

CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 15, 2009
GRADE SCHOOL LIBRARY/BOARD ROOM

Board approved 8-19-09

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, July 15, 2009. The following members were present: Bob Buttke, Outgoing Chairman; Maureen Childs, Incoming Chairman; Charlie O'Neil; Brian James and Jeff Aho. Todd Mickalson and Mark Hyzer had excused absences. Also present were: Bob Dunton, Superintendent and Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk. Jan Younker, Deputy Clerk and Randy Trani, K-12 Principal 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.

7:37 p.m.

1.0 PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

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

1.2 Review and Acceptance of Agenda – we added 9.3 and 1.10 on the morning prior to the meeting, with no objections, accepted as written.

1.3 Approval of Minutes Action Item
Public Hearing 2009-2010 Budget
a. June 24, 2009
Regular Meeting
b. June 24, 2009

Maureen Childs moved and Charlie O'Neil seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **1.7-09** - RESOLVED that the Board approved the minutes of the above listed meetings.

The Board approved the resolution with a vote of 5 – 0.

1.4 Board Chairman Report Bob Buttke

a. Policy BA – Board Goals and Policy BK – Evaluation of Board Operational Procedures – in the upcoming couple of months, the board will pick a date to work on these.

b. Swear in Board Directors from May election with Oath of Office (ORS 332.005(2) & Policy BBBB

Bob Buttke gave oath of office to newly elected board member, Jeff Aho, and congratulated him.

1.5 Election of Board Chairman Action Item

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **2.7-09** – RESOLVED that the Board elected Maureen Childs as Board Chairman. (ORS 332.040) & Policy BC/BCA

Charlie O'Neil noted that Maureen Childs has been a board member a long time and will be an effective Chair.

The vote of the Board was 5 – 0 in favor.

Bob Buttke congratulated Maureen Childs and turned over the gavel to her.

1.6 Election of Board Vice Chairman Action Item

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **3.7-09** - RESOLVED that the Board elected Brian James as Board Vice

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Chairman. (ORS 332.040) & Policy BC/BCA

Charlie O'Neil noted that Brian James has been a long time board member, does a good job and will do fine at filling in when the Chair is absent.

The Board agreed with a vote of 5 – 0 in favor of Resolution No. 3.7-09.

1.7 Designate Regular Meeting Dates, Time and Place Action Item

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **4.7-09** – RESOLVED that the Board accepted the 2009-10 Board meeting calendar dates as attached choosing plan a (Policy BD/BDA/BDB).

Brian James noted that he liked the current monthly meetings to stay just the way they are as scheduled.

The vote of the Board was 5 -0 in favor.

1.8 Review of Correspondence to Board
a. Corbett Alumni Association – Maureen Childs read the letter aloud from Tom Cowling, CAA President, and thanked CAA for their contribution. Charlie O'Neil mentioned that they had also contributed to the Academic Decathlon team. Mr. Dunton added that they sponsor the teacher of the year recognition as well.

1.9 See 4.1

1.10 K-12 Principal Report Correspondence from Randy Trani

Mr. Dunton said the bulk of Mr. Trani's letter is a plan for middle school athletics, intention primarily to insulate from budgetary problems and also protects planning period for middle school teachers. All middle school will do physical education at the same time, last period of the day. P.E. program will be implemented by six coaches hired per trimester/season, and students have the choice of six activities. These will be competitive or non-competitive classes, and the coaches teach another hour if students want to participate in extra-curricular. Lots of middle school activity is curtailed by walking through the door, and now they can choose to walk out. We hope to cultivate kids and increase participation at the high school level. The time in class will also increase space and athletic fields for other age groups, through the help of their earlier practice times. Mr. Dunton credited Mr. Trani with the idea, and Mr. Soulagnet has reviewed a number of takers, as well as recruitment trip to Concordia for student teachers to coach on extra duty.

Jeff Aho asked if this is an opportunity for the charter school kids as well.

Mr. Dunton replied yes, integration of all 7th/8th, as same curriculum for charter school students in middle school.

