

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

12/11/12

**Special Board Meeting***1. Called to order at 6:05 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. Chairman, Wilbur Nisly, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

*Trustees*

Present: Wilbur Nisly, Tonia Bloom, Dan Wolsky (arrived at 7:15 p.m.), Jennifer Channer, Kathi Harder-Brouwer and Adam Sangster (arrived at 6:54 p.m.)

Absent: Ginny Hoffman

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. CWW Presentation - Mrs. Neils-LeMoine and Students*

High School Science Teacher, Allison Neils-LeMoine, who also teaches the Classroom Without Walls (CWW) program, introduced three students that participate in CWW – Matthew Davis, Roxy Rademacher and Seth Henderson. Also present to support the program was Andrea Shortsleeve, from the US Forestry Service and High School Teacher, Brett Shelagowski, who reported how beneficial and educational the program was for everyone involved.

Teacher Mrs. Neils –LeMoine gave a brief overview of the CWW Program (information as noted on their school website):

- The end result of an education should not be a stockpile of facts but an understanding of causes and effects that shape our lives.
- People should spend some time in the wilderness away from modern distractions and the usual groups, so our students spend a week with only each other for company in unfamiliar places, and they build new bonds and find in themselves new strengths.

- Language, science, art, math, and history aren't meant to be kept separate because they are all tools for making sense of our world, so we require students to draw on all these academic disciplines to demonstrate their understanding of complex issues.
- Sharing one's education is an obligatory service to the community, one that encourages thoughtfulness and stewardship, and so our students share what they learn with you, their authentic audience.

Posters of the "Bear Aware" designed by the students and paid for by the US Forestry Department were distributed. Then, each student present reported on how much they have learned from the experiences of being in the program, and how it has benefited each of them for being lifelong learners in many ways.

Each student discussed their videos that they would be presenting that showed some of the CWW activities and experiences the students participated in.

Mrs. Neils-LeMoine, and the students, thanked the Board for their continued support of the program. And it was noted that the funding from the US Forestry Department has helped the program with purchasing video equipment and tents.

The Board thanked Mrs. Neils-LeMoine and the students for their presentation, and noted how educational the information was.

*Board Recessed at 6:52 p.m.*

## **Regular Board Meeting in the High School Library**

1. *Called to order at 7:02 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.

*Special Education Director*

Mr. Carrasco was pleased to announce that Jackie Johnson-Wirt was named the "Psychologist of the Year" for the State of Montana. Mr. Carrasco said, "She does an exceptional job for our District and this makes her eligible as a nominee for the "National School Psychologist" of the year".

*Primary School Principal*

Mrs. Stranahan was pleased to announce that primary teacher, Ericka Dowd, received the KPAX Award and would be purchasing some IPADS for the classroom.

*Middle School Principal*

Mr. Durgin reported that the MS Science Olympiad Students took the State Championship for the second year in a row. He noted a special “thank you” to the middle school program coaches, Jill Warren and David Chimo, for all their efforts. He also gave “kudos” to Jen Powell who was a HS Science Olympiad coach that also worked with the sixth grade students.

Trustee Harder-Brower noted her appreciation to a lot of teachers who volunteer to help with the programs students.

*Superintendent*

Mr. Silk reported he was excited to hear about the District receiving a potential award from the DOC for the HS boiler replacement. And, he said he hoped the legislature would continue with funding the program.

Trustee Bloom noted that she thinks everyone should be talking to their legislators to ensure that the funding does continue.

*4. Personnel*

Extra Contracts: Jill Warren MS Science Olympiad 2012-2013 SY  
Amend contract from split stipend to full stipend  
David Chimo MS Science Olympiad 2012-2013 SY  
Amend contract from split stipend to full stipend

Sub Teacher List: Autumn Bonds  
Pearl Drewien  
Desarina Lachenauer

General discussion took place regarding the background history of the MS Science Olympiad Program and why it was decided to increase the current contracts using funds left from not having the HS Robotics program this year.

**Trustee Bloom moved to approve the personnel recommendations as presented. Trustee Channer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

*5. Requests for Credit Approval*

None presented.

The Board Chairman, Wilbur Nisly, requested to move up agenda item #11 to accommodate the persons attending the meeting.

