MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

November 5, 2008

The Board of Directors of School District No. 4J, Lane County, Eugene, Oregon, held a regular board meeting at 7 p.m. on November 5, 2008, at the Education Center, 200 North Monroe Street, Eugene, Oregon. Notice of the meeting was mailed to the media and posted in the Education Center on November xx, 2008, and published in The Register-Guard on November xx, 2008.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS:
Charles Martinez, Jr., Chair
Yvette Webber-Davis, Vice Chair
Beth Gerot
Craig Smith
Alicia Hays
Jim Torrey
Eric Forrest

STAFF:
Tom Henry, Deputy Superintendent & Chief Academic Officer
Barbara Bellamy, Chief of Staff and Communications Director
Jon Lauch, Director of Facilities Management
Laurie Moses, Director of High School Services
Yvonne Curtis, Director of Student Achievement
Susan Fahey, Chief Financial Officer
Carl Hermanns, Assistant Superintendent/Chief Operating Officer
Arbrella Luvert, Special Assistant to the Superintendent
Chad Williams, Food Service Director
Caroline Passerotti, Financial Analysis Manager
Johnny Lake, Administrator Intern, Superintendent’s Office
Carmen Urbina, Parent/Family and Community Coordinator

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:
Mallory Bray, Churchill High School
Lizzy Monroe, South Eugene High School
Jennifer Kerfoot, North Eugene High School
Joel Iboa, Sheldon High School

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CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND FLAG SALUTE

Dr. Martinez called the meeting of the School District 4J Board of Directors to order

Dr. Martinez led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
AGENDA REVIEW

Dr. Martinez announced that the appointment of Budget Committee members would be taken up following the first information item.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Henry introduced John Stone, District Manager for Sodexho, and Chad Williams, Food Service Director.

Mr. Stone presented the board with an award commemorating the five-year partnership between Sodexho and School District 4J and expressed his appreciation for the working relationship.

Mr. Henry noted that Betsy Boyd, Budget Committee nominee, was unable to attend the meeting and a letter from her had been distributed to board members.

COMMENTS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Jennifer Kerfoot, North Eugene High School, reported said the year had begun with North International High School’s Amazing Grace, which was very successful and included incoming freshman. She said the boys’ and girls’ soccer teams had won their games and the water polo team was going to the playoffs. She said 9th through 11th graders took college entrances exams with a total participation rate of 91 percent. She said a website had been created to connect parents and teachers and reported on a variety of International High School (IHS) activities.

Mallory Bray, Churchill High School, said students were preparing for the canned food drive.

Lizzy Monroe, South Eugene High School, said students were organizing a canned food drive and the drama department was putting on a production of Chicago.

Joel Iboa, Sheldon High School, said homecoming was successful and a canned food drive was planned, possibly in coordination with South Eugene High School.

ITEMS RAISED BY THE AUDIENCE

There were no items raised by the audience.

COMMENTS BY EMPLOYEE GROUPS

There were no comments from employee groups.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Receive a Report on MSAN Student Conference
Mr. Lake said the mission of the Minority Student Achievement Network (MSAN) was to discover, develop, and implement the means to ensure high academic achievement for students of color, specifically African American and Latino students. He said a classroom had been established in each high school specifically to implement the MSAN strategies and directly affect the achievement gap. He recognized MSAN students who were present at the meeting and said they represented a community of learners from across school boundaries and within all four high schools.

A number of students spoke to the board regarding their experiences and perceptions of MSAN and participation in national MSAN conferences. Students and board members engaged in a discussion of how MSAN promoted cultural diversity, connections among students, friendships and understanding and supported student achievement.

Mr. Lake said there were struggles with contextual and institutional issues related to dedicating a class to black and Latino students and the perception that it was deficit-oriented. He hoped to create a support system for the class throughout each school, with all teachers and administrators being aware of and having responsibility for MSAN. He said MSAN strategies could benefit all students and black and Latino students were targeted because of their over-representation in the achievement gap. Beginning with those students was an academic initiative that could serve as a model for creating a community of learners who were breaking down barriers, but the achievement gap would not be closed unless the MSAN model was more broadly implemented.

Dr. Martinez commented that part of the board’s challenge was to understand two very different elements to closing the achievement gap: the research and leadership, policies and best practices aspect and the student intervention elements in the district. He said it was a very complex issue that required careful thought and one consideration was whether the safe environment that MSAN classes created for the participants would be disrupted if it was more broadly implemented.

ITEMS FOR ACTION AT THIS MEETING

1. Appoint Budget Committee Members and Set the Date for the First Budget Committee Meeting

Ms. Fahey stated that there were three positions, each for a three-year term, open on the Budget Committee. She introduced the applicants for those positions: Betsy Boyd, Anne Fifield, Pete Gribskov, Michelle Hakanson, Milo Mecham, Gary Rayor, and Mary Walston. She said three Budget Committee members would be selected from among the applicants by open ballot and following the appointments, the superintendent had requested that a date be set for the first Budget Committee meeting.

Each applicant made a brief presentation to the board regarding his or her qualifications and interest in serving on the Budget Committee.

