

CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 16, 2009
GRADE SCHOOL LIBRARY/BOARD ROOM

Board Approved 1/20/10

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, December 16, 2009. The following members were present: Brian James, Vice Chairman; Bob Buttke; Charlie O'Neil; Mark Hyzer; Jeff Aho and Todd Mickalson. Maureen Childs was absent. Also present were: Bob Dunton, Superintendent; Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk and Randy Trani, K-12 Principal. Jan Younker, Deputy Clerk, had an excused absence. 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.

7:30 p.m.

1.0 PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1.1 CALL TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE Brian James – Board Vice Chairman
-called the regular meeting to order and led the flag salute.

1.2 Review and Acceptance of Agenda –Mark Hyzer moved the acceptance of the agenda and Bob Buttke seconded.

The vote was 6-0 in favor of the agenda.

1.3 Approval of Minutes Action Item
Regular Meeting
a. November 18, 2009

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **51.12-09** - RESOLVED that the Board approved the minutes of the above listed meetings.

The vote of the Board was 6-0.

1.4 Board Chairman Report Vice Chairman Brian James-
No report at this meeting.

1.5 Review of Correspondence to Board
a. none at this meeting.

1.6 Student Report
a. none at this meeting.

1.7 K-12 Principal Report Randy Trani

Corbett Grade/Middle School: Nancy Wahl, Instructional Aide, resigned/retired (see **9.2). She has worked at Corbett School District since 1982 with several years off since that time. Her last fifteen years have been in Special Education. The grand send off held for a fantastic lady was bittersweet.

The Funky Monkeys and the Middle School Choir performed at the zoo this month.

Corbett Middle/High School: The bands/choir had afternoon concerts December 16 and 17 for their peers and guests.

Corbett Grade School: The salmon fry have all been released.

Corbett School: State testing in 4th-10th grades. The sixth grade has the most tested at 98%, the fifth grade is the lowest at 75%. Trending appears to be as in past years. More than 80% passing rates is goal. Each student can be tested up to three times per year, with lots of time, usually averaging five hours for three tests. No third grade testing presently. Randy Trani usually handles testing in 6th-12th

grades in the Middle/High School and Holly Elvins-Dearixon, Curriculum Coordinator, handles the testing in 1st-6th graders' for the Grade School. The middle school is testing really well for this point in the year.

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Charlie O'Neil asked how many days are upended for testing.

Mr. Trani answered that it depends, but not counting writing, five hours is at right pace.

Jeff Aho had a question about retesting.

Mr. Trani explained that the students have three chances per year to take the test, so you can see their growth, especially if they don't pass the first time. We try to make it low stress with counseling and massaging. As an example, in 10th grade, three kids take the exam at a time in Mr. Trani's office as opposed to a large group exam room.

Lots of visitors have been here to see how we do school. The largest private school in Canada had representatives that visited for two days, and also visitors from Gold Beach, Oakland and Gervais.

Rounding out the visits are a Lutheran school from Bend and even an Educational Options Specialist from Reynolds, as well as two administrative candidates.

Purchase Cards are now streamlining purchases, as a "p-card" is a credit card with less paperwork. We may change budget allocations to save human hours with this method to save money.

Corbett Middle School: After winter break the 6th/7th/8th graders will transition into their "big space museum" and will have exhibits in the making to eventually present to the public and all the grade school students. They do field trips to museums to help form their studies.

Corbett High School: The first trimester ended and incompletes are the lowest in six years, even with added higher expectations. The 9th grade AP Human Geography students get lots of support in what we ask them to do.

Four past graduates visited and all said how well prepared for college they were, as some needed only three years to complete higher education degrees.

Corbett School District: The Western Regional Forum for Advanced Placement will pay Mr. Trani and Mr. Dunton's way to this event.

2.0 INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTS OF GUESTS AND REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 No introductions or comments from guests or representatives at this meeting

3.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS / MATTERS

3.1 Report Information Item

Mr. Dunton explained the handout to the Board with a new Projected Ending General Fund balance today and we're still in the realm of projections. The State hasn't factored in the total school count since July. Our estimates are solid, and trending under expenses. Benefits tracking just under 50% of proposed, so made a downward adjustment. The budget was done before PERS and insurance costs known. Six years ago benefits were 30% of salaries, now 50%. No adjustments made on Purchased Services or Supplies/Materials. The Charter School support, even with a drop in enrollment, has made the building sizes just fine, especially in the grade school. The 187 to 175 doesn't impact money in Revenue, because influx is better than loss. We lost six to eight high school students after trimester, because it was more work than they wanted to invest. We are still projecting not spending \$400,000 in Contingency. There should be about \$700,000 in Carry Forward to 2010-2011, dependent on January vote. There will be impact on Purchased Services and Supplies/Materials if vote fails.

