

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

01/08/13

Special Board Meeting*1. Called to order at 6:02 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 7:24 p.m.), Jennifer Channer, Kathi Harder-Brouwer, Ginny Hoffman (arrived at 7:00 p.m.) and Adam Sangster.

Absent: None

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. Facility Planning – Nick Salmon from CTA Architects/Engineers*

Nick Salmon, from CTA, meet with the Board to review the District's long-term facility planning once again. He shared his observations regarding:

- The DOC funding grant availability for the boiler replacement system should be known in April. The district needs to consider any planning to be correlated with the new heating system (digital controls and hot water system).
- Existing facilities capacity
- Existing master schedules
- Draft Master Schedules
- Projected Enrollment
- Lunchroom Expansion
- Creating a Fine Arts Area – most schools that have 1200 high school students have an auditorium. It's not uncommon for a school our size to not have an auditorium.
- Construction of a Middle School Gym
- Creating a Commons Area in the Old High School Gym
- Primary School capacity

A copy of the slide show presentation is attached to the minutes.
The Board thanked Mr. Salmon for his research and presentation.

Board Recessed at 7:03 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting in the High School Library

1. *Called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Wilbur Nisly*

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

The Board Chairman, Wilbur Nisly, requested to move up agenda item #14 to accommodate the persons attending the meeting.

14. *Request approval of an early graduation application by Hailey Ussery*

High School Principal, Mr. Wirt, stated that he supports Hailey Ussery's request for early graduation to pursue her career.

Hailey Ussery and her mother both spoke about Hailey's ballet dancing career accomplishments to date, and why it was important for Hailey to enroll in the dancing academy in Utah next year. Hailey has been a highly dedicated ballet dancer for 13 years and wants to become a professional ballet dancer. Hailey is currently 16 years old and stated she would meet all the graduation requirements by the end of the school year to pursue her dancing career.

**Trustee Harder-Brouwer moved to approve the request for early graduation by Hailey Ussery as supported by the Administration.
Trustee Sangster seconded the motion and all voted yes.**

Trustee Harder-Brouwer noted that she has seen some of Hailey's dancing performances and she was a remarkable ballet dancer; she wishes her good luck in pursuing her dancing career.

3. *General Reports*

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

High School Principal

There was general discussion about the MHSA six change proposals. Most of the changes are language clean-up.

Superintendent

Mr. Silk reported how great everyone pitched in to support the students and staff after the tragedy that occurred at the elementary school in Connecticut. The Administrative team and Rob Liedle, the School Resource Officer, had a two hour meeting to review the districts emergency plan procedures. Mr. Silk stated that he would have more emergency preparedness information to discuss at the February Board Meeting.

4. Personnel

Classified: Chris Greytak-Hower Primary School Paraprofessional

Tim Blanchfield K-12 Paraprofessional

Sub Teacher List: Ashley Cousins
Jocelyn Snider

General discussion took place regarding the background history of the recommended positions.

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

5. Requests for Credit Approval

Name	Class	Credits	Lane Change
Knapp, Andrew	Teaching Golf: From 40 yards in Loyola Marymount U	3 Semesters	No
Knapp, Andrew	Teaching Intermediate Golf: The Refinement Loyola Marymount U	3 Semesters	Yes
Chimo, David	Weaving the Common Core and Indian Ed through Primary Source Doc U of M	2 Semester	No
Maul-Smith, Chris	Weaving the Common Core and Indian Ed Through Teaching Primary Source Documents U of M	2 Semester	No

Trustee Wolsky moved to approve the requests for credit approval presented. Trustee Sangster seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

6. *Non-resident Student Requests for Enrollment*

High School: Kaycie Stewart 11th Grade Family moved out of district

**Trustee Bloom moved to approve the out of district requests as presented.
Trustee Harder-Brouwer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

7. *Discussion and possible action regarding second 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.

Trustee Channer moved to adopt the second reading of policy 2334 as discussed and amended.

Trustee Bloom seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

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.

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 Wolsky moved to adopt the second reading of policy 3340 as presented.
Trustee Hoffman seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

8. *Notice of Potential Reduction in Force.*

Mr. Silk stated that even though a reduction in the teaching force is not anticipated, this notice is provided annually to the School Board of Trustees, because of the State and Federal budget unknowns, especially, during a legislative year. This notice to the Board of Trustees regarding a possible Reduction in Force is made according to statutory regulations, district policy, and the Master Agreement between the Board and the Corvallis Faculty Group. Should a Reduction in Force actually be necessary, those lay-offs would be made according to district policy and the terms of the Master Agreement.

The percentage of the district budget that in non-personnel is about 15 percent, so any necessary reductions in the general fund budget would come largely from a reduction in staff.

Mr. Silk publically stated congratulation to Jennifer Waldo as being the new Union President representing the teachers of Corvallis School District.

9. *Request by Mary Herbert to approve a student trip to Spain, Italy, and Greece in the summer of 2014.*

This request was for the summer of 2014, so the year and one half advance notice would allow the teacher and parents time to plan for the trip. The itinerary was included in the Board Packet.

Mr. Silk recommended approving the request on the condition there are an appropriate number of chaperones traveling with the students.

Trustee Bloom moved to approve the trip as recommended to Spain in the summer of 2014, as long as there are an appropriate number of chaperones traveling with the students.

Trustee Channer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Channer noted she had traveled with the French Student Program who used the same travel agency and they do provide good service and security.

10. *Correspondence*

- A memo from community person, Carol Peterson, regarding how proud she was of the school's music program participating in the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, and of the Middle School Principal, Mr. Durgin, attending a family's funeral after school hours on his own time. Mrs. Peterson noted that "When you hire staff that really care about their students and community, it makes an excellent school."
- Mr. Silk included a letter to the Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital thanking them for their annual donation of \$6,500.00 towards the nurse in schools program.

11. Approval of Minutes

**Trustee Sangster moved to approve the minutes dated 12/11/2012 as presented.
Trustee Wolsky seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

12. Approval of Bills

Mr. Silk reported that a payment was being made to MTSBA in the amount of \$100.00 for the Caucus Day on the Hill in Helena on February 20, 2013.

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

13. Superintendent Evaluation

Executive Session In accordance with Section 2-3-203, MCA, Chairman Nisly closed the meeting after stating for the record that he determined the individual rights of privacy clearly exceeded the merits of public disclosure.

The Meeting was closed at 8:18 p.m.

Open Session *The Meeting opened at 9:55 p.m.*

No comments were made.

Adjournment **Trustee Wolsky moved to adjourn.**
Adjournment – 9:56 p.m.

District Clerk

Chairman