

CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 16, 2011
Grade School Board Room/Library
Board approved 3/9/11

The Board of Directors of Corbett School District No. 39, Multnomah County, Oregon, met at Corbett Grade School Building in said district on Wednesday, February 16, 2011. The following members were present: Maureen Childs, Chairman; Charlie O'Neil; Mark Hyzer, Vice Chairman; Bob Buttke; Jeff Aho and Todd Mickalson. Brian James was absent (excused). Also present were: Dr. Randy Trani, Superintendent/Secondary Principal; Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk and DeeDee Hanes, Grade School Principal/Special Education Director (leaving at 10:07 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.

7:33 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. January 19, 2011

Board Community Information Night

a. January 18, 2011

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **87.2-11** - RESOLVED that the Board approved the minutes of the above listed meeting and information night.

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

1.4 Board Chairman Report

Maureen Childs

a. Chairman Childs reminded the board regarding the legislative day at the State from 7:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m. on February 21. Kitzhaber will be there in the morning and you can speak to legislators in the afternoon. It is \$50 per person and might be worth it. See 1.5(a)

1.5 Review of Correspondence to Board

a. Legislative Day – OSBA/COSA

b. TSCC Annual Report 2010-2011 Summary

<http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/orgs/tscg/graphics/10-11annualreport.pdf>

Please see this online edition if you don't have a paper copy.

c. May 2011 Special District Election Candidate Filing Information Packet

d. Letter from Mr. Dunton, Corbett Charter School Association President

1.6 Principal Reports

a. DeeDee Hanes – GS Principal – Gorge studies in art at the primary end in the phase from Wahkeena Falls to Troutdale Arch. The wall mural is funded by the PTA with the jog-a-thon fundraiser and about \$700 of paint donated by Miller Paints. In the intermediate end the study of geology of the Gorge about the Missoula Floods, salt rock carvings, points of interest and Birds of Prey to cover social sciences and art. The intermediate students also had a simple machine contest likened to “the Rube Goldberg Challenge”. Michelle Dawkin’s class and Lisa Kelly’s class were the two winners.

Thanks to the artists and graphic novelists with Terra Tempo.

March upcoming events include ecology outdoors with a \$4400 grant from Lowes.

Students will be recognizing non-native plants and pull them out to be replaced by planting native species. The Zig Zag Ranger Station will be presenting on March 9 about the animals and geology of the Gorge. Kindergarten Roundup on 2/15/11. Packets are in the grade school office if there are students still needing to register for the fall. Five primary grade school teachers were there on their own time to explain multi-age and continuous progress models.

- b. Lori Luna – MS Assistant Principal – middle school is in the midst of learning about Renaissance with 20 choices of books paid for by the charter school grant. March 16 is Renaissance Fair. Busy with body system parts learning as another part of the represented curriculum.

The middle school fielded a math team for the “Math is Cool” competition. Mr. Houck (MS Charter teacher) took our team of four 6th grade students Jett Knight, Cedar Mackaness, Zack Trani and Terra Green and placed third out of 16 teams (most of them were bigger).

Morning meetings have included a dance marathon.

The wrestling team just started in a new league and basketball is ongoing.

The Cardinal Three service projects are underway for the 8th graders and fundraising is happening for the Wildhorse field trip. A beach trip in the spring is up in the air as accommodations are scarce.

Phil Pearson – HS Assistant Principal – State testing for some time and classes as usual, prom is set for April 30 at the View Point Inn. There is a base rate and fundraising underway for tickets.

Basketball season is over, and varsity boys went to playoffs.

Graduation is set for May 30 at 7:00 p.m. as requested by CHAMPS (Corbett High Association of Mamas and Papas of Seniors).

Mr. Jaques and Mr. Pearson have been working with senior students on their credit issues for graduation. Ben Morrison, one of about 15 students in HS Leadership, was at the meeting to observe and may do a student report at a later date. He was one of the students at the Community Information Night in January. Chairman Childs thanked Ben Morrison for his representation.

2.0 INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTS OF GUESTS AND REPRESENTATIVES

7:50 p.m. 2.1 Patience Stuart, Historic Preservation Consultant, gave a summary of the process under agenda item 7.2. She commended the community for their retention of historic history for Springdale School and use concerns. And as one of the only 1930's school and community centers in Multnomah County with preservation significance for the 1950-1960 merger with Corbett and flexibility with alterations. Reaching a March 1 deadline to submit to State and federal process July – December 2011.

