

CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 19, 2010
GRADE SCHOOL LIBRARY/BOARD ROOM
Board Approved 6/23/10

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, May 19, 2010. The following members were present: Maureen Childs, Chairman; Bob Buttke; Charlie O'Neil; Mark Hyzer, Jeff Aho and Todd Mickalson (in at 7:32 p.m.). Brian James had an excused absence. Also present were: Bob Dunton, Superintendent; Randy Trani, K-12 Principal; Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk and Jan Younker, Deputy Clerk. 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 changes, accepted as written.

1.3 Approval of Minutes Action Item
Regular Meeting
a. April 21, 2010
Board Workshop
a. May 13, 2010

Mark Hyzer moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **102.5-10** - RESOLVED that the Board approved the minutes of the above listed meeting and workshop.

The vote of the Board was 5-0, Todd Mickalson not available for the vote.

1.4 Board Chairman Report Maureen Childs
a. Chairman Childs commented that it's been a calmer month since last meeting.

1.5 Review of Correspondence to Board
a. Letter from Megan Shaw, Teacher
b. Letter from Kristin Wold, Teacher
c. Letter from Michael Rand Wilson, Budget Member/patron/parent (handout 5/19)

7:32 p.m. 1.6 Student Report - handout from an ex-student 5/19/10 – Dr. Trani read the letter from Laura Kimes out loud to the Board. He agreed with Ms. Kimes about our faculty and faces the tough decision to pick a teacher for the annual Golden Apple Award from the Corbett Alumni Association.

1.7 K-12 Principal Report Randy Trani
a. High School – Dr. Trani bragged about knowing our band would take the state competition, and also commented that he heard the concert of the future state band (GS/MS) on 5/19/10. Not quite finished with AP exams, as Thursday and Friday are make up testing days, because of students out for sickness, state band competition or multiple tests on previous test dates. This is a usual occurrence. 5% of the U.S. contingency of AP Calculus students and 100% of the AP Physics students are freshman and live in Corbett, OR. AP credits account for about \$7 free tuition for about every \$1 we spend. The best part is all the learning done.

Graduation is at New Beginnings Christian Center on May 31, 6:00 p.m. Still a crystal ball for who will walk, one is hedging and three to four are causing ulcers, but all will make it in time to not be counted as drop outs.

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b. Grade School- Kindergarten Round-up had about 35 and about five more expected. The summer and the day before school begins will give us a better picture. No class lists are being sent out to the public this year. We are on the edge of adding a K-2 teacher to absorb some growth there. The hallways look great.

c. Middle School: The field trip to Wildhorse leaves Thursday, May 27. Dr. Trani will travel the first half to do a Columbia River Gorge talk. 8th grade promotion (6/3/10) and move up day on the horizon. There is some room to fill up the building next year.

2.0 INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTS OF GUESTS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Eric Stevens, Parent/Booster Club President, spoke of the success of high school athletics. Baseball, track and softball all went one week past districts. The Lucas Stadium is on track for ground breaking this summer and a ceremony on July 4 with September 4 opening of non-league football season against Portland Christian. He thanked the Board and Administration for their attention to athletics.

Gary Law, patron, spoke about Springdale School and for the Crown Point Historical Society. Chuck Rollins, CPHS, does an annual tour of the area for the grade school on the bus. Mr. Law is a graduate of CHS 1957 and had his first teaching job here for six months. He is historian and is concerned with SSCA and history of the building that opened in 1931. He feels the tenants are also concerned about the future of the historic building and the importance of the museum and heritage being maintained is a goal to keep working at for community.

Cherise Miller, Springdale School tenant, invited the Board to come see her space of six years. She has nine years lived in the community and involved at the Vista House prior.

Ron Bates, alumni class of 1952, parent of three alumni and grandparent of two students at Corbett School District, read aloud a letter (handout 5/19/10) for Clarence Mershon, alumni and a former educator and current author, and his concerns about any naysayer of the district.

3.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS / MATTERS

3.1 Report Information Item

Mr. Dunton reported on the handout to the Board. It is down to the end of the year and this reflects adjustments made by state this month, which changed twice within a three hour period. The ending 2008-2009 adjustment was about \$175,000 in Revenue. The spending has been slowed down in Supplies/Materials except for some extra gasoline purchases (field trips/athletic trips). As of May 18, Projected Ending Fund Balance of \$305,134.00 + \$400,000 Contingency or about \$705,000 Carry Forward.

Charlie O'Neil asked about the Beginning Fund Balance of about \$431,000.

Yes, Actual BFB \$131812 in the General Fund and \$300,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund (transferred to GF).

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

4.0 Consent agenda resolution items **103.5-10 through 106.5-10 Action Items**

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

****RESOLUTION NO. 103.5-10**- RESOLVED** that the Board re-approved the request for OFLA for Patty Loose, Instructional Aide, effective April 1 – May 6, 2010.

