

Corvallis School District #1
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING and
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

04/09/13

Special Session Meeting

1. Called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairman Wilbur Nisly

The School Board Trustees of Corvallis School District #1 met at a duly constituted and properly noticed meeting Tuesday evening in the High School Library.

Trustees Present: Wilbur Nisly, Tonia Bloom, Dan Wolsky (who arrived at 7:47 p.m.), Ginny Hoffman and Adam Sangster

Absent: Jennifer Channer and Kathi Harder-Brouwer

The Superintendent and District Clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings.

Others Present Administrators and others as listed on the sign-in sheet attached to the minutes.

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items None.

3. Montana Core Standards – Wendy Ihde

Curriculum Director, Wendy Ihde, gave a PowerPoint presentation and general overview regarding the “Common Core Standards and Smarter Balanced Assessment”:

- The purpose of Montana adopting the common core standards
- The standards development process
- Components of the standards
- Structure of the standards
- ELA instructional changes
- Transitions from CRT testing to SBAC
 - Smarter Balanced Testing begins in 2015 – teachers have 1 ½ years to prepare students for this type of testing format

Open discussion took place regarding the differences of the nation’s core standards, the professional development process, along with the uncertainty of the transition process.

The Board thanked Mrs. Ihde for the presentation and overview.

4. Old Gym Walk-Through

This discussion was tabled because of the time. The Regular Meeting was scheduled to start in about 10 minutes.

Report of Recognition

Primary School Principal, Janice Stranahan, was proud to announce that her primary school teacher, Holly Snyder, was awarded the Maryfrances Shreeve Award for Teaching Excellence during the University of Montana recognition banquet on March 22nd.

Holly was present and spoke regarding how wonderful it felt to receive such a highly recognized award. A video displaying Holly in the classroom and others recognizing her efforts and talents was shown.

Trustee Bloom asked Technology Director, Mr. Hendrickson, if he would post the recognition video link on our web-site. Primary School Principal, Mrs. Stranahan, would check to see if we have permission to have the video link on our web-site.

Board Recessed at 7:06 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting in the High School Library

1. *Called to order at 7:23 p.m.* by Chairman Wilbur Nisly

2. *Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items* None.

3. *General Reports*

This agenda item is to allow administration to make any additional comments to their written reports submitted in the Board Packet.

Trustees Trustee Bloom asked Mrs. Ihde to discuss in more detail about the non-academic behaviors regarding cell phone use, tardiness, etc. and how it's reported to parents.

Mrs. Ihde reported that the non-academic factors such as attendance, behavior and responsibility are valuable in preparing students to be successful and the building principals determine how their teachers get the information to the parents.

High School Principal

Mr. Wirt reported that he received another \$5,000 Graduation Matters Grant Award from OPI. This enables the high school to offer free summer school to students who need extra help when needed. Last year the program serviced 29 students in helping them earn extra credits to meet the graduation requirements. It's a great program to help students succeed.

Maintenance Director

Mr. Bowen reported on the proposed softball field improvements and that the "crows-nest" building would be re-painted this year.

Superintendent

Mr. Silk publically thanked our school psychologist, Jackie Johnson-Wirth, for scheduling and setting up the valley wide PREPaRE Workshop held in our District last month. The training was on “Crisis Intervention & Recovery” and about 30 school personnel attended.

He said the activity bus contract with Tucker Transportation is being reviewed and will be presented to the Board next month for possible renewal.

He also stated he was optimistic and hoping SB 175 passes with a 2% increase to school funding. He is still in a holding pattern regarding budgeting decisions until more was known from the State.

4. Personnel

<u>Extra Contracts</u>	Jeff Nagel Joe Jessop Mick Ikard	Head Wrestling Coach 2013-14 School Year Head Basketball Coach 2013-14 School year Drivers Ed Instructor 2013-14 School Year
<u>Resignations:</u>	Tryna Davis Jay Jessop	Para-Middle School Head Girls Basketball Coach
<u>Sub Teacher List:</u>	Anna Hughes Diana Wilsey	

Mr. Silk publically thanked those resigning for their years of service and contributions to the District.