3.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS / MATTERS

7:52 p.m.

- 3.1 Report on CEF fundraising for CSD Information Item
Michelle Dawkins, Dirk Iwata-Reuyl and Daniel Baxter-reported they are not interested in staff cuts and so sought to make a formal contribution mechanism with CEF fundraising since the operating levies went down. Elementary students received a flier today and a mass mailing will go out to the community later. (Please see www.corbettschoolfund.org and handout given to board). 600 voted yes for the operating levy so seeking support from those folks as well as those who voted no. Signs are up around the community with help supplied by sign maker Bob Kinney, patron. The contributions are 501c3 tax deductible and so far contributions are \$2900 as of Feb. 16. Please help spread the word for donations.

- 3.2 Report Information Item

Dr. Trani introduced Kristy Fogle, contracted through Columbia Gorge ESD, previous five year employee of MESD, as point person for the budget.

Ms. Fogle commented that Revenue question throughout the State with turmoil. She will work with Dr. Trani and Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley part-time this year on the 2011-2012 budget, and looks forward to experiencing our budget committee and process. Dr. Trani commented previously that this year was still too close to call, but can call now. One page report handout has been updated for ADMr and ADMw through December 31 and current March adjustments as

well. The statute calculates a two year average based on numbers through February. We are projecting \$133,000 (green) in Revenue from Corbett Charter school purchased services including \$50,000 of that for music. Most winter athletes haven't paid fees, cuts in sports, so Debbie Schneider, Business Office Assistant and Jean-Paul Soulagnet, Athletic Director are working on campaign collection letter to go out to athletes/parents for fees.

We are hoping the mystery of the May adjustment from the State is good to us this year.

The four page report handout shows that the local tax doesn't drive anything. Page one (Magenta) numbers show the mid-year corrections with layoffs in September and October and cuts to athletics and health care. Page two (Pink) highlights show trending of downward numbers and (yellow) highlights show some retirement adjustments. We anticipate lower substitute costs with only one more teacher going out on OFLA and one returned February 14. Dr. Trani estimating \$220,000 per month in future salaries to end at \$2,796,000 and benefits to come in at about \$1400 savings, with only wiggle room in HRA. Page three Purchased Services for CCS in yellow, \$360,000 otherwise. Pink is one-time expense for maintenance and travel in July. Supplies and Materials are one-time expense in pink for PSAT testing and textbooks.

Jeff Aho asked about repairs and maintenance to boilers and refrigerators. Money allotted?

Dr. Trani concurred that things break on 16 acres of campus, yes money allotted. Page four shows capital outlay and other objects. Charter School support is based on 16 less students, so after meeting with Mr. Dunton about \$100,000 back to the District.

Mark Hyzer speculated about \$40,000 due in athletic fees.

Dr. Trani said at least \$14,000.

Jeff Aho asked if that included the free and reduced fees.

Dr. Trani said it did not.

Ms. Hanes added that there were 27 kindergarteners for the District at Feb. 15 registration. 34 is small class and 40 is healthier class size.

Dr. Trani said we will have a bump for first graders next year.

3.4 Full Day Kindergarten Tuition for 2011-2012

Information Item

Since kindergarten is only funded for half a student, we are looking at tuition or fee for service, as can't afford full-time kindergarten next year. There will be a hardship provision and also no charge for free and reduced lunch kindergarten students. We are estimating \$2500 per year or \$250 per month x 10 months per student. 24 of the kindergarten registrations said they are willing to pay. 20 tuition paying students will cover salary for one teacher.

Todd Mickalson asked if board decides on hardship cases or administration or third party.

Dr. Trani said it would be set up at district.

This year is critical, can't spend as much and even with salary reductions we will need to cut days for all or cut staff. There is no room to cut in some places, and further cuts this year would be very disruptive to classes with bumps in class size and changes in teachers. We would need to cut at least three teachers, so he recommends universal salary reductions from Superintendent down and then see if the May adjustment is up or down. Dr. Trani asked the board for authorization to negotiate with unions. Five days would equal about \$85,000. There would be no activity on those days, and they can't be in a row as more than five days would be less than minimum hours needed.

