

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

Board approved 10/21/09

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, September 16, 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; 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 Maureen Childs – Board Chairman  
-called the regular meeting to order and led the flag salute.

1.2 Review and Acceptance of Agenda – revised as written 9/16/09 adding 1.4 and 10.1 was accepted and so moved by Charlie O'Neil and seconded by Brian James. (also added 9.9)

1.3 Approval of Minutes Action Item

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a. August 19, 2009

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **20.9-09** - RESOLVED that the Board approved the minutes of the above listed meeting.

The resolution was approved by a unanimous vote.

1.4 Board Chairman Report Maureen Childs

- a. OSBA LPC (see 10.1)
- b. OSBA Annual Convention – sheet for signup was passed around the board table.

1.5 Review of Correspondence to Board

- a. OSBA Fall Regional Meeting
- b. TSCC – See information in packet for fees for continuing to operate under their jurisdiction.
- c. Oregon Standards Newspaper – is now online (see board packet for information).

1.6 K-12 Principal Report Randy Trani-

reported things are going swimmingly, considering seven months ago we were in a far different situation, with lowest funding and biggest budget crisis. At that time we were without Corbett Charter School and we were not anticipating a 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> configuration for the middle school. The high school has more than 40 new students and we were once anticipating athletics funding would be gone. The parking lots are now full.

The grade school is studying the Columbia River Gorge with salmon and most have tanks set up to add creatures that swim in the Columbia River. Mrs. Reed was moved to K-2 teacher to alleviate classroom numbers, five or six days before the start of school, as more and more have walked through the doors.

The middle school has 50 district students from 6<sup>th</sup> grade, to alleviate crowding in the grade school. A parent meeting was held to address parent concerns. The initial three that had concerns are now not worried, as the student comments were “the best day of my school life”, “I loved it”, and “this middle school

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is fantastic”. The middle school as part of their earth science unit is on a field trip to Mt. St. Helens Johnson Ridge Observatory and staying at the Anderson Lodge. They are also building community and cohesiveness.

The high school is transitioning well with out of district students. Less academic whiplash than expected and the teachers are ok at how the students are doing. There will be over 800 AP exams this year, with an AP art portfolio as well as Academic Decathlon. There is a new alternative program on campus to defray costs of Alpha High School. Novanet costs \$12-13,000. Nine students are in the program and each has generated half a credit in one subject already.

There are lots of new students to our schools, in-district and out of district, and we have reason to believe from tips and from staff members some clear evidence that some who say they are residents, are not. We are investigating one incidence with a letter, but not much latitude to get help from sheriff’s department. We can look at addresses through Multnomah County Land Use and there are legal ways to be here, and we aren’t the police.

Mr. Dunton concurred that there is no enforcement agency for this, as we assume people are on the honor system.

Mr. Trani has drafted a letter about fingerprint scanning for our lunch program and it went out to the grade school today. It is totally opt-in or opt-out. The letter to the middle school and high school students will be mailed. This system only scans, and doesn’t store. We think this will be a better system because of the issues with students using other student’s cards by mistake or purposely. The cost for this technology was \$95.

The six secrets to good education: 1. one teacher per 25 students. 2. Leave student and teacher together as long as possible. 3. Academic achievement focus. 4. Feed the teachers, and trust them enough to give them everything they need. 5. Professional development. 6. Don’t violate 1-5.

There have been lots of good ideas received, but at the expense of number 3 to get done, so not all ideas will be done.

## 2.0 INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTS OF GUESTS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Board Chair Childs read aloud the procedures on the agenda for public comment.

2.1 Michael Wilson, parent/patron, commented on the newsletter, and that a paper copy should be an opt-in for those not connected electronically.

2.2 Matt Dotson, parent/Charter School, spoke to the topics of the fingerprinting, renting addresses and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in Charter versus 6<sup>th</sup> graders in district. He had heard that the cost of the fingerprinting was \$100-\$120,000. The influx of students is a concern, as he is trying to move here. He believes the split of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders has made some unfair advantages/disadvantages and that the K-3 grade span is non-conducive to learning.

2.3 Ana Mosely, parent/patron spoke to the Charter School and the swine flu. She is concerned about the protocol for alerting parents if there is H1N1 virus at school. She doesn’t feel she has had a return call with communication. The Charter School has a three year contract, so she would like benchmarks and tangible academic results in place in order to look at another renewal.

2.4 Gary Law, patron, spoke about Springdale School. As President of Springdale School Community Association, he spoke to agenda item 7.1 (see under 7.1), as this is the old MOU in packet, and they are proposing a new Memorandum of Understanding. (To be at next month’s meeting).