*11. Request approval to pay a stipend for a Middle School cross country coach for the 2013-2014 school year*

Mr. Silk reported that as noted in the Board Packet there are many questions that come up regarding this additional stipend, because back in 2008 many extra contract positions were cut because of a declining budget.

HS cross country coach, Joanne Cleveland, discussed the importance of having a middle school cross country program. This year there were 31 HS students and 27 MS students in the program. The HS program has state championships. She feels the district needs to pay a MS coach to ensure the program runs successfully. The program has been run by Jake Jessop as a volunteer for the last two years. She also distributed a listing of Class A schools that offer the MS cross country program; almost all the schools offer the program and pay the coaches.

Jake Jessop reported that he enjoys running the program. And the best part was that every student that wants to can participate at whatever level they can. A cross country team was not like a football or basketball team, meaning not everyone gets to play at each game.

Trustee Bloom reported that she still attends some of the local meets, and many MS students are running and the current program seems to be doing well.

Middle School Principal Mr. Durgin noted that he also supports the program even though there were many other extra program contract cuts in 2008.

Trustee Harder-Brouwer reported that for the small cost of a MS extra contract for the program, it would be letting many students get extra exercise for themselves and it's a healthy program.

Parent, Tim Devine, noted how important the program was to his two children, and one was a sixth grader. The MS program has been very beneficial to his children.

Trustee Channer agrees that the program does provide lifelong benefits to the students.

Trustee Wolsky noted that the MS cross country program was important, but the district also needs to look at possibly offering golf. We have HS students that leave our school for not offering a golf program

Mrs. Cleveland thanked the Board for the discussion and their consideration of having a paid MS coach next year.

Mr. Silk noted that a decision would come later when the budget projections were in for next year, but said he wanted an early discussion of the topic.

## 6. *Non-resident Student Requests for Enrollment*

### **Primary School:**

Raylee Mariscal	K	Family lives on boundary between Corvallis & Victor Schools. They are new to the area & want their daughter to attend school in Corvallis.
Serafima Mametieff	2nd	Family moved out of district
Euoseph Mametieff	3rd	Family moved out of district
Andrian Mametieff	4th	Family moved out of district
Teareni Bundy	K	Family moved out of district
Jayden Bundy	4th	Family moved out of district
Andrew Zito	1st	Student is in grandmother's care. Parent lives in Hamilton

**Trustee Channer moved to approve the out of district requests as presented. Trustee Sangster seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

## 7. *Discussion and possible action regarding first reading of the following policies:*

1. BP 2334 – Released Time for Religious Instruction
2. BP 3340 – Extra and Co-curricular Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Use

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

BP 2334 – Our old “Released Time” policy included information on religious activities in school. Now that the content about religious activities has been moved to our new Policy 2332, Religion and Religious Activities, only the information about the two hours of released time allowed per week for religious instruction needed to be included in the policy.

BP 3340 – This is a proposed policy that is more general in content than our current policy. According to Debra Silk and Tony Koenig of MTSBA, student handbooks and the activity handbooks (Participation Agreement) for students should be adopted annually by the Board. Because parents and students actually receive those documents and sign for them, if they differed from board policy, the handbooks and participation agreements would prevail in court anyway. This is particularly important where drug and alcohol use policies and procedures may differ.

Since handbooks would take precedence over adopted board policies regarding extra and co-curricular alcohol, drug, and tobacco use, the recommended method to prevent possible conflicts between policy and actual procedures is to adopt a general policy on drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use and adopt the student handbooks of each school annually.

There are no significant differences between board policy and student handbooks now, but it is advisable to proceed with eliminating potential conflicts. Because handbooks could change for a variety of reasons, such as, court rulings, legislative mandates, school preferences, or administrative efficiencies, he recommend the Board adopt the MTSBA policy on extra-curricular alcohol, drug, and tobacco use and adopt

the school handbooks and the High School and Middle School Participation Agreement annually—starting next summer.

**Trustee Channer moved to adopt the first reading of policy 2334 as amended. Trustee Harder-Brouwer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

**Trustee Bloom moved to approve the first reading of policy 3340 as amended. Trustee Harder-Brouwer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

It was noted to have Mr. Silk place an “R” on any policies that are listed as required from the legal department.

