

CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 19, 2011
Grade School Board Room/Library
Board approved 2/16/11

The Board of Directors of Corbett School District No. 39, Multnomah County, Oregon, met at Corbett Grade School Building in said district on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. The following members were present: Maureen Childs, Chairman; Charlie O'Neil; Mark Hyzer, Vice Chairman; Bob Buttke; Jeff Aho; Brian James and Todd Mickalson. Also present were: Dr. Randy Trani, Superintendent/Secondary Principal; Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk and DeeDee Hanes, Grade School Principal/Special Education Director (in at 7:36 p.m.). 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- Maureen Childs – Board Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

1.2 Review and Acceptance of Agenda – accepted as written on agenda.

1.3 Regular Meeting

a. December 15, 2010

Board Workshop

a. January 5, 2011

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **83.1-11** - RESOLVED that the Board approved the minutes of the above listed meeting and workshop.

The vote of the Board was 7-0 in favor.

1.4 Board Chairman Report Maureen Childs
a. Chairman Childs appreciated the awesome turnout at the Community Information Night on January 18. It was a valuable exercise to take, learn, and digest data in future decisions. Thanks to all of you and your time commitment

1.5 Review of Correspondence to Board

a. Proclamation from the Governor – for Board recognition month. Assistant Principal Lori Luna also provided snacks and organized appreciation cards for our Board.

b. Letters from patrons – Pat Horner provided a letter to the board after the December 15, 2010 Board meeting and Mel Christensen provided a letter for this Board packet.

c. Legislative Day – OSBA/COSA is scheduled for February 21.

d. Dr. Trani provided handouts of the November 17 and 30, 2010 letters from Michael Grimmert, Code Compliance Specialist with Multnomah County regarding Springdale School.

1.6 Principal Reports

b. Lori Luna/Derek Jaques, Phil Pearson – MS/HS Assistant Principals

Ms. Luna reported about the middle school's studies of the Renaissance and body systems. A field trip to the coast is planned for April, albeit budget constraints. The service unit enrichment class is called the "green team" and the students are picking up garbage and recycling in the middle/high schools. Four middle school student teachers are helping in the art enrichment class with mask making and in physical education for the 6th graders, with two of them coaching middle school basketball. Things are busy and going well daily. Jewell SD visited the middle school today.

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Mr. Pearson introduced Chris James, a CHS senior and student in Robotics, to give an impromptu report. Chris talked about the high school team dividing into groups to build the corporate team manipulative robotics contest robot. The robot collects biological samples and does oil well repairs. An administrative group does budgeting and reports progress. The other teams do the physical designs and engines, and the remote controls. Mr. Pearson added that the robots do all the work under water. In the spirit of appreciation to the board, Mr. Pearson read a letter from a first year student at Linfield College and past CHS graduate. The letter thanked Corbett HS for their AP English class and teacher Will Robertson, for the basis of a successful paper written in college on "women's' suffrage". Phil Pearson noted that this student passed only one AP class with a three during high school. Middle and High School state testing is underway, with 10th graders testing the week of January 24th.

- a. DeeDee Hanes – GS Principal reported that they are having fun training at least 22 volunteers with phase two of the Gorge mural which encompasses Wahkeena Falls to the Arch at Troutdale. Work will be done in February and March should be when it is completed to see. Miller Paints donated over \$700 for paints for the project. The Terra Tempo Writers and Artists are scheduled for a January 26 assembly to talk to the intermediate students about the ice age cataclysm in the Gorge, as well as about graphic novels and including a 12 page workbook. The younger students will draw the "Missoula Floods". The intermediate students are also studying a simple machines unit and more state testing planned in February.

2.0 INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTS OF GUESTS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Chairman Childs reminded folks of the three minute limit, and no intercourse with the board. She said to please contact her or Randy Trani if more time is needed.

2.1 Janet Ruddell, parent/patron, spoke about the school funding crisis and gave a handout regarding the survey of preliminary results that she already sent to the Board.