## 3.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS / MATTERS

### 3.1 Report

Information Item

Mr. Dunton gave the board a one-page financial handout dated September 15. The changes from last month can be seen in the difference column. The Projected Ending

Fund Balance is \$161,034.00 and in addition to Contingency (\$400,000) will leave us with an ending balance of \$561,000.00. The budget was written with 860 students projected, and 988 ADMw. We now have 904 students and 1010 ADMw. The Corbett Charter School enrollment is 304 and 600 for Corbett School District. We had projected 530 in-district and have 600. We did have 600 10 years ago. This increase of 70 is a direct

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result of the Charter School. The 304 is lower than 321 students budgeted for Charter School, due to the facility constraints. 400 students are in grade school building. 200 students on wait list, and in-district will be volatile in the next 30 days. Additional 32 ADMw equates to \$190,000.00 in Revenue. The additional staffing for this can be seen on Consent agenda items under 9.0. The adopted budget for salaries \$3,151,619 is projected to be \$3,325,939, for an increase of \$114,320. We project benefits to decline approximately \$136,456. We budgeted high due to volatility of payroll, and with increased students, we project spending \$22,136 less. This still means we are spending down our Reserve \$50,000. We have and will spend more than usual, but our budget cuts were given up in space (crowding). We didn't freeze or cut staff.

Jeff Aho asked about the health care cap.

Mr. Dunton replied that the increase still fell short of the cap about \$50.

Brian James asked how many students in middle school and high school.

Middle school has 200 and high school is 306-308 students, estimated.

Randy Trani reminded us that we are 10 days into the school year. We only drop students 10 days after they are absent from rolls.

Charlie O'Neil asked about the Capital Improvement Fund. Robin Lindeen-Blakeley estimated that we have \$300,000.00 +.

3.2 See 4.1

Brian James moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

**4.0 Consent agenda resolution items 21.9-09\*\* through 29.9-09\*\* Action Items**

\*\*3.2 Budget Calendar for 2010-2011

\*\*RESOLUTION NO. **21.9-09\*\*** – RESOLVED that the Board approved the Budget Calendar for 2010-2011.

\*\*5.1 Independent Textbook Adoptions for Math

\*\*RESOLUTION NO. **22.9-09\*\*** – RESOLVED that the Board adopted independent Saxon math textbooks Mathematics Category 2 for grades K-6 and Mathematics Category 3 for grades 7-8.

\*\*9.1 Hire of More Fall Coaches

\*\*RESOLUTION NO. **23.9-09\*\*** – RESOLVED that the Board confirmed the recommendations to hire the following coaches for the 2009 fall season: Peter Monahan as Head Middle School Boys and Girls Soccer Coach; Cheryl Reams as Head Middle School Volleyball Coach; Christopher (lo) Niebergall-Eltagonde as Head Middle School Football Coach and Brandon Sause as Head Middle School Cross Country Coach.

\*\*9.2 Hire of K-6 Instructional Aide

\*\*RESOLUTION NO. **24.9-09\*\*** – RESOLVED that the Board confirmed the hire of Brandon Sause as .63 FTE K-6 Instructional Aide for the 2009-2010.

\*\*9.3 Authorize Positions for 2009-2010

**\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 25.9-09\*\*** – RESOLVED that the Board authorized the positions of .7 FTE K-6 Intervention Specialist, 1.0 FTE Grade 4/5 Teacher, and .5 FTE Custodian/.5 FTE Maintenance I for the 2009-2010 school year.

**\*\*9.4** Confirm Hires for 2009-2010

**\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 26.9-09\*\*** – RESOLVED that the Board confirmed the hire of Andrew Blanc  
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as .7 FTE K-6 Intervention Specialist and Abigail Steichen as Grade 4/5 Teacher effective August 25, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year.

**\*\*9.5** Revised OFLA for Certified Employee

**\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 27.9-09\*\***– RESOLVED that the Board approved leave under the Oregon Family Leave Act for Desiree Chiu, 4<sup>th</sup>/5th Grade Teacher/GS Assistant Principal, and effective June 1 through June 8, 2009 and September 8 through October 8, 2009, October 12, October 14, October 19, October 21, October 27 and October 28, 2009.

**\*\*9.6** OFLA for Certified Employee

**\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 28.9-09\*\*** – RESOLVED that the Board approved leave under the Oregon Family Leave Act for Megan Shaw, Charter K-3 Teacher, and effective February 1, 2010 through April 23, 2010.

**\*\*9.7** Retirement and Post-Retirement MOU for Certified Employee

**\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 29.9-09\*\*** - RESOLVED that the Board ratified the retirement of Robert F. Schaefer, 1.0 FTE Cross Age and Alternative High School Teacher, effective December 1, 2009 and contingent on a post-retirement MOU through June 7, 2010.

The vote of the Board was 7– 0 in favor of Resolution No. **\*\*21.9-09** through **\*\*29.9-09**.

5.0 CURRICULUM

5.1 See. 4.1

6.0 STUDENTS

6.1 No information at this time in the meeting.

7.0 TRANSPORTATION, BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE

7.1 MOU between (SSCA) and Corbett School District Information Item

Gary Law spoke to the current MOU as effective through the month, and will be extended until next month for action at October Board meeting. SSCA wishes to handle and control the leases and charge a management fee so that tenants are consistent with land use application for retail to support core activities. There may be seven tenants to give money (\$12,000-\$16,000) to the District and a possible eighth room in the basement.

