

CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
GRADE SCHOOL LIBRARY/BOARD ROOM
Board Approved 3/10/10

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, February 17, 2010. The following members were present: Maureen Childs, Chairman; Bob Buttke; Charlie O'Neil; Mark Hyzer; Jeff Aho; Brian James and Todd Mickalson. Also present were: Bob Dunton, Superintendent (out at 8:18 p.m. and back in 9:56 p.m.); Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk; Jan Younker, Deputy Clerk (leaving at 8:18 p.m.) and Randy Trani, K-12 Principal (out at 8:18 p.m. and back in at 9:56 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 - FLAG SALUTE Maureen Childs – Board Chairman
-called the regular meeting to order and led the flag salute.
- 1.2 Review and Acceptance of Agenda – no objections. 9.6 was added to the agenda today.
- 1.3 Approval of Minutes Action Item
Regular Meeting
 a. January 20, 2010

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke or Brian James seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **60.2-10** - RESOLVED that the Board approved the minutes of the above listed meeting.

The vote of the Board was unanimous.

- 1.4 Board Chairman Report Maureen Childs
 a. No information at this time in the meeting.
- 1.5 Review of Correspondence to Board
 a. 2009 End of Year Report SSCA – Chairman Childs thanked SSCA for the information in the board packet.
 b. TSCC Annual Report 2009-2010 Summary
 <http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/orgs/tscg/graphics/09-10annualreport.pdf>
- 1.6 Student Report
 a. none at this meeting.
- 1.7 K-12 Principal Report Randy Trani

Corbett Grade: Birds of Prey, canopy and Gorge studies continuing, with studies of mammals more than other animals. The Fish and Game have loaned boxes of furs, tracking models, skeletons, etc. and there was a tracker who came in to speak to the students about hidden and obvious tracking methods. The “vertical theming” is showing that Corbett Grade School is doing something different and standing out in the State of Oregon.

Desiree Chiu and DeeDee Hanes, Assistant Principals, are talking at PSU about how we do environmental science and curriculum.

Corbett Middle: ‘Manifest Destiny Project’ in art, photos, history papers and speeches, with three dimensional articles regarding Westward Expansion was done. The space museum is next, where

students are preparing three dimensional interactive exhibits. They had a field trip to Portland's Children's Museum to learn ideas for their projects. All of the grade school students will be visiting the Corbett
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Middles School's space museum on March 3, and its public debut will be after school.

Corbett High School: Busy times with extra-curricular – District wrestling tournament here February 19-20. There will be about 100 wrestlers in attendance with two teams staying overnight. Also, state basketball playoffs and state swimming with two boys relays, state Academic Decathlon at WOU on February 19-20. Spring sports start February 22. The Corbett Children's Theater production of "Godspell" with lots of Corbett kids, showing its last two plays in the MPB Thursday and Saturday, February 18 and 20.

State testing is ongoing until May 14. Mr. Trani is half way through second run with 82% in reading, hoping for at least 88% scores. The end of the second trimester finals and progress reports has been moved ahead one week, to March 11, to accommodate a band trip. Grades will still be out before spring break.

Advanced Placement testing is changing this year. We have used Crestview as our site for the last three to four years, and they can no longer accommodate us. We will use the high school gym for testing, and purchase tables to adhere to testing regulations.

Graduation will be held on May 31 at New Beginnings Christian Center, off of Sandy Blvd. It can hold the numbers capacity we need.

List of courses for next year was handed out to the Board.

Attendance is at 95.62%.

2.0 INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTS OF GUESTS AND REPRESENTATIVES

2.1 Eric Stevens, patron, gave a Boosters update. District playoffs will be held at Scappoose on Friday, February 19 against Knappa with boys' basketball at 4:30 p.m. and girls' basketball 3:00 p.m.