Mr. Silk asked the Board to approve the personnel recommendations as presented, but to exclude the extra contracts during the discussion of the first group.

Trustee Bloom moved to accept the recommended resignations and sub teacher list as presented. Trustee Hoffman seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

There was no discussion regarding the extra contracts recommended.

Trustee Bloom moved to approve the extra contracts as recommended. Trustee Sangster seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

5. *Requests for Credit Approval*

Name	Class	Credits	Lane Change
Burch, Deana	Health Wellness and Fitness PESX905 Loyola Marymount U	3 Semester	No
Burch, Deana	Coaching the Female Athlete Loyola Marymount U	3 Semester	Yes
McConnaha, Doug	MT Agate Gifted Institute U of M	2 Semester	No
McConnaha, Doug	Slate Grant WMSCPD Institute U of M	2 Semester	No
McConnaha, Doug	Google Institute U of M	3 Semester	Yes
Silkwood, Kevin	Watercolor ARTX9007 Loyola Marymount U	3 Semester	No
Silkwood, Kevin	The Artist Within ARTX9001 Loyola Marymount U	3 Semester	No
Silkwood, Kevin	Great Falls Charlie Russell ARTX901 Loyola Marymount U	4 Semester	Yes

Mr. Silk stated that teacher, Mr. McConnaha, was present to discuss the reasons for his requesting approval for credits taken without prior approval.

Mr. McConnaha reported that he thought the course's offered at the District for credits were automatically approved for advancement and prior approval was not needed. He has taken the courses and would like approval for them. He said he now understands the requirements for approval for future courses taken.

Trustee Bloom noted that the teacher Master Contract details the guidelines for them to receive prior approval from the Administration and the Board for credit approval.

**Trustee Sangster moved to approve the requests for credit as presented.
Trustee Hoffman seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

6. *Non-resident Student Requests for Enrollment*

None presented.

7. *Discussion and possible action regarding the second reading of Policy 5321P, Conditions for Use of Leave. (Classified Sick Leave Bank)*

Mr. Silk reported that classified employees cannot give a direct contribution to another classified employee. Any donation goes to the “bank”.

Mr. Silk reviewed his information as written in the Board Packet:

Debra Silk, MTSBA attorney, has answered some follow up questions generated by our discussion at the March board meeting. I have attached my string of emails to her over the last couple of months. Based upon my questions and her answers the following information is noted.

- Local rule determines the policies and procedures for a sick leave bank.
- The local board would establish, or they would allow the sick leave bank committee to establish, the number of hours per year that an individual could contribute to a sick leave fund.
- It is not consistent with the law to allow one employee to grant hours directly to another employee. Contributions must be given to the sick leave bank.
- The total number of days allowed in the sick leave bank is set by local rule.
- Whether teachers or other employees whose employment is covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement can contribute to a sick leave bank for non-collectively bargained employees should be discussed with the respective unions and, at the very least, a Memorandum of Understanding should be entered into between such units and the district, if it is allowed. (Debra Silk’s Statement)

MCA 2-18-618 allows for local districts to have a sick leave fund:

(10) A local government may establish and administer through local rule a sick leave fund into which its employees may contribute a portion of their accumulated sick leave or vacation leave.

Debra stated, “A school district is regarded as a “local government”, and classified employees could have a sick leave bank, but it would have to be established through school board policy and procedure”.

She then referenced the language from the State Employee Benefit Website that is applicable to state employees and is provided for by Section (9) of MCA 2-18-618.

Mr. Silk asked the Board for their input and guidelines. After discussion and minor wording changes the Board agreed on the policy.

**Trustee Bloom moved to approve the second reading of Policy 5321P as revised.
Trustee Hoffman seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

8. *Request for approval of an out of state trip by the Middle School 8th grade band members to Silverwood Theme Park in Idaho.*

Teacher, Ms. Prince, who was present and requested a trip for the band students to perform in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and then to have some fun at Silverwood Park. This would be a learning experience and a celebration of this year's successes. Principal, Mr. Durgin, has approved this recommendation. Fundraising is paying for the cost of the trip.