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 See 4.1
- 9.4 See 4.1
- 9.5 See 4.1
- 9.6 See 4.1
- 9.7 See 4.1

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9.8 Vacant Positions Information Item

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

9.9 Hire of Classified Employee

Charlie O'Neil moved and Brian James seconded:  
 RESOLUTION NO **31.9-09** – RESOLVED that the Board confirmed the hire of Aaron Helfrich as 1.0 FTE with .5 FTE Maintenance I / .5 FTE Custodian (and effective September 21, 2009.)

The vote of the Board was in favor unanimously.

Jeff Aho asked a procedural question concerning folks hired on the consent agenda.  
 Mark Hyzer clarified the numbering of this Resolution.

10.0 POLICY

- 10.1 Election for new OSBA Legislative Policy Committee Members Action Item
  - a. Region 14/Position 17 Multnomah County
  - b. Region 14/Position 18 Multnomah County
  - c. Region 14/Position 19 Multnomah County – appointment to be made by OSBA following election.

Brian James moved and Bob Buttke seconded:  
 RESOLUTION NO **30.9-09** – RESOLVED that the Board elected candidates Katie Larsell (Incumbent), Position 17 and Theresa Davis, Position 18 as Legislative Policy Committee Members to the Oregon School Boards Association to take office January 1, 2010.

Mr. Dunton noted that both Katie from Parkrose and Theresa from Reynolds will represent us well.

The vote of the Board was in favor unanimously.

11.0 SUPERINTENDENT DUNTON'S REPORT

Mr. Dunton said we have had an interesting start to school, like doing the 100 yard dash after training for long distance. He said it was the best year he's seen in staff morale, and the veteran teachers say it is great.  
 The middle school staff is ecstatic, as the teachers (Aaron Long said we need 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the building) advocated to have an impact with wider multi-age group to take the edge off the 8<sup>th</sup> grader toughness with 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The building is crowded, especially with 200 in the middle school commons, but fun for karaoke.  
 The high school is most impacted by classes, as they are pushing 30 students, with no complaints. Here the distinction between in and out of district students goes away. There are some sections with only 15-16 students are usually divided equally between 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> graders. Time is spent in the commons with projects of Corbett High School and Corbett Charter School together, tone is good. There are two charter school teachers. Carpools have been formed.

Mr. Dunton is extremely grateful for the enthusiasm of our staff. The Pioneer Association had their annual meeting and honored Mr. Dunton with community service award, celebrating history together, some traveled far for this wonderful event. Potential flu epidemic, with e-mails in every combination in regards to how to handle. The best advice is prevention, send the sick home, and prepare as contagious before symptoms with more readily airborne. If we discover any case, we'll fire up the AlertNow system for notification. Flu is more severe for children and elderly for dehydration issues.

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We can decide to close school or take a break if too many out sick, balance is the key. Jeff Aho asked if the custodians have a cleaning procedure. Mr. Dunton answered yes, and the teachers do extra too, with wiping down surfaces. There are reminders for all to wash hands with soap and water. Mr. Trani said students have been practicing the swine flu cough and sneeze procedures at morning meetings.

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 exceptional and energetic middle school teachers and that his spouse and daughter were on the Mt. St. Helens field trip. He also appreciated the school bus conduct skits, making school successful. He thanked the teachers, as they do a wonderful job for kids. He also thanked the concerned citizens at the board meeting.

14.2 Todd Mickalson asked if morning meetings are every day and if there is a goal or theme.

Mr. Trani said yes in the middle school about half an hour each day with community building as goal with the hope of eliminating the "us versus them" attitudes and reminders to bring things, etc. for communication reinforcement. There are 15 adults (counting student teachers). This also helps lead up to the end of the year speeches in front of the student body for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Mr. Dunton added that the time spent is great for transitions for home to classroom, and bus to school orientation.

14.3 Randy Trani added that the recent Key Communicator had information about the 28 AP Scholars in our school, and national scholar Joe Perry and state AP scholar Lara Dunton, in the top 102 in country.

Mr. Dunton noted that Brandon Sager in audience was in the AP Scholar category and also an Academic Decathlon team member.

Brian James added that Brandon is here for his citizenship in community time for Boy Scouts.

14.4 Mark Hyzer enjoyed the Open House for the high school, great feel and teachers talked in the High School Commons. Athletics and Academic Decathlon, Corbett School District is unique in their achievements, which reinforces our mission and roles.

14.5 Mr. Dunton mentioned the Open House for Charter School on September 21.

15.0 COMING EVENTS

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

15.2 OSBA Fall Regional Dinner Meeting, please sign up with Robin by September 21, 2009.

15.3 Conferences – eve MS/HS, Wednesday, October 7, 2009

15.4 Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 7:30 p.m. Grade School Library/Board Room

15.5 OSBA Annual Convention November 12-15, 2009, please sign up with Robin by October 8, 2009.

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

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