regular School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Grade

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15.7 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester, November 19, Thursday

15.8 Thanksgiving Holiday, November 26-27, no school

16.0 ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.