Charlie O'Neil asked the percentage of salary decrease per day.

March through July would be 1/16th of paycheck.

Ms. Dawkins calculated 2.5-3% each day.

Dr. Trani said it solves cash flow issues, and TSCC says it is not illegal for payments to be made in July. We get two payments from the State in July and none in June. Auditors have not given a definite answer.

Dr. Trani asked again to negotiate with the unions.

Maureen Childs commented about the lesser of two evils.

Charlie O'Neil asked if this is a consensus question.

The Board was in consensus to allow Dr. Trani to negotiate with the unions.

An item on consent agenda would also recommend that spring coaches not be paid.

Charlie O'Neil asked if it could be fixed later if money came in.

Dr. Trani said there could be a mechanism that if we get \$200-\$300,000 EFB (Ending Fund Balance) we could have mechanism to pay back employees first and then coaches.

Jeff Aho asked if it is intent to have partnership still.

Dr. Trani said yes with transportation and Athletic Director under our umbrella, as our liability is huge here. The Booster Club has been fantastic.

Dr. Trani said it would be close within about six hours.
Charlie O'Neil asked if we are kicking the can down the road.
Dr. Trani said no, to be negotiated one year for now, or layoffs rather than days.
Todd Mickalson asked if five days based on high school schedule.
Dr. Trani said we could say kindergarten is done and then primary.
Lunch price increase is also on the consent agenda effective for March.
Mark Hyzer asked about what would happen if May adjustment bad.
Dr. Trani said we would have three weeks to react, but it's never been worse than \$50,000 in the last five years. If we can move June payments to July we'd be OK.
Jeff Aho asked about below State minimum hours.
Dr. Trani said that Gresham-Barlow SD cut 10 days this year and will cut five more next year. File waivers with State.
Charlie O'Neil said there may be legislation at the State to take that option off the plate.
Jeff Aho said that all is partnership and hope unions will be with right direction.

9:21 p.m.

**4.1 Consent agenda resolution items **88.2-11 through *91*.2-11
Action Items**

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

****3.2 Lunch Prices Effective 3/1/11**

****RESOLUTION NO. 88.2-11** - RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the recommended increase in lunch prices by 25 cents effective March 1, 2011 to: \$2.75 for K-5th, \$3.00 for 6th-8th, \$3.25 for 9th-12th and \$4.25 for adults.

****9.3 Classified Employee Change in Hours**

****RESOLUTION NO. 89.2-11** – RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the change in hours for Cami Paul, Instructional Aide, to .74 FTE, adds 30 minutes/week effective 2/7/2011.

****9.4 Change in Extra Duty Stipends**

****RESOLUTION NO. 90.2-11** - RESOLVED** that the Board approved the stipend for Carrie Church, instead of Peter Leone, for the fall 2010-2011 Outdoor School year.

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

****RESOLUTION NO. 91.2-11** - – RESOLVED** that the Board approved the second reading on Proposed Policy Item “a”.

The vote of the board was 6-0 in favor of the Consent agenda resolution items.

RECESS – The Board recessed for a five minute break at 9:22 p.m.
RECONVENE – The Board reconvened to public session at 9:29 p.m.

5.0

CURRICULUM

5.1 Corbett Charter School Agreement / Renegotiation Discussion Item

The Chair suggested moving this item down on the agenda to be discussed after items 7.0 and 8.0.

6.0 STUDENTS

6.1 Tuition for non-resident students attending Corbett SD Information Item

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7.0 TRANSPORTATION, BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE

7.1 Springdale School Board Subcommittee Information Item

Charlie O'Neil said the subcommittee is waiting for Board to take action for assessment. We are in a "catch 22" with SSCA, they don't want to pay \$6000 until meetings and Dr. Trani not comfortable spending money now.

Dr. Trani said it is not good time to spend money, can wait.

Charlie O'Neil is still in favor of assessments and loan, and after May 17 we'll know more. This is a money maker for the District and good for building.

Jeff Aho added that the information in the board packet is informative and full of history.

7.2 Springdale School National Registry of Historic Places Patience Stuart- Historic Preservation Consultant

Ms. Stuart spoke about process nomination in March with three to eight months wait until on National Register (NR), and then opens up funding opportunities and grants for deferred maintenance.