****9.3 Reduction in Force/Layoff**

****RESOLUTION NO. 104.5-10** – RESOLVED** that the Board reduced one full-time teaching position, effective July 1, 2010.

****9.4 Memorandum of Understanding**

****RESOLUTION NO. 105.5-10** - RESOLVED** that the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Corbett Education Association/East County Bargaining Council and Corbett School District for sick leave donation and set to expire June 30, 2010.
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****10.1 Readopt School Calendar for 2010-2011**

****RESOLUTION NO. 106.5-10** - RESOLVED** that the Board readopted the 2010-2011 calendar to show revised options for Corbett Grade School and Corbett Middle School dates.

The vote of the Board was 6-0 in favor of Consent Agenda ****Resolution Items 103.5-10**** through **106.5-10****.

5.0 CURRICULUM

5.1 No information at this time in the meeting.

6.0 STUDENTS

6.1 No information 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, on-call Instructional Aides, Boys Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach and Girls Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach.

9.2 See 4.1

9.3 See 4.1

9.4 See 4.1

9.5 Recommendation to Appoint Superintendent Action Item

Charlie O'Neil moved and Mark Hyzer seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 107.5-10 - RESOLVED that the Board recommended appointment of Dr. Randy Trani as the new Superintendent of the Corbett School District effective July 5, 2010 and that we enter into contract negotiations with him.

Charlie O'Neil heartened to recommend but also bittersweet after hiring Mr. Dunton 11 years ago, wild ride and good. It is mark of a true leader to leave staff and position to fill role, and appreciates the transition and work with charter school.

Jeff Aho had opportunity to speak with Dr. Trani and it was good and appreciates the support that a few of the teachers have given.

Mark Hyzer spoke of leadership demonstrated by Dr. Trani, support of staff, as he allows them to do their jobs. He is excited for the opportunities for the District.

Mr. Dunton has been involved in searches in other districts and through Human Resources, and there is no greener grass on the other side. Privileged to be in room with someone under pressure and couldn't pick a better person than Dr. Trani. He is a tremendous educator and will serve the district well. Bob Buttke asked Dr. Trani for his condensed version of thoughts on his appointment to Superintendent. Dr. Trani in his eighth year of teaching took over as basketball coach in Alaska. He followed a winner, and

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lost his first game 8 to 82 after 12 of the team graduated. We have a lot of others here to carry outward the best high school in the country. Next year may be the perfect storm. K-2 exciting, 3rd-5th has arrived, and Spanish program destination (like our math) is our goal. In his third year of coaching his record was 23-2, but following a winner again is a little scary.

Maureen Childs added that Dr. Trani is highly sought after in region and nation, instrumental in path, expert in multi-age and still in unique position working with Mr. Dunton. We are in top 10 academic high schools in the nation and great establishment, with a sixth year interview, that moved and lives here and has his kids go to school here now.

The vote of the Board was 6 – 0 in favor of Resolution No. 107.5-10.

Charlie O'Neil and Maureen Childs will negotiate contract with Dr. Trani and the terms will come to Board when finished.

8:12 p.m.-
RECESS The Board recessed for a five minute break.

8:25 p.m.-
RECONVENE The Board reconvened.

10.0 POLICY

10.1 See 4.1

10.2 Policy Adoption Action Item

Charlie O'Neil moved and Bob Buttke seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. **108.5-10** - RESOLVED that the Board approved as a third reading and adoption proposed policy items "a-c."

- a. Policy EEACD – Use of District Activity Vehicles for Student Transportation
- b. Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements (Version 1)
- c. Policy IIA – Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials (Version 2)

Mark Hyzer asked if highlights are revisions.

Mr. Dunton replied yes, new language and updates based on the last legislative session, so complying not inventing.

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

- 11.0 SUPERINTENDENT DUNTON'S REPORT – the first annual alumni volunteer clean up May 1 at Corbett Schools was successful thanks to the Corbett Alumni Association.
 - a. Completion of the Department of Education Audit Review for 2008-09 – the audit process has been bumpy the last few years. Timely issuance better in January than April, but this is the true purpose of audit, letter from State of Oregon. There is awards recognition for exemplary audits, but not academics, an inversion of priorities for the only thing that matters.
 - b. The Gresham Outlook article of April 27, 2010
 - c. OregonLive.com article of May 1, 2010 – there could have been 17 stories, but these two are in the Board packet. Again, audit process is important and intended

to give assurance conducting business properly but number one is to educate kids and number two is to continue to. District finances and mission are in good shape. Concerns expressed by auditors in management letter, about an internal control document, and the smallest school district that we've seen that has a procedures manual has 5000 students. Business practices where one

person does all student accounts and another where payroll/Accounts Payable/ Grade School Secretary.