2.2 Ben Mackaness, alumni/parent/patron, spoke about ideas to eliminate budget shortfall without reducing services to the students involvement, and gave a handout to the board. He thanked the Board and Administrative staff.
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2.3 Bruce Schmidt, parent/patron, spoke about "option 5" potential cuts, and gave a handout to the Board.

2.4 Victoria Purvine, parent/patron, spoke about community input and information regarding petition handouts for the Board.

Chairman Childs stated clarification regarding the application for the QSB loan.

2.5 Gary Law, patron, spoke about Springdale School (see 7.1)

3.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS / MATTERS

3.1 Report Information Item

Dr. Trani gave the board a two-sided handout of the 2010-11 Fund Analysis. The report shows 602 District and 332 Charter, which was the ADM through December 31. The updated numbers today are 609 District and 316 Charter. The Beginning Fund Balance in magenta color for December has been changed to reflect the official audit of \$201,110 Ending Fund Balance for 6/2010 + Capital Improvement and Bus Replacement estimated additions to \$278,343.00 (Explanation also in magenta at the end of the second side of the page). Property taxes have come in higher than budgeted, for an increase to \$1,515,816. State will still be doing their adjustment in May, so if this is the case statewide, it will be encouraging. We've received \$203,995 Charter/rental of facilities to date. Athletic fee payments are low, more kids need to pay their fees. Charter Purchased Services should be \$17,004.59, not \$17,459 as reported in December. On the expenditure side, we've spent 45.8% of budget for salaries including coaching and substitutes so far. We had 10% more staff at the beginning of the year. It will be really close at the end of the year. We are hopeful to save money on benefits, watching monthly. Purchased services are OK. The next handout is the four page version of the monthly Revenues/Expenditures for the year as of today. Charlie O'Neil asked if this is close.

Dr. Trani verified close to \$150,000 Ending Fund Balance? It is too close to call right now. Page 1 of Revenue shows rental payments highlighted in pink, with about half of the \$405,000 Charter school rental paid to date. Object 1943 shows addition of part of Derek Jaques and Holly Elvins- Dearixon's pay for work for the Charter School. Object 3101 shows the approximate \$370,000 we receive from the State School Fund each month. Jeff Aho asked if the money for the technology time from July and August for Mr. Jaques was above and beyond contract. Dr. Trani answered yes. Page 2 shows Expenditures. Todd Mickalson asked about Certified/Classified salaries. Dr. Trani explained that Classified (0112) are unlicensed staff and Certified (0111) are licensed staff (teachers). Certified subs consist mainly of two longer term teacher absences this year. Corbett Charter School has to be part of PERS. Page 3 shows yellow highlighted payments to the Corbett Charter School. Red items are cautionary, entries to require journal entries. Included in Expenses was an approximate contractual \$10,000 vacation payoff to Mr. Dunton with his resignation as Superintendent. Supplies and Materials can't be affected much, but we were better in January than previous months. COSA estimates funding for K-12 next year to be \$5.357 billion with \$1.2 billion for the Governor yet to allocate, and hoping for \$5.6 billion. If this is the case, \$100,000 for us or a \$375,000 shortfall, marginally good news for next year, but we can't wait. We should have Governor's forecast on February 1 and last year the March estimate was dead wrong. Jeff Aho asked if last year's reconciliation from years past. Dr. Trani said that is in the May adjustment, but with ADM reports, it is closer to figure out. Jeff Aho asked how it looks at Corbett SD and Corbett Charter. Dr. Trani said they are combined, and based on 332 students in Charter, we pay 34% each month, so we'll reconcile in May, as it looks like we're overpaying them now. Todd Mickalson asked if dollars back or subtract from final payment.

3.2 See 4.1

4.1 **Consent**
agenda resolution items ** 84.1-11 through **86.1-11
Action Items

Charlie O'Neil moved and Brian James seconded:

****3.2** MESD Programs & Services for 2011-2012

****RESOLUTION NO. 84.1-11**** - BE IT RESOLVED that, according to ORS 332.175, the Board of Directors of Corbett School District No. 39 , Multnomah County, Oregon, agreed to the conditions and provision of all programs and services , described in the 2011-2012 Multnomah ESD Local Service Plan.