8. *Discussion and possible action regarding second reading of the following policies:*

- BP 3600 –Student records - Recommended
- BP 8425 - Service Animals – Required
- BP 2333 – Participation in Commencement – Required

BP 3600 –Student records – The changes clarified the policy and changed all the word “shall” to “will”.

BP 8425 - Service Animals – The Code of Federal Regulations changed the definition of service animals, so the new definition is included in this iteration of the policy.

BP 2333 – Participation in Commencement – Required. This is a model policy that MTSBA has had as a required policy for about 8 years. This policy is our current policy 3332. It was in the “3000 Series - Student” section of the board policy book. MTSBA recommends moving it to the “2000 Series -Instruction” section.

**Trustee Bloom moved to approve the second reading of policy 3600. Trustee Channer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

**Trustee Harder-Brouwer moved to approve policy 8425R upon second reading. Trustee Channer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

BP 2333 – Participation in Commencement – Required.

Trustee Nisly reported that he still has some concerns with the policy wording. For the policy to have the following language “or any other pronouncement of their choosing” seems to be too vague and allows no control by the district.

After a lengthy discussion that took place between all the board members about the wording, it was agreed to remove the word “any” from the sentence.

**Trustee Bloom moved to approve the second reading of policy 2333 as amended. Trustee Harder-Brouwer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

Trustee Bloom asked Mr. Silk to look into placing the policy in both sections of the *Policy Manual* (Series 2000-Instruction and Series 3000- Students).

9. *Discussion and possible action regarding the draft of the Corvallis Public Schools Strategic Planning Process 2012.*

The board and administration have met four times over the last two years to develop the draft of our *Strategic Planning Process*. Our MTSBA consultants, Debra Silk and Joe Brott, are recommending a final review at the board level prior to submitting the document to the various constituencies for their review.

Mr. Silk noted the Board may decide to make final edits to the document that evening or set a different time and date for a final review prior to going public with the draft proposal, or may do a combination of both.

The Board agreed to table to the discussion until a future meeting date was set. The Board agreed to meet on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Handley House. Dinner would be served during the work session.

*Board Recessed at 8:44 pm*

*Board Reconvened at 8:52 pm*

10. *Request approval of the "Resolution Authorizing Sale or Disposal of School Property"*

Pursuant to 20-6-604 MCA, the local school boards must approve the sale or disposal of school property. Vannesa sent an email to principals and directors requesting items for disposal. They are listed on Exhibit A in the attached Resolution Authorizing Sale or Disposal of School Property.

**Trustee Wolsky moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Sale or Disposal of School Property process as presented.**

**Trustee Sangster seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

12. *Discussion of the November, 2012 Board and Administrator publication*

Mr. Silk reported that he appreciated the positive attitude and communication of the Corvallis School Board members. You are all positive communicators, share important information with each other in the appropriate legal forum, and refer public complaints to me for resolution. The public knows you work well together and represent the interests of all your constituencies to the best of your ability.

13. *Request approval of a date time for a facility planning meeting.*

Nick Salmon, from CTA, is ready to meet with the Board to look at long-term facility planning once again. He would share his observations regarding:

- Existing facility capacity
- Existing master schedules

- Draft Master Schedules
- Projected Enrollment
- Lunchroom Expansion
- Creating a Fines Arts Area,
- Construction of a Middle School Gym
- Creating a Commons Area in the Old High School Gym
- Primary School capacity

It was agreed to have Mr. Salmon attend the Regular Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and present his information from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

*14. Request approval of a date and time for the Superintendent's evaluation*

Mr. Silk sought the Boards direction on the date and time for an evaluation work session or the extension of a regular board meeting to conduct his evaluation.

It was agreed to do the evaluation at the Regular January 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting as the last agenda item.

*15. Correspondence*

Mr. Silk reported that the correspondence of a heartfelt "Thank You" note from the family of Elmer Tintzman, acknowledging the Boards and Administrator's expression of sympathy by sending flowers.

Trustee Dan Wolsky publically thanked them all.

*16. Approval of Minutes*

**Trustee Bloom moved to approve the minutes dated 11/13/12 as presented.  
Trustee Wolsky seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

*17. Approval of Bills*

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

*Adjournment*

**Trustee Wolsky moved to adjourn.**  
Adjourn – 9:29 p.m.

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District Clerk

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Chairman