The itinerary was included in the Board Packet, and there were an appropriate number of school/parent chaperones attending with the students. It was noted that the trip should be an excellent year-end activity.

Trustee Wolsky moved to approve the trip to Coeur d'Alene and Silverwood Theme Park for the 8th grade band students.

Trustee Sangster seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

9. *Request approval of Sherrie Adolphson and Tonia Bloom to serve as Directors on the Corvallis Schools Foundation Board for three (3) year terms as voted on and approved at the Foundation's board meeting on January 18, 2013.*

The Foundation bylaws indicate that the nominees for directors of the Corvallis Schools Foundation shall be approved by the School Board of Trustees.

Trustee Wolsky moved to approve the request for three years terms for Sherri Adolphson and Tonia Bloom to the Corvallis Schools Foundation Board as recommended.

Trustee Hoffman seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding the Ken Greer property.

An appraisal by Ed Rose of C & E Appraisal Service, Inc. was completed on March 6th of the Ken Greer property. The comparative market value to three other properties recently sold was used to determine a current market value of \$130,000. The cost of the appraisal was \$450.00. This property is located on the south-east side of the school.

Mr. Silk reported that he has done an analysis of the appraisal and feels \$130,000 for the property was a fair market price.

Mr. Silk also stated that Mr. Necker has contacted him regarding the sale of his property which is on the north-east side of the primary school property.

General discussion took place and it was noted that the District does not have a real need for the properties at this time. The District would like to look at the long range goal of obtaining the property north of the middle school owned by REC for future expansion.

Trustee Nisly noted that it may be feasible to obtain the financing requirements of the two properties and paying them off by collections from rental payments.

Mr. Silk stated he would run the numbers for the financing options and rental payments and provide more details at the next meeting.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of the Resolution to Establish Private Purpose Trust Funds

Business Manager, Vannesa Bargfrede, reported that we have some individuals who were possibly looking for ways to provide financial assistance to Corvallis graduates that plan on going to college by providing them with annual scholarships. In order to accommodate any donor who wants to provide our students new scholarship opportunities, the attached Resolution must be adopted by the board.

The Resolution provides for two types of Private Purpose Funds to allow donors to grant funds to the students.

Trustee Wolsky moved to approve the Resolution for Private Purpose Trust Funds to be established as fund 81 & 85 as established by OPI guidelines. Trustee Sangster moved to second the motion and all voted in favor.

Board Recessed at 8:20 p.m.

Board Reconvened at 8:24 p.m.

12. Discussion of the April 2013 Board and Administrator publication

General discussion took place.

This month's lead article discusses how a board may deal with a renegade board member. The article points out, individual board members speaking outside of a board meeting as if he/she speaks for the whole board is not ethical, nor is it possible, since a board can only speak as a board in a publically notified board meeting. All other times a board member is speaking as an individual only as a member of the public and should only speak about non-confidential information.

The Board Members had general discussion regarding how they appreciate receiving the publication and discussing its contents at the Board Meetings; it's a valuable tool for thought.

13. Correspondence

MTSBA – The Value of Membership

Mr. Silk reported on the value of benefits we receive from the MTSBA organization. Their legal support, policy guidelines, and lobbying efforts for schools were exceptional.

The Board had open discussion regarding State Funding and MTSBA's and others involvement in working towards providing quality school education.

14. Approval of Minutes

**Trustee Hoffman moved to approve the minutes dated 3/12/2013 as presented.
Trustee Wolsky seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

15. Approval of Bills

Discussion took place regarding a bill payable for the Adobe Web Design that benefits many areas of classroom instruction. The payment came from different funding sources.

**Trustee Sangster moved to approve the bills as presented.
Trustee Hoffman seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

Adjournment **Trustee Wolsky moved to adjourn.**
Adjournment 8:57p.m.

District Clerk

Chairman