<http://www.mesd.k12.or.us/bus/budget/201112/2011-12LSP.pdf>

****10.1** Proposed Policy Item
a. Policy IKI – Academic Integrity

****RESOLUTION NO 85.1-11**** - RESOLVED that the Board approved the second reading on Proposed Policy Item "a".

****10.2** Proposed Policy Item
b. Policy GBLA –Disclosure of Information

****RESOLUTION NO. 86.1-11**** - -- RESOLVED that the Board approved the first reading on Proposed Policy Item "b".

The vote of the board was 7-0 in favor of the Consent agenda resolution items.

5.1 None at this time in the meeting.

6.0 STUDENTS

6.1 None at this time in the meeting.

7.0 TRANSPORTATION, BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE

7.1 Springdale School Board Subcommittee Information Item

Charlie O'Neil reported that the subcommittee will wait and study how much SSCA would help in dollars for preliminary assessment studies, and hope for a February action item. Peter Finley Fry estimates a month to get rolling and two months for architectural review. We should know by May where we stand on the stimulus list.

Gary Law, Liaison to CSD, gave the board a handout which spoke about the MOU with SSCA and their functions over the last few years for CSD. In working with two board members on a subcommittee, it is a wise decision to have school there and explore possibilities. SSCA will support a portion of the approximate \$16,000 it will cost for architectural study and report at next meeting.

Dr. Trani noted handout from Multnomah County dated January 13, 2011 regarding the closure of compliance case with Springdale School and the granted costume storage for CCT.

Jeff Aho asked about still using fields at Springdale.

Dr. Trani answered yes.

Dr. Trani gave a handout from ODE regarding the allocations for the QSB borrowing, and we are eighth on the list, we're in line, but with no money allocation because the first six districts have the total allocation. Six of the first seven will require voter approval. No one has made loan application yet, and we'll have to wait until after May 17, but we do have a reserved space in line. We will need to know cost of fixing Springdale building and how to get Revenue from the building (alternative/charter/life skills, etc.).

Lori Luna asked about voter approval also probably requiring matching fund loan.

Charlie O'Neil noted that 15 million is the maximum that could be requested.

Phil Pearson affirmed that we wouldn't have to take out the loan even if we ended up receiving it.

Dr. Trani confirmed that we have a spot in line for a 0% loan and it would not affect taxpayers if we took out the loan.

Jeff Aho asked if we would/could refinance current loan.

Charlie O'Neil stated that the May date is important, and so timing for next month.

Dr. Trani said we will have to see what happens from provisional to allocated.

8.0 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

8.1 Corbett Booster Club (CARDS) Information Item

Eric Stevens, past CARDS President, said that auction planning underway and hope same great turn out as previous years. Auction items online. Positive turnout in sports, even with cuts to basketball, kids are excited. It becomes more difficult in future for fundraising, so researching outside grants in cooperation with school in hoping for solutions.

9.0 PERSONNEL

9.1 Vacant Positions Information Item

The district has no vacant positions at this time. Comment that it should be changed to no vacancy.

10.0 POLICY

10.1 See 4.1

10.2 See 4.1

11.0 SUPERINTENDENT TRANI'S REPORT –

11.1 Self- Appraisal Relative to the Evaluation of the Superintendent – Policy CBG

Maureen Childs noted that this is information for Dr. Trani's evaluation next month.

State testing: We are up 7% in Reading, 12% in Math. As the students age, we get better discrepancy as students get older. 90% of our 10th graders passed last year. As an example, 10% of our kids are equal to five students. State level, 30% passed 11th grade math and this year we'll be at 90% in Reading and 70-75% in Math.