Ms. Bellamy explained that board members would vote for their three choices on the ballot and the three applicants receiving the highest number of votes representing a majority of the board would be appointed.

Dr. Martinez announced the results of the ballot:
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Dr. Martinez congratulated those who were selected for the Budget Committee and thanked all of the applicants for their interest and willingness to serve.

Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Gerot, moved to set December 15, 2008, as the date for the first meeting of the Budget Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (continued)

2. Receive an Update Regarding Family School

Mr. Hermanns reported that after participating in the Middle School Alternative Program Review Process, staff and parents of the Family School middle school program at Spencer Butte decided to forego the formal review and begin the process of creating an integrated 1-8 program by 2011-2012. He said a proposal to add a kindergarten would be presented to the board later in the month.

Ms. Gerot asked if a K-8 family school at Jefferson would impact enrollment because of space. Mr. Henry said the capacity range at Jefferson was 653 to 870 and the principal felt that a family school could be accommodated.

Mr. Forrest asked how many middle school students were enrolled in the Arts and Technology Academy and Jefferson and if all of those would go to Churchill. Mr. Henry said there were between 275 and 300 students and it was likely that most would attend Churchill.

In response to a question from Mr. Torrey, Mr. Henry said the capacity at Kennedy was 585 to 780 students and current enrollment was about 500 students.

Mr. Smith asked about the differences in calendars between ATA and Family School. Mr. Hermanns said that was being addressed in the review process. Ms. Bellamy added that ATA Principal Jeff Johnson was soliciting input on the calendar.

3. Receive a Report on Local Option Levy Results

Ms. Bellamy announced that voters had approved continuation of the local option levy through 2015. She was very pleased with the strong support from the community, especially given the current economy.

Dr. Martinez, on behalf of the board, thanked all those who worked for passage of the levy and the community for its support. He said the board would work hard to live up to the trust that was placed in it to do what was best for all students.
Ms. Hays and Ms. Gerot expressed their appreciation for all of the volunteers who worked on the campaign and the donations from community members.

4. Receive a Report on Ballot Measure Results

Ms. Bellamy reported that voters agreed with the board’s directions on the ballot measures on which it took a position.

- Measure 56 – eliminating the double majority requirement in certain elections. The measure was passing by 55 percent.
- Measure 58 – prohibiting instruction in any language other than English for more than two years. The measure was failing by 54 percent.
- Measure 59 – changing the federal income tax deduction. The measure was failing by 63 percent.
- Measure 60 – affecting teacher pay and compensation. The measure was failing by 60 percent.

Ms. Bellamy said she was not certain of the status of Measure 64, which related to use of public resources for political purposes. She said passage of the measure could impact district operations by potentially placing restrictions on employee payroll deductions and prohibiting the use of school facilities by any group that might be involved in political activities. She said the vote was still too close to call, as votes were still being counted. She announced that the Lane Community College Bond measure had passed.

ITEMS FOR ACTION AT THIS MEETING (continued)

2. Approve Zone Change Request for the Kinney Loop Property

Mr. Lauch stated that the City Council had approved annexation of the Kinney Loop property, but annexation would not be official until after January 1, 2009. He said the zone change could be submitted in the interim for processing. He said when the annexation was approved the City changed the zoning from Agricultural/Urbanizable Land (AG/UL) to AG/ND (Nodal Development overlay). He was not certain if the district’s request for a change to Low Density Residential (R-1) would include the nodal development overlay and was consulting with Jim Spickerman on the best strategy.

Mr. Forrest, seconded by Mr. Smith moved to approve a zone change request for the Kinney Loop property, including a potential nodal development overlay. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT GROUP – ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Award Contract for Lease Purchase Financing of Five School Buses
2. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – August 20, September 3, and September 17, 2008, regular meetings
Dr. Martinez noted that while the agenda indicated the first item was approval for the award of a contract for lease purchase financing of school buses, it was actually approval of a resolution for bus financing because the amount was less than $150,000.

Ms. Webber-Davis, seconded by Ms. Gerot, moved to approve the Consent Group with the revision noted by Dr. Martinez. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

1. Approve a Revision to the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook Regarding Education Records

Mr. Henry explained that the handbook had been pulled from an earlier agenda in order to make revisions required by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). He said those changes had been made and approved by ODE and the updated version was included in the agenda packet. He highlighted changes regarding access to student records.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Forrest thanked students for an interesting and interactive MSAN report and their willingness to share their experiences.

Ms. Gerot echoed Mr. Forrest’s comments regarding the MSAN report. She thanked all those who worked on the local option levy campaign.

Ms. Hays also thanked everyone who worked for passage of the local option levy. She reported on her attendance at an Equity Committee meeting. She urged the board to find opportunities to regularly hear from the committee.

Ms. Webber-Davis reported on a graduation requirements meeting in late October. She found the meetings very informative about the challenges of implementing new State requirements and the essential skills planning work that was in progress.

Dr. Martinez agreed that the board could benefit from more frequent input from the Equity Committee. He agreed with Mr. Forrest about the MSAN report and felt the students were a credit to the district.

ADJOURN

Dr. Martinez adjournd the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

(Recorded by Lynn Taylor)