

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

July 1, 2009

The Board of Directors of School District No. 4J, Lane County, Eugene, Oregon, held a regular board meeting at 12 p.m. on July 1, 2009, at the Education Center, 200 North Monroe Street, Eugene, Oregon. Notice of the meeting was sent to the media and posted in the Education Center on June 26, 2009 and published in the *Register-Guard* on June 29, 2009.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS:

Jennifer Geller
Beth Gerot
Alicia Hays
Anne Marie Levis
Craig Smith
Jim Torrey

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Yvette Webber-Davis

STAFF:

George Russell, Superintendent of Schools and District Clerk
Barbara Bellamy, Chief of Staff and Communications Director
Susan Fahey, Chief Financial Officer
Celia Feres-Johnson, Director of Human Resources

MEDIA:

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CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND FLAG SALUTE

Board Member Craig Smith called the meeting of the School District 4J Board of Directors to order at 12:20 p.m.

Mr. Smith noted the absence of the chair and vice chair and offered to serve as chair pro tem for the purposes of the meeting. No objections were offered.

Mr. Smith led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW

Superintendent George Russell noted changes to the meeting agenda and requested that the oaths of office for the new board members be administered earlier in the meeting. No objections were offered.

Superintendent Russell administered the oath of office to new board member Jennifer Geller. Ms. Geller introduced her family and thanked her fellow board members and the district staff for their support.

Superintendent Russell administered the oath of office to new board member Anne Marie Levis. Ms. Levis introduced her friends and family and thanked her fellow board members and the district staff for their support.

Superintendent Russell administered the oath of office to returning board member Beth Gerot.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Russell reported on the recent fire at the district building that had been housing the Ridgeline Montessori Charter School. He noted that 4J Facilities Management staff were coordinating with insurance representatives, but that it appeared as though all or part of the building would need to be razed. He further noted that he had instructed Facilities Management Director Jon Lauch to begin discussions with Ridgeline Montessori staff to determine what options might be made available with respect to relocation of the Ridgeline classes and programs.

Superintendent Russell reported that Mr. Lauch had had preliminary conversations with representatives from Ridgeline Montessori about utilizing classroom space at the Dunn School property at 34th Avenue and Willamette Street in Eugene. Superintendent Russell further reported that the utilization of the Dunn space might dislocate certain administrative and arts program elements from the site to Roosevelt Middle School.

Superintendent Russell noted that the district had received a request from representatives from the Village School to extend their agreement for the use of the district building at 2855 Lincoln Street by one additional year. He noted that he would be bringing an official recommendation regarding the matter before the board at their August meeting.

Superintendent Russell stated he would continue to work with Mr. Lauch to investigate the best way to relocate the Ridgeline Montessori programs.

ITEMS RAISED BY THE AUDIENCE

No members of the public were present to offer comments.

COMMENTS BY EMPLOYEE GROUPS

No representatives from any employee groups were present to offer comments.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Receive a Legislative Report

Chief of Staff and Communications Director Barb Bellamy noted that the state legislature had adjourned on June 29 and further noted that during the legislative session they had approved a \$6 billion state school funding allocation.

Ms. Bellamy noted that a bill addressing virtual charter schools, Senate Bill 767, had also been considered during the legislative session which called for a moratorium on the creation of any new virtual charter schools as well as a moratorium on the waiver of the 50% residency requirement currently applied to the creation of new virtual charter schools.

Ms. Bellamy noted that she would return with more detailed information regarding the bills reviewed during the legislative session at a future board meeting.

Superintendent Russell stated that he believes that Bethel School District Superintendent Colt Gill will be serving on a task force committee to review the provisions of SB 767 before the special legislative session occurs in February 2010.

ITEMS FOR ACTION AT THIS MEETING

Organize the Board of Directors for the 2009-10 School Year

Elect Board Officers

MOTION: Board Member Jim Torrey, seconded by Ms. Gerot, moved to appoint Craig Smith as Chair of the Eugene School District 4J Board of Directors for the 2009-10 school year.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously; 6:0.