Charlie O'Neil asked if we are "jumping the gun" if we want to bring up to standard or remodel after registered? And wouldn't until assessment.

Ms. Stuart answered 20% of project paid for in private buildings, not sure about public design review process costs. After 1960 work not retained character of 1930's probably, but options for owners.

Charlie O'Neil asked if once on NR cannot tear down.

Ms. Stuart said can delist, have that right, as federal requirements small.

Charlie O'Neil questioned the half acre where building is on deed agreement and how would that play into NR.

Ms. Stuart didn't know.

Dr. Trani asked if she could send list of grantors.

Ms. Stuart replied two in State and funding not cut for next year, or maybe USDA rural for economic/business with less than 50,000 people.

Gary Law reiterated grant money and fundraising money, with \$75,000 benefitting CSD already. We want to get on NR for pride of building and preservation of history/landmark now. We would like to know hopes of school and get committee to help.

Ms. Stuart added there are grant foundations that routinely fund.

8.0 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

8.1 Corbett Booster Club (CARDS) Information Item

Chris Detherage, CARDS President, reported that finished with winter sports. Boys' basketball made district playoffs. Spring sports have started workouts. Boosters are doing well; all coaches are filled with volunteers. Red and Black auction March 12, with tickets on sale for \$35 until February 23. \$40 after that date and new web site and PayPal for donations, see corbettboosters.org and see auction items. Little kids softball camp March 1-3 led by bigger kids. There was bitty ball for little kids during basketball season.

Todd Mickalson asked about signups for CYS.

Yes, softball and baseball per Mr. Detherage on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in cafeterias.

5.0 CURRICULUM

5.1 Corbett Charter School Agreement / Renegotiation Discussion Item

Dr. Trani said we are in year two of charter agreement. During the first three years either party can open, and then has to be extended another three years. It would add two more years to first agreement. CCS has 250 kids on the wait list, and we have existing rooms to rent, but they would be above their agreement numbers. If you change numbers you open entire agreement. Three rooms on campus, we're sitting on two of the rooms. Talk among both grade school staffs about using library for classrooms. Two teachers are already team teaching with that kind of setting.

Room six in the middle school empty this year and could hold 31-32 kids, and wouldn't be used next year. \$90,000 in rent, and we can discuss rent in executive session. Second opening of agreement can be for five or ten years.

Mark Hyzer asked about occupancy limits.

Dr. Trani said that Mark Wilson, Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor would know.

Mark Hyzer asked how it would or would not affect high school.

Dr. Trani said that 9th graders come into the CCS and is a feeder from the CMS, so looking at long-term.

Todd Mickalson asked if there is a class size comparison.

Mr. Hanes said in intermediate there are 28 in CCS, and smaller in primary.

Dr. Trani said we can influence by numbers.

Charlie O'Neil asked about charter on survey questions.

Dr. Trani said the community survey asked about cut in district classes to then fill it with charter classes. The trade-off is the building is full. Traffic is still an issue. Mr. Dunton, Charter Director, is looking into renting bus as another trade-off.

Jeff Aho mentioned the survey as important component, but not 100% value, as a small snapshot.

Dr. Trani said about 300 surveys though. The decision will be the vote of the seven board members.

6.0 STUDENTS

6.1 Tuition for non-resident students attending Corbett SD Information Item

Dr. Trani said current tuition at \$10,000, and we can't charge less than per student funding. This year we are at greater than \$8000. Chalkboard says \$8268, so think we should be at \$8,500. That would be based on a 6 billion State Budget. Options otherwise for school at Corbett are to move into district, CCS lottery, tuition in or inter-district transfer. Dr. Trani recommends the Board look at this tuition number on an annual basis. We will place on consent agenda for next month.

9.0 PERSONNEL

9.1 Vacant Positions Information Item

The district has a vacant position (maybe unpaid) at this time for varsity track coach.

9.2 Evaluation Process for the Superintendent Action Item

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

RESOLUTION NO.92.2-11 – RESOLVED that the Board approved the attached evaluation criteria forms for the Superintendent's evaluation.

9.3 See 4.1

9.4 See 4.1

10:06 p.m.

RECESS – The six Board members listed at the beginning of the meeting and Robin Lindeen-Blakeley recessed from public session into:

10:07 p.m.

12.0a EXECUTIVE SESSION - ORS 192.660 - (2)(i) To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing.

10:46 p.m.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION – The six Board members, Robin Lindeen-Blakeley and Randy Trani reconvened to public session.

9.5 Results of the Evaluation Process for the Superintendent Action Item

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:
RESOLUTION NO. ~~93.2-11~~ – RESOLVED that the Board approved the results of the Superintendent's evaluation.

Chairman Childs noted that the overall rating for Dr. Trani's evaluation was excellent, especially given the circumstances of the economy this year; he is now a budget expert.

The Board voted 6-0 in favor.

9.6 Spring Varsity Coaching Positions Action Item

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:
RESOLUTION NO. ~~94.2-11~~ – RESOLVED that the Board confirmed no extra duty stipend payments for spring 2011 varsity baseball, softball and track coaches.

The Board voted 6-0 in favor.

10.0 POLICY

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

Bob Buttke moved and Charlie O'Neil seconded:
RESOLUTION NO ~~95.2-11~~ - RESOLVED that the Board approved the third reading and adoption on Proposed Policy Item "a".

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

10.2 See 4.1

11.0 SUPERINTENDENT TRANI'S REPORT –

11.1 Staffing Recommendations for 2011-2012 – handout to Board and Dr. Trani recommended status quo as this is too early. We are down 1.7 million from last year. Gresham-Barlow says they will budget 5.8 billion and Portland Public says they will budget 6.0 billion. More hopeful for next year, and keep those e-mails and letters to the legislators going.

11.2 Course Offerings for 2011-2012 – handout to Board.

11.3 He suggests the Superintendent's report be moved to earlier on the agenda, after public comment.

Buildings/Grounds: Two systems on septic and one had a bad switch on contactor. The inspector fixed the switch, but it shorted out the fuses. Lye put on top of the field. Fix on septic should be ok until 5/2013 with fix on distribution at MS/HS end. Two companies bids and scope out at \$8-\$10,000 for assessment.

11:01 p.m. – Charlie O'Neil moved and Todd Mickalson seconded to extend the meeting.
The vote of the Board was 6-0 in favor.

Heating is set at 66 or 68 degrees and the boilers are set for 5:00-5:30 a.m. and off at noon unless it is cold, and stay on until 5:00 p.m., the same over the weekends.

Heating costs are too high.

Students/Financial: Field trips have been self-supporting this year.

Curriculum: Three schools are visiting and one on February 22.

Community: Possible forum on March 15.

11:02 p.m. – The Board recessed from public session.

11:03 p.m. - All six Board members listed at the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Trani and Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley convened to:

12.0 (b) EXECUTIVE SESSION - ORS 192.660 (2)(e) - To conduct deliberations with persons designated

by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

11:14 p.m. – The Board recessed from executive session.

11:15 p.m. – The Board reconvened to public session.

Dr. Trani noted speed for budget concerns and wait list for CCS.

Bob Buttke added that if we have space why we would not rent to them.

Todd Mickalson said there was positive feedback about new charter.

Discussion about that based on cutting current staff.

Dr. Trani said start-up money would be removed this time.

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 Mark Hyzer thanked Dr. Trani for his diligence, patience and fielding of the rumor machines, we are fortunate to have someone to keep positive spin.

14.2 Todd Mickalson asked that the notice of lunch prices increase could go out to the students.

Yes, Dorthy Hayden, Eligibility Official will start notices tomorrow per Dr. Trani.

14.3 Dr. Trani noted that meeting to be with Ms. Hanes and Jeremy Towsey-French about how to go about responding less to negative.

14.4 Todd Mickalson added that Dr. Trani's communications to Board and community are being looked at and public is getting on board with total trust coming back, leadership with group input.

15.0 COMING EVENTS

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

15.2 February 25, 2011 – Friday School Day

15.3 March 3, 2011 – End of 2nd Trimester

15.4 March 9, 2011 – Regular School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. Grade School Board Room/Library

15.5 March 13, 2011 – Advance Clocks one hour for Daylight Savings Time

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

15.7 March 18-27, 2011 - Spring Break, No School

16.0 ADJOURNMENT – The Board adjourned at 11:22 p.m.