2.0 INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTS OF GUESTS AND REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 Gary Law, Springdale School Community Association, spoke to the Board about activities at the old Springdale School including Nellie Creek Camp, M-Th 7:30- 5:30 p.m., Tuesday ladies tea, bible studies on Wednesday, and class reunions, memorials, etc. SSCA joined the Chamber for marketing and by word of mouth, has introduced more uses for the building. SSCA has hired an architect that has done work towards land use permit, and the need is \$3600 for this cost. The survey has been delayed, as it is not important for permits. A 1978 blueprint was found which has saved time, as Brian Evans had mechanical plans from BOORA Architects, and they were contacted, so hoping by end of year for completion. SSCA is looking into the assembly room, and has started parking lot discussions. They

may hire NERT for big events. Tenants have indicated they would like SSCA to manage, and so MOU will be drawn up for flat fee or rate. David Shelman, David Rossman and Sylvia Maly are working on this. Brian James and Maureen Childs thanked Gary Law.

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3.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS / MATTERS

- 3.1 See 4.1
- 3.2 See 4.1
- 3.3 See 4.1
- 3.4 See 4.1
- 3.5 See 4.1
- 3.6 See 4.1
- 3.7 See 4.1

3.8 Report Information Item

Mr. Dunton spoke about the 2008-2009 Fund Balance Analysis with another round of Actuals to impact, Projected Ending Fund Balance, \$138,777. Our Beginning Fund Balance and Contingency spent down due to the devastating education funding. We are not eliminating staff or cutting days, so that is quite an achievement.

The 2009-2010 Fund Analysis report has a Beginning Fund Balance estimated to be \$450,000 after moving \$300,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the General Fund. Projected Revenue is \$8,152,395. Please ignore the right hand column note in the Expenditures column with 45.50% of salaries. The legislature imposed a 1% service fee on top of our medical insurance to equal \$15-\$20,000 increase. Purchased Services and Supplies and Materials are budgeted down from previous year because of Charter School. We do not plan on spending down Contingency of \$400,000, and hope not to even with the abysmal economy, with reasonable stability. Over the course of the biennium there should be an increase from year one to two, only the possibility of a repeal of the taxable income for households over one-quarter million or the minimum corporate tax would cause a problem. Our proposed and projected difference is zero, no expenditures to report yet. Auditors scheduled July 22-23.

Charlie O'Neil asked if we are still basing our final budget on \$6 billion.

Mr. Dunton replied it is based on \$5.8 billion with \$200 million new dollars, and based on a conservative student count.

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

4.0 Consent agenda resolution items 5.7-09 through 13.7-09** Action Items**

****1.9 Approve Local Public Contract Review Board**

****RESOLUTION NO. 5.7-09 – RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors for Corbett School District is the governing body for the school under ORS 279A.060 as delegated. (Policy BBA, DJC and DJC-AR)

****3.1 Designate Depository of Funds**

****RESOLUTION NO. 6.7-09 – RESOLVED** that the Board designated Oregon State Treasury Local Government Investment Pool, U.S. National Bank, Wells Fargo and the Bank of New York Mellon as depositories for 2009-2010. (ORS 328.441 and ORS 294.805 to 294.895) Policy DG

****3.2 Designate Custodian of Funds**

****RESOLUTION NO. 7.7-09 – RESOLVED** that the Board designated Robert R. Dunton, Superintendent, and Jan Younker or Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerks, as custodian of Corbett School District No. 39, Multnomah County, funds in compliance with ORS 328.441; and

that such funds be dispersed only in the manner provided in subsection (1) of ORS 328.445, effective July 1, 2009. (Policy DJ, DBK and DBJ)

****3.3 Designate Chief Administrative And Budget Officer**

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****RESOLUTION NO. 8.7-09– RESOLVED** that the Board designated Robert R. Dunton as Chief Administrative Officer/School District Clerk and Budget Officer who should prepare or supervise the preparation of the budget document effective July 1, 2009, in compliance with ORS 294.331 and ORS 332.515. (Policy CB and CBA)