MOTION: Mr. Torrey, seconded by Ms. Levis, moved to appoint Beth Gerot as Vice-Chair of the Eugene School District 4J Board of Directors for the 2009-10 school year.

Mr. Torrey noted he would have supported the appointment of Dr. Webber-Davis as vice-chair were it not for her outstanding health problems and hoped that Dr. Webber-Davis would not feel she had been passed over for the office.

Mr. Smith noted he had recently spoken with Dr. Webber-Davis who agreed that it would indeed be a struggle for her to serve as vice-chair.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously; 6:0.

Authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to Sign for the District During the 2009-10 Fiscal Year

The superintendent recommended approval of the resolution authorizing the newly elected board officers to sign for the district during the 2009-10 fiscal year.

MOTION: Ms. Levis, seconded by Ms. Gerot, moved to authorize the chair and vice chair of the Eugene School District 4J Board of Directors to sign for the district during the 2009-10 fiscal year.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously; 6:0.

Adopt the Board Calendar for the 2009-10 School Year

The superintendent recommended approval of the proposed 2009-10 calendar of the regular board meetings.

MOTION: Ms. Geller, seconded by Board Member Alicia Hays, moved to adopt the board calendar for the 2009-10 school year.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously; 6:0.

CONSENT GROUP – ITEMS FOR ACTION

Approve Ratification of CIP Contract Awards

On September 18, 2002, the Board of Directors affirmed the 1993 district policy for delegating Contract Award authority for Bond Funded CIP contracts of \$500,000 or less to the superintendent, or designee, subject to subsequent ratification by the board. The designee is Jon Lauch, Director of Facilities and Transportation. Contracts in excess of \$500,000 will continue to require board approval. The purpose of the board item is to summarize all CIP contract award activity requiring a formal bid or formal competitive selection and for the board to ratify those awards that have been made by authorized staff since the last ratification.

The summary sheet in the board packet identifies all contracts that have been awarded as of the status date indicated in accordance with delegated authority. The summary also identifies who awarded the project and will indicate board ratification data of said award as applicable.

The CIP management staff will continue to provide the board with Contract Award Status updates for ratification, pursuant to School Board Policy DI (Capital Improvement Contracts Financed by Bond Levy Funds).

The superintendent recommended ratification of awards for CIP GO Bond funded projects as indicated on the summary sheet which was included in the board packet.

Approve Personnel Items

The superintendent recommended approval of the personnel items included in the board packet. These cover employment, resignations, and other routine personnel matters. The board may adjourn to executive session for matters dealing with employment if it desires to do so. ORS 192.660 (2) (a).

MOTION: Mr. Torrey, seconded by Ms. Geller, moved to approve the consent items.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously; 6:0.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Torrey welcomed the new board members and wished them the best of luck.

Ms. Geller thanked Ms. Gerot and Mr. Smith for their time and assistance and noted that district staff had been very generous with their time in providing them with the extensive background they would need as board members.

Mr. Smith looked forward to working with the new board members.

Ms. Hays welcomed returning board member Beth Gerot as well as the two new board members.

Ms. Hays noted that she had recently met with District Attorney Alex Gardner and members of the Springfield and Eugene police departments to discuss the issue of “sexting” with respect to district students and how such issues might be addressed within current district sexual harassment policies.

Ms. Gerot welcomed the new board members and noted that she looked forward to working with them.

Ms. Levis stated she was thrilled to be serving as a district board member and noted she was very excited to get to work with the other board members and staff.

ADJOURN

Mr. Smith adjourned the regular meeting at 12:40 p.m.

George Russell
Superintendent

Craig Smith
Board Chair

(Recorded by Wade Hicks)

Attachments to Official Minutes:

1. Oaths of Office – Jennifer Geller, Anne Marie Levis and Beth Gerot
2. Resolution Authorizing Chair and Vice Chair to Sign as Legally Elected and Qualified Officers
3. Calendar of 2009-10 Board Meetings
4. CIP Contract Award Status Summary
5. Personnel Action Items