Charlie O'Neil asked how the transfer of money works after a student leaves.

Mr. Dunton explained that it is membership, not attendance, and yes we get dollars per day.

Mr. Trani added that a student doesn't count for or against unless here greater than 50% of the time.

Jeff Aho asked how many Charter School students and what about snow days.

Out of 101 in high school, we lost seven, and one was through expulsion in the middle school. Mr. Dunton added that there is typically 15% rollover, and 10% attrition expected. Our calendar is based on hours of instruction in the classroom per state statutes. We have built in

parent/teacher conferences, etc. and would have to miss more than 30 hours because of inclement weather to have to make up snow days. The high school has 46 hours to play with and the grade school has 880 hours at 7 hours/day or about 6.5 days to play with. Last year we almost hit the limit on closure days/hours. So far this year, so good and we're one of the

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only high schools in Multnomah County to meet instructional hours.

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

4.0 Consent agenda resolution items 52.12-09 through 53.12-09** Action Items**

****9.2 Resignation/Retirement of Classified Employee**

****RESOLUTION NO. 52.12-09**** – RESOLVED that the Board confirmed the resignation/retirement of Nancy Wahl, Aide for Physically Challenged, effective December 31, 2009.

****9.3 Confirm hire for K-12th Grade Instructional Aide**

****RESOLUTION NO. 53.12-09**** – RESOLVED that the Board confirm the hire of _____, .75 FTE Instructional Aide, effective _____.
NO RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION AT THIS MEETING.

The vote of the Board was 6– 0 in favor of Resolution No. 52.12-09**.

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 No information at this time in the meeting.

8.0 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

8.1 No information at this time in the meeting.

9.0 PERSONNEL

9.1 Vacant Positions Information item

Vice Chairman James read aloud:

The district has vacant positions at this time for Instructional Aide K-12th Grade .75 FTE, Substitute Bus Drivers and on-call Instructional Assistants for 2009-2010.

9.2 See 4.1

9.3 See 4.1

10.0 POLICY

10.1 No information at this time in the meeting.

11.0 SUPERINTENDENT DUNTON'S REPORT

Mr. Dunton reported that each year by December 15 and by statute we have to report a level of
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compliance with the requirements of the State of Oregon. We are in compliance with Division 22, which covers virtually all areas like Food Service, instructional hours, TAG, teacher licensure, curriculum standards, accreditation, and federal compliance. We received a clean bill of health last year.

Bob Buttke asked about the Academic Decathlon team and when is the first competition.

Mr. Dunton said there are two teams which are head to head except a difference in honors, one member is a third year veteran and is doubling up on his scores. We lost the state director, so nothing is calendared yet.

Bob Buttke asked if they've had any online competition and are there two classes.

Mr. Dunton replied yes, a scrimmage, and no results yet. Two classes are comprised of about 16 Corbett High School students and about 10-12 Corbett Charter School students.

Bob Buttke surmised that there could be two teams in theory at competitions.

Mr. Dunton explained that the first place team goes to Des Moines IA and 2nd place team has online competition. Of four AD alumni, two have gained national and state AP Scholar designations as well as sophomore status at OSU and Willamette U. Two more are also attending Vassar College and Reed College as freshmen.

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660(2) The governing body of a public body may hold an executive session: (d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

We have no updates at this time, so no Executive Session this month, per Mr. Dunton. We will look at this again in January.

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 Randy Trani reported that one high school senior has five full ride scholarship offers and is ranked 6th in the graduating class. This probably has to do with online applications/FAFSA and linking to AP and SAT scores.

14.2 Mr. Dunton noted that another student is in the running for a National Merit Scholarship.

14.3 Jeff Aho announced that Mrs. Ortman's kindergarten class has a volunteer in Mr. Ortman and they're doing lots of music. He appreciates both of them.

14.4 Brian James liked the winter programs at the zoo and said "hats off" to the music programs – middle school choir and Funky Monkeys were very good.

15.0 COMING EVENTS- Vice Chairman James read aloud and wished all happy holidays.

15.1 Winter Break, December 21-31, 2009

15.2 Wednesday, January 13, 2010 – Conferences eve MS/HS

15.3 Monday, January 18, 2010 – MLK Jr.'s Birthday, Non-Paid Holiday

15.4 Wednesday, January 20, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting, GS Board Room/Library, 7:30 p.m.

15.5 Friday School Day, January 22, 2010

15.6 Monday, February 15, 2010, President's Day Holiday

15.7 Wednesday, February 17, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting, GS Board Room/Library, 7:30 p.m.

8:12 p.m.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

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