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Our organized life is not for best possible school business. Our draft manual is on the computer, but with as few pairs of hands, we haven't figured it out. If we added five folks we could win prize. Cost benefit analysis versus assurance and for 2% operating budget is a value judgment. Bullet points of an optional policy manual with, primary concerns:

- Encountered some problems as in previous audit, but already three months into new operating year when we received numbers. This is not an unreasonable or non-understood request, but encourage cost benefit versus controls risks. We believe in one receipt for multiple transactions, example band reeds, trumpet oil, other small items.
- Reconciling cash on monthly basis, big items, changed with software that MESD is contracted to do and payroll liabilities. Board should continually monitor, again policy not unreasonable, but a question of time and energy and extra set of reports to Board. Haven't seen the big red flag, but be aware and can be option.
- Reports in a timely manner – auditors made and didn't show up for appointments. Problematic for their requirements to be formatted to suit them and not us is a flaw.

Mark Hyzer asked if as a district we can tell them.

Mr. Dunton said we hold the bag.

Jeff Aho sensed we need small school friendly firm and since a series of newcomers always on their teams....

Mr. Dunton expressed there is no competition in hiring auditors for schools. MESD put out an RFP and received two replies, so auditors have the market cornered. We could look around but it may be best to have third party reconciling payroll liabilities and bank checking reconciliation. The need is to address only one side of the story.

Jeff Aho asked about relationship with Charter School money to Corbett School District.

Mr. Dunton replied that this was not a subject of this audit under review and shouldn't be a problem with paper trail.

Mr. Dunton handed out Corbett High School SAT History 1991 to Present. What's the purpose of schooling? Different for different students, vocational-tech, pre-college or dropout, where has money gone? Looking at 1930 and the magnificent Springdale School and into 1960's great architecture and commitment to education from the State, but the conversation has shifted the last 15 years and funding is tighter. We've seen the diminishing away of shop, home economics, etc. when budget cuts started. Literature said they are gone, technical training now competing with credentials for internships. Vo-tech is expensive and mechanical specialties either/or is gone, college prep is vocational prep. We can make the case we have made considerable progress for life preparation. Life track question of where do they go, it doesn't matter. Give the best education, evidence that we're creating opportunities for kids. Data regarding benchmark in college prep, yes, success in AP, but SAT also impacted. Re-centering happened prior to 1995 with an undercurrent of something going on in building culture and academic prowess to hold onto future.

Maureen Childs noticed that AP participation and SAT is direct reflection - good numbers.

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 Jeff Aho asked about Measure 68 affects.
- 14.2 Mr. Dunton said there are matching funds opportunities to help finance school district construction projects done with levy/bond, but not sure of details yet. Oregon has been stalled out for school construction, so this should be positive move.

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- 14.3 Dr. Trani mentioned state testing numbers for Corbett School District: 3rd graders 10% below, 4th and 5th flat, 6th graders 6% above state average, 7th/8th graders 12% above state average, and 10th graders, 57% above state average.
- 14.4 Maureen Childs observed that state averages opposite for us.
- 14.5 Mr. Dunton stated the exams are wrong, mathematics should be irrefutable, and next year a new math assessment.
- 14.6 Todd Mickalson requested parking safety issues, with lots of cars whipping in and out against arrow directions, hurried parents/students.
- 14.7 Mr. Dunton will look into concerns and a reminder to communicate.
- 14.8 Jeff Aho suggested a safety/vested person might be helpful.
- 14.9 Charlie O'Neil said there are traffic concerns for any school.
- 14.10 Maureen Childs reminded the Board about graduation.

15.0 COMING EVENTS

- 15.1 Tuesday, May 18, Election Day – turn your ballot in
- 15.2 Tuesday, May 25, Conferences – student led after school for Corbett Middle School
- 15.3 Five day school week, Monday, May 24 – Friday, May 28, 2010
- 15.4 Friday, May 28, last day for senior class of 2010
- 15.5 Monday, May 31, Memorial Day Holiday – no school
- 15.6 Monday, May 31, Graduation for Class of 2010, 6:00 p.m. New Beginnings Christian Center, 3300 NE 172nd Pl, Portland OR
- 15.7 Tuesday and Wednesday, June 1 & 2, Evening Conferences, Grade School
- 15.8 Thursday, June 3, 8th Grade Promotion 6:30 p.m. MPB
- 15.9 Friday School Day (1/2 day) June 4, last day of school for students/3rd Trimester Ends
- 15.10 Monday, June 7, Preparation and Recognition luncheon for staff/Board
- 15.11 Wednesday, June 16, Public Hearing of the Budget and Regular Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Grade School Library/Board Room
- 15.12 2010 OSBA Summer Board Conference, July 9-11 Redmond OR, Eagle Crest Resort

16.0 ADJOURNMENT – 9:17 p.m.