Turnouts for spring sports will be good. Boosters received a grant for \$2500 from Friends of Baseball. Red & Black Dinner and Auction will be held Saturday, March 13 with a Hollywood theme, with CCT in full mock up. Please check out the CARDS web site for the auction items that will be bid on. Brad Caldwell, CHS alumni, is the auctioneer. 224 seats, probably sold out, for this event with inductees in the Hall of Fame this year from the 1968 state football team. CARDS goal is to make \$40,000. Chris Detherage will become President for spring term 2010.

Charlie O'Neil and Maureen Childs thanked Eric for the great job he has done as CARDS President. Mr. Stevens thanked Mr. Dunton for filling the chasm for athletics through the Boosters, as athletics wouldn't be in same shape without his foresight.

2.2 Tim Sommerville, patron, read aloud a letter regarding the state of the district. It is an attachment to these minutes.

3.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS / MATTERS

3.1 Report Information Item

Mr. Dunton said that TSCC information reflecting '09-'10 is speculative using state's numbers and noting trend from '08-'09 based on three estimates prior to now, probably May '08-'09 Actuals.

A handout one page report was given to the Board dated February 15, 2010. The Revenue change is Recovery of Prior Year Donations from \$41,600 to \$99,462, using new adjustment from the State, based on previous year's final accounting. This gives us \$57,862 above last year's estimate. Last year we lost \$53,000, so this is a little bit better trend. Expenditure trends bring Charter School Support down. With \$400,000 in Contingency our Projected Ending Fund Balance is \$349,377. We will begin to hone numbers closer and sharper as we finish the year.

Final touches are on the '08-'09 audit, lots of juggling with payroll liabilities and accounting reconciliation, so should have figures by the end of this month and report next month.

3.2 See 4.1

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

4.0 Consent agenda resolution items 61.2-10 through 64.2-10** Action Items**

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****3.2** MESD Programs & Services for 2010-2011 <http://www.mesd.k12.or.us/bus/budget/201011/201011LSP.pdf>

****RESOLUTION NO. 61.2-10**** – BE IT RESOLVED that, according to ORS 334.175, 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 2010-11 Programs and Services Proposals – Multnomah Education Service District.

****3.3** Special Revenue Fund

****RESOLUTION NO. 62.2-10**** - RESOLVED that the Board approved the Special Revenue Fund for the Corbett Charter School as Fund 90 effective for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

****9.2** Request for Family and Medical Leave (OFLA)

****RESOLUTION NO. 63.2-10****- RESOLVED that the Board approved the request for OFLA for Charter 9th Grade Teacher, Timothy Cooper, effective March 29-June 4, 2010.

****9.3** More Spring Coaches

****RESOLUTION NO. 64.2-10****- RESOLVED that the Board confirm the hire of ___no action/recommendation taken_____, Head Varsity Track Coach for the 2009-2010 spring season.

The vote of the Board was 7 – 0.

5.0 CURRICULUM

5.1 No information at this time in the meeting.

6.0 STUDENTS

6.1 Declare Moratorium on Out of District Transfer-In Students Action Item

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 65.2-10 – RESOLVED that the District declare a limit on approval of incoming out of District transfer students for the 2010-11 school year to currently enrolled 2009-10 out of District transfer students.

Mr. Dunton spoke to the motion, stating only two students on inter-district transfer into the district this year, one being a senior this year and one being a junior this year. One year ago we had 170 students coming into the district on reciprocity.

This is a public statement now, as to why we aren't accepting and to manage the size of the district with space availability. We do not need a third tracking system.

Transfers out of district are ok.

Question was raised regarding staff/employees.

Charlie O'Neil added a friendly amendment to exempt Corbett School District staff on the limit and Bob Buttke seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 65.2-10a – RESOLVED that the District declare a limit on approval of incoming out of District transfer students for the 2010-11 school year to currently enrolled 2009-10 out of District transfer students, exempting Corbett School District staff from the limitation.

Todd Mickalson asked about prior to the Corbett Charter School, how many students did we lose. Mr. Dunton answered about 13 the last few years. Todd Mickalson guessed that if we lost 13 students at about \$6500, where is that difference made up? Is there a way to accommodate based on space. Mr. Dunton added that about 10 of the students have never been here in the first place.