****3.4 Fidelity Bonds**

****RESOLUTION NO. 9.7-09 – RESOLVED** that the Board bonded Robert R. Dunton, Superintendent, and Robin Lindeen-Blakeley and Jan Younker, Deputy Clerks, each in the amount of \$250,000, as required under ORS 332.525. (Policy DH)

****3.5 Approve contracts for payment**

****RESOLUTION NO. 10.7-09 – RESOLVED** that the Board authorized its superintendent or the superintendent's designee to enter into and approve payment on contracts for products, materials, supplies, capital outlay, equipment and services that are within appropriations made by the district school board. (ORS 332.075(2-3) and Board Policy DK & DJ)

****3.6 Confirm Official Auditors**

****RESOLUTION NO. 11.7-09 – RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed Pauly, Rogers and Co., P.C. as official auditors for the school year 2009-10. (ORS 297.405, ORS 327.137, and ORS 328.465 and Policy DIE)

****3.7 Legal Counsel**

****RESOLUTION NO. 12.7-09- RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed The Hungerford Law Firm as our advisor and representative for legal matters. (Policy BCG)

****9.2 Contract Extensions**

****RESOLUTION NO. 13.7-09 – RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed 10 day contract extensions for Holly Elvins-Deaixon (.7 FTE) and Derek Jaques for 2009-2010.

The vote of the Board was 5– 0 in favor of Resolution No. ****5.7-09** through ****13.7-09**.

5.0 CURRICULUM

**5.1 Review of the Mathematics Curriculum – Grade 1 through Grade 8
Information Item**

Mr. Dunton mentioned that we have been curriculum specific for some amount of time. Oregon has vacillated over math, creating so many math standards that there were seminars/workshops and a Power Standards movement. The State of Oregon recently decided to rewrite the standards per grade specific, so we are obligated to upgrade, and this covers the National Council of Teachers of Math and the Oregon state standards as well as Saxon math. We know that sticking to grade level is not a good way to teach math. Produced a legal document to cover state standards and enriched to show Corbett's reflection, as double checked with a number of sources. One other school district, Hermiston, has adopted Saxon math. It is the only math type that Math Clearing House stands on. Jeff Aho asked if teachers get input.

Mr. Dunton replied no, this is document to keep compliant. Our teachers teach it because Mr. Dunton does Saxon math. We have done one week of parent input and converted and adopted to Saxon math in 2000. The state has made no progress in math in 10 years, and the only change has been a cutoff score change in 2006.

6.0 STUDENTS

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6.1 There were no items presented 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

The district has vacant positions at this time for Substitute Bus Drivers and on-call Instructional Assistants for 2009-2010.

9.2 See 4.1

9.3 Authorization for Hire of K-6 Instructional Assistant Action Item

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **14.7-09** – RESOLVED that the Board authorize the hire of a K-6 Instructional Assistant (.75 FTE) position for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Dunton explained that this is an adjustment because of one high needs student that has need of an aide the entire day in the middle school building, so essentially a Special Education expense.

The Board voted 5 – 0 in favor of the resolution.

10.0 POLICY

10.1 No information at this meeting.

11.0 SUPERINTENDENT DUNTON'S REPORT

11.1 10th Grade Reading/Math Passing Rates 1998-2009 – graph handouts in board packet.

11.2 Mr. Trani, Mr. Dunton and Sheri Dunton, Special Education Director, will be on plane to San Antonio on July 16 to attend the National **Advanced Placement** Conference and give two different presentations. They will roll out most recent testing and how parts are successful, etc. The graphics should be kept in front of us, it is important to recognize the startling good results. The 10th grade assessments are the only important assessments, because if it doesn't roll up to 10th grade results, it means nothing. We are a unique phenomenon in producing 10th grade results. We are waiting for AP results, and have obtained a CD today showing 28 AP scholars for Corbett High School. The previous high was 22, these students having passed three or more AP courses during their high school careers. That is more than 10% of our student body. 40% of our seniors earned AP Scholar designation, 18 of 45 graduates. 12% of Oregon

seniors pass one or more AP exams, 60% of Corbett High School passed one or more AP exams.

Maureen Childs asked if we are one of the highest in the nation.

Mr. Dunton replied that for a public school, yes. It is usually reserved for magnet or Talented and Gifted schools, so we are astounding here. Of our 45 seniors, 128 passed AP exams in their careers, which is more than any other high school in Oregon

attempted. The state of Oregon publishes rubric and top five graduates (10% of class) are carrying average of 30 credits each into their freshman year of college, and an average college freshman earns 40 credits their first year. Advanced Placement cost the district \$40,000 this year. Six years at

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Oregon State University costs about \$120,000, so money directly back into pockets of senior class parents. This is equal to \$12,000 scholarship for a quarter of the senior class. Advanced Placement students also gain entrance into schools they wouldn't normally get into otherwise. We have students going to Vassar, Sarah Lawrence, Reed, etc. Mr. Dunton spoke to a former student of CHS who passed one AP exam and has been attending MHCC. He was offended that MHCC was easier than CHS. He has worked hard and will be attending George Fox University this fall.

Mr. Dunton had an interesting conversation with Reynolds Board Chair, and the first neighbor willing to admit that something is happening here.

Brian James noted that the word is out. He knows parents of Sam Barlow HS who wanted their child to go to Corbett Charter School, and wish they'd known sooner. They had home schooled in grade school with Saxon math.

Mr. Dunton continued that the **charter conversation** has made movement.

Bob Buttke asked if the online charter school turns out good kids.

Mr. Dunton said that it certifies what they know, but doesn't show growth. It is a good outlet for moving at own pace, but hard to keep engaged.

Maureen Childs commented it is not full education.

Mr. Dunton replied that it takes discipline or self-discipline.

Maureen Childs asked about the **COSA conference**.

Mr. Dunton expressed that the Hermiston Superintendent was in their presentations, as well as lots of principals and assistant principals checking on us. The evidence is starting to pile up and we are hard to ignore. The **College Board** has invited us to their conference in La Jolla, CA in February to receive recognition on the west coast.

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 Charlie O'Neil spoke about the National Conference of Charter Schools he attended with Bob and Sheri Dunton and other Corbett School District teachers. He attended a track mostly talking about facilities and buildings. Charter schools in Oregon have a hard time educating because of dollars, and Oregon has been a little hostile, probably because of online abuses, but is now growing because of public schools. Public charter schools are a choice. We've done it here because of necessity and continue with track of out of district kids. The charter will make competition and provide vehicle for schools to improve. In Gates studies of small high schools, quality of teachers is all that matters and we have that here because of Mr. Dunton and Mr. Trani's leadership. What Corbett School District is doing is perfect and causes other charter schools to open and improve. It was a good time to spend with staff and to appreciate them at this conference. He recognized our set up here is good, as the conference focused a lot on fundraising.

14.2 Mr. Dunton has RFP on charter schools.

14.3 Jeff Aho wondered if it comes down to board for model and success of charter.

Mr. Dunton noted that the charter board here selected by charter association and majority are teachers here. We are basing on student achievement.

14.4 Brian James thanked the Corbett School District for allowing the Corbett Fun Festival to be held on July 4.
Mr. Dunton said the grounds were immaculate the next day, good organization.

15.0 COMING EVENTS

15.1 Annual Appraisal/Review/and Evaluation of Board operational procedures and District Goals Workshop – TBD

15.2 Regular Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m. Grade School Library/Board Room, August

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19 or September 16, 2009, depending on 1.7 action item

15.3 In-service, Tuesday, August 25, 2009

15.4 First day of School, Monday, August 31, 2009

15.5 Labor Day Holiday, Monday, September 7, 2009

15.6 Open House for MS/HS, Wednesday, September 9, 2009 eve

15.7 Friday School Day, September 11, 2009

15.8 Open House for GS, Tuesday, September 15, 2009

16.0 ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.