Community Information Night Meeting/financials: Thanks for all who came to this fantastic meeting and atmosphere on January 18. We had 186 sign in but believe there were over 200. Surveys not looked at yet because of visit from Jewell SD on January 19. They are looking at multi-age, and money is not their issue, as their funding is about \$17,000 per student because of timber resources and reserves. Thanks to Jeremy Towsey-French with the hundreds of hours he helped to organize the Community Night Meeting.

Todd Mickalson asked about the basics.

Dr. Trani noted that there were 169 letters sent to legislature with donations of \$58 for postage and over \$1400 collected in a preserve Corbett SD fund that could be tax deductible. If COSA is right, pressure will help.

Brian James noted that there is e-mailing and calls still being made.

Jeff Aho asked about levy vote.

Dr. Trani said about 500 yes votes on levy would go for \$300,000, but we have a \$575,000 problem.

Charlie O'Neil asked Dr. Trani to explain how charter schools are public schools and the 100% ADMw payment to CCS.

Dr. Trani said that charter schools are public schools and they have to participate in PERS. It would take action at state level to change. The employees in the charter school can choose to unionize or not. All current CCS employees were union in CSD, except for two new teachers. The clause in the agreement is that all certified need to be licensed, so we could get the best teachers. Under state law, 51% of charter teachers have to be licensed, with no maximum.

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 – none at this meeting.

14.0 MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

14.1 Todd Mickalson – Feedback from Community Information Night Meeting was really good. He suggested that each table would have been introduced before everyone wandered, so that information was not as misconstrued, but glad they had the opportunity to get information. He also had concerns about the Grade School parking lot safety/timeliness/parking issues after seeing a near accident. Is there an interest in volunteers for parking lot monitoring?

Chairman Childs asked if regular communication with parents about the parking and pick up situations is happening.

Dr. Trani noted that the church has agreed to let us use their parking lot, and we would start with one bus. Our scenario is a bad parking lot, directions are not always followed. The Charter School has sent out letters. We could bus from the church at 7:45 a.m. and prevent 52 cars into the parking areas, same at the end of the school day. Charter would be willing to pay for extra time for bus. We are working on it. We might buy vests for volunteers.

14.2 Charlie O'Neil added that it was a good format to ask questions at the Community Information Night Meeting.

14.3 Dr. Trani commented that on reflection he would have invited legislators. Dr. Trani noted that Jeremy Towsey-French will be collecting e-mails tomorrow and they will debrief.

14.4 Brian James thanked all, especially the staff and citizens of CSD and CCS participation at the Community Information Night Meeting. It helps for good decisions to be made. He asked about 8th Grade promotion being on a Thursday (June 2?) and verified 12th grade graduation at New Beginnings May 30.

14.5 Jeff Aho thanked the staff that worked over winter break on the Community Information Night Meeting. It would be nice to have a post analysis of 30 minutes to go over what could be done better and what went well with the base camp or at meeting. Jeff Aho believes there are folks to help with septic and parking lot patrol.

Dr. Trani added that we could meet in a half hour workshop before the next meeting. He announced that the web site has information about how student can enroll at CSD or CCS from out of district. He will be looking at tuition to see if \$10,000 is reasonable or if about \$8,600 is better, and will be making a recommendation to the Board.

The board had consensus to meet at 7:00 p.m. for Community Information Night Meeting debrief before the next board meeting.

Mr. Pearson reminded the Board of high school conferences the evening of Wednesday, January 26.

15.0 COMING EVENTS

15.1 January 21, 2011 – Friday School Day

15.2 January 26, 2011 – Wednesday eve High School conferences

15.3 February 4, 2011 – Friday, first day to file for office in May 17, 2011 Special Election

15.4 February 16, 2011 – Wednesday, Regular School Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m. Grade School Library/Board Room

15.5 February 21, 2011 – Monday, Presidents Day Holiday – no school

15.6 February 25, 2011 – Friday School Day

15.7 March 17, 2011 – Thursday, last day to file for office in May 17, 2011 Special Election

16.0 ADJOURNMENT – The Board adjourned at 9:17 p.m.