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Charlie O'Neil mentioned that with this action we are saving paperwork and keeps equitable, we don't want to keep kids here who don't want to be here. Todd Mickalson fears setting a limitation given financial stability, with exodus of students because of economy. Chairman Childs said we could revisit if there is an issue. Mr. Dunton explained the school safety net in the State school funding formula, because if there is a drop, still get the funding for one year, as though the kids are still there, for trending. Charlie O'Neil said this is for one year; our buildings are full for next year. Todd Mickalson asked what is defined as out of district. Mr. Dunton expressed that the agreement involves two districts. Residents make application in their home district, if the home district approves it goes to the outside district. It takes two partners, not reliable. Todd Mickalson asked how this affects daycare. Mr. Dunton said it doesn't matter; it is based on where kid sleeps at night. Jeff Aho says he understands the paperwork, but this sends message for future, giving Charter School advantage, and no longer a waiting list. The hope is in future space and planning for future. Chairman Childs reminded the audience that there is no comment taken at this time, protocol for board meetings. Brian James reiterated that with the friendly amendment we drop moratorium affecting staff. Mr. Dunton commented that he is not advocating keeping kids out. Portland, Parkrose, and other schools are not allowing students out of their districts. We're full today for next year, no vested interest. It is polite to let others know, and this is the way of noting to the public. Jeff Aho appreciated the answers, but asked if it would limit us in the future? He heard the new Superintendent at Reynolds had lifted the moratorium. Bob Buttke reminded that this is limited to the students currently enrolled under reciprocity agreements. Brian James verified this covers 2010-2011, with "x" number seniors out and "x" number of kindergarten students in, the lottery for the Corbett Charter School done, and we're telling all we're full.

The vote of the Board was 5 -2; Jeff Aho and Todd Mickalson opposed on Resolution No. **65.2-10a** - RESOLVED that the District declared a limit on approval of incoming out of District transfer students for the 2010-11 school year to currently enrolled 2009-10 out of District transfer students, exempting Corbett School District staff from the limitation.

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

Chairman Childs read aloud: The district has vacant positions at this time for Substitute Bus Drivers, on-call Instructional Assistants, Head Varsity Track Coach for 2009-2010 and Head Varsity Football Coach 2010-2011.

9.2 See 4.1

9.3 See 4.1

Charlie O'Neil moved and Mark Hyzer seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **66.2-10** – RESOLVED that the Board approved the attached evaluation criteria forms for the Superintendent's evaluation.

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Charlie O'Neil noted this is similar to what was done in the past.

Chairman Childs asked OSBA if these evaluation forms were ok and they said yes.

The Board approved Resolution No. 66.2-10 with a vote of 7-0.

8:18 p.m.

RECESS – The Board recessed from public session.

8:30 p.m.

Chairman Childs announced that the Board was in:

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.

All mentioned at the beginning of the meeting were in attendance except for Jan Younker, Deputy Clerk; Randy Trani, K-12 Principal and Bob Dunton, Superintendent.

9:55 p.m.

RECESS - The Board recessed from Executive Session.

9:56 p.m.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION - The Board reconvened to Public Session with Mr. Dunton and Mr. Trani joining the meeting again.

Chairman Childs announced the overall rating for the entire evaluation as excellent. She thanked Mr. Dunton for his efforts, innovation and continued success.

9.5 Results of the Evaluation Process for the Superintendent

Action Item

Charlie O'Neil moved and Brian James seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **67.2-10**– RESOLVED that the Board approved the results of the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

9.6 Classified Employee Change in Hours

Brian James moved and Charlie O'Neil or Mark Hyzer seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **68-2-10** – RESOLVED that the Board confirmed the change in hours for Dora Johnson, Bus Driver, to .48 FTE, adds 5.0 hours/week effective 2/8/2010.

The vote of the Board was unanimous.

10:00 p.m.

RECESS – The Board recessed from public session for a five minute break.

10:05 p.m.

RECONVENE – The Board reconvened to public session.

Brian James requested that we revisit Resolution No. 65.2-10a, as further evaluation and discussion is necessary.

Brian James moved and Mark Hyzer seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **65.2-10b** – RESOLVED that we vote to reverse and stop former Resolution No. 65.2-10a with look at this further down the road.

Brian James noticed conflict from people at meeting during break before Executive Session. Charlie O'Neil made motion in the first place, and noted that Mr. Dunton explained it as a courtesy to other districts. With the backlash, he is willing to reverse the vote, and hope it doesn't cause unnecessary work for the District.

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Mr. Dunton recommended a vote against 65.2-10a.

Maureen Childs agreed if this causes animosity, it's ok to vote against it.

Bob Buttke commented that it is easier to vote no once, but is willing to pull it off if the Board wants to.

The Board voted 7-0 in favor of 65.2-10b.

10.0 POLICY

10.1 No information at this time in the meeting.

11.0 SUPERINTENDENT DUNTON'S REPORT

a. Staffing Recommendations for 2010-2011- handout to the Board. Mr. Dunton explained that 80% of the budget comes down to personnel and staffing levels, with the most important being the teachers. This is a projection. The real budget is what we spend, and we are in the habit of being within 1-2% of actual student count. The average class size for grade school is 25-27 students per classroom, 26-27 for middle school, and about 25 for high school. Teacher reduction for 2010-2011 is one in the grade school and one in the middle school, because our projected enrollment is down 23-24 students from the current year.

Brian James asked how many teachers we currently have.

Mr. Dunton answered 43 now.

Todd Mickalson asked if these teachers could move to the Corbett Charter School.

Brian James asked if we are downsizing by attrition and if teachers would still be employed through district. K-12 started this fiscal year?

Mr. Dunton explained that there will still be 43 teachers, with moves. The Corbett Charter School employs Charter School employees. With CCS tax exempt status, will be on own payroll in 2010-2011. There are approximately 600 students K-12 in Corbett School District, 300 K-12 Corbett Charter School.

Randy Trani said about four student fluctuation from beginning of school year until now.

Jeff Aho asked if it is difficult for new students, how they succeed.

Mr. Trani answered it is by individual case, and on continuous progress model.

Jeff Aho asked what the model is for next year.

Mr. Trani said multi-age and that it were being talked over.

Mr. Dunton added that six Corbett School District residents want multi-age kindergarten.

Jeff Aho asked how that works.

Mr. Dunton replied that they go to the wait list.

Maureen Childs liked Dr. Trani's explanation on multi-age in his book and our rigorous standards at CSD.

Bob Buttke asked about a weekend preview of the Academic Decathlon competition.

Mr. Dunton said there would be 12-15 schools, and anticipates our two teams, composed of 3 "C grade", 3 "B grade" and 3 "A grade" students on each team will do better than the others. Secondary teachers Mr. Young and Mr. Robertson have also done sections of Academic Decathlon classes, about 100 kids total among the three of them.

Todd Mickalson asked how the online scrimmage went.

Mr. Dunton expressed that technology was not good, but the written exam was good.

b. Course Offerings for 2010-2011

Charlie O'Neil asked if anything new.

Randy Trani referred to handout under 1.7 and said no.

Todd Mickalson asked about cross-age students.

Mr. Trani responded that this is on a kid to kid basis, with some assigned on playground and others as middle school math tutors, etc. Our students' behavior improves with cross-age tutoring.

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.

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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 Maureen Childs urged support of the Red & Black Dinner and Auction.

14.2 Brian James said the third dimensional projects in the middle school are good.

15.0 COMING EVENTS

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

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

15.3 Friday School Day, February 19, 2010

15.4 February 25, End of 2nd Trimester – GS

15.5 March 4, End of 2nd Trimester – MS/HS

15.6 March 10, Regular Board Meeting, GS Board Room/Library 7:30 p.m.

15.7 March 14, Daylight Savings time begins. Set clocks ahead one hour

10:34 p.m.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT