MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4J, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

June 1, 2005

Meeting Convened

The Board of Directors of School District No. 4J, Lane County, Eugene, Oregon, held a regular meeting on June 1, 2005, at 7 p.m., at the Education Center, 200 N. Monroe Street, Eugene, Oregon. Notice of the meeting was mailed to the media and posted in Education Center on May 27, 2005, and published in The Register-Guard on May 30, 2005.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS:
Beth Gerot, Chair
Tom Herrmann, Vice-Chair
Eric Forrest
Craig Smith
Anette Spickard
Virginia Thompson

STAFF:
George Russell, Superintendent of Schools and District Clerk
Barbara Bellamy, Director, Communications and Intergovernmental Relations
Marilyn Clotz, Assistant Superintendent – Educational Support Service & School Services 9-12
Tom Henry, Assistant Superintendent – Instructional Services & School Services K-8
Hillary Kittleson, Director of Financial Services
Susan Fahey, Operations and Reporting Manager
Caroline Passerotti, Financial Analyst

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:
Vittal Patel, North Eugene High School
Ben Stein, Sheldon High School

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND FLAG SALUTE

Board Chair Beth Gerot called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the salute to the flag. She reported that Board Member Charles Martinez would not be in attendance as he was out of town.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Russell said that there had been a reception in honor of the student representatives prior to the board meeting. He said that two of the students, Erica Eschelbach and Sam Klonoski were not able to stay for the meeting and had been given certificates of appreciation at the reception. He said that the board particularly appreciated the input and comments from the student representatives during important discussions such as the ones around access and options. Superintendent Russell said that the student representatives reflected the very best of what the district and the community had to offer. He said that the board was very proud of the work that they did. He then recognized Ben Stein and presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his contribution as a student representative to the board.
Superintendent Russell referred board members to an e-mail from a former student representative, Javier Hernandez, which had been placed in the members’ red folders. He said that the e-mail detailed some of Mr. Hernandez’s activities during his first year at Harvard and his first day as an intern at ABC News.

Superintendent Russell also noted that members had been provided a copy of the agenda for the 7th Annual Minority Student Achievement Network Conference to be held in Madison, Wisconsin. He said that Ms. Gerot would be part of a team from School District 4J attending the conference.

Superintendent Russell said that he had scheduled a report on the Small Schools Initiative at North Eugene High School for the June 15 board meeting. He reported that shortly before the meeting he had heard from the principal at North Eugene that the staff had decided on the four small schools and that the vote had been very decisive. The four schools would be: 1) an arts school, which would be dual emersion with Spanish and English, 2) IDEAS – with a focus on science, engineering, and technology, 3) International High School (IHS), and 4) MET – a more global, big picture kind of school.

Vittal Patel arrived at the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Superintendent Russell noted that all of the graduation ceremonies would occur before the next board meeting. He said that this was an exciting and fun time of year and that the board and staff looked forward to it.

Superintendent Russell reported that he had seen former Board Member Jan Oliver the previous week and that Ms. Oliver was doing well with her health issues. He said that Ms. Oliver sent her regards to the board.

**COMMENTS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Ben Stein, Sheldon High School, reported that there were a lot of activities happening at Sheldon with the end of the year approaching. Some of the activities he mentioned were: Spring Fest, drama awards ceremony, Morph Dance, Dublinaires Solo Night, election of Associated Student Body (ASB) and class officers, and boys Lacrosse semi-final matches. He said that it had just been announced that the Sheldon Varsity Choir would be singing with the Willamette University Choir at Carnegie Hall next May. Mr. Stein introduced his father, Rob Stein.

Superintendent Russell presented Vittal Patel with a certificate of appreciation for his contribution to the board as a student representative.

Vittal Patel, North Eugene High School, reported that the ASB had decided to recognize all of the students graduating with a CIM as a way of giving more prestige to this accomplishment. He said that the ASB officers had been elected. Mr. Patel said that he would be attending Robert D. Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon next year and would be studying computer science.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION AT THIS MEETING**

**Approve a Resolution Supporting Changes to the No Child Left Behind Act**

The National School Boards Association developed a bill to improve and facilitate implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act by local school districts.
The bill, titled the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Improvements Act of 2005, proposed the following:

1. Improving the accuracy by which NCLB defines Adequate Yearly Progress;
2. Strengthening the alignment between required sanctions and the educational needs of the individual students; and
3. Granting the Secretary of Education greater flexibility to approve effective and innovative state accountability systems.

Since the No Child Left Behind Act was implemented two years ago, school districts and school boards had expressed concern that the accountability framework did not accurately or fairly assess student or school performance. The legislation proposed by NSBA would address this concern.

Barbara Bellamy, Director, Communications and Intergovernmental Relations, said that another copy of the resolution supporting the proposed legislation was included in the board packet along with a summary of the bill. She reported that she had been in contact with staff members from Senator Ron Wyden’s, Senator Gordon Smith’s, and Representative Peter DeFazio’s offices and that these legislators were still in support of the concept in the NSBA proposals. If approved by the board, this resolution would be communicated to Oregon’s congressional delegation, and federal, state and local officials as described in the resolution.

**Motion:** Board Member Virginia Thompson moved, Board Member Eric Forrest seconded, to approve the resolution supporting the legislation proposed by the NSBA regarding the No Child Left Behind Act.

**Vote:** All members present voted yes.

**Approve a Committee to Develop a District Wellness Policy**

Hillary Kittleson, Director of Financial Services, reviewed the following information:

**Background:** Over the past few years the increasing rate of childhood obesity had become a national issue. Locally, the Lane Coalition for Healthy Active Youth (LCHAY) was formed in late 2004 to strengthen childhood obesity prevention efforts in Lane County. At the state level, legislation had been proposed this biennium in both the house and senate aimed at addressing this issue. Nationally, Congress included in the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 a requirement that each local education agency participating in the National School Lunch program would establish a local wellness policy by the beginning of School Year 2006-07. An overview of federal requirements related to that policy was attached.

The district had been working to prevent childhood obesity prevention on a number of fronts. Examples included the successful application for two federal physical education grants that focused on lifetime physical fitness; several changes in the food services program aimed at providing more nutritious offerings to students; and active participation in LCHAY, with two board members, the Nutrition Services Director and Assistant Director and the Superintendent attending LCHAY meetings.

In order to meet the federal time line for establishment of a district wellness policy, a wellness policy committee would need to begin work during the 2005-06 school year. At the June 1, 2005, board meeting Ms. Kittleson requested that the board approve a Wellness Committee charge, composition and time line so that she could proceed with appointment of the committee. A proposed committee charge, composition and time line was presented below.
**Charge:** Develop a draft district Wellness Policy for implementation in the 2006-07 school year. The draft policy should include a section on the composition, charge and membership of an ongoing District Nutrition Services Committee.

**Composition:**

Board Member (1-2) Principals/Assistant Principals: (4)  
Parents – One Per Region (4) Elementary (2)  
Community: (3) Middle (1)  
LCHAY High (1)  
Representative/Health Care Professional Classified Staff: (3)  
At Large Food Service Coordinators  
Students: OSEA  
Middle School (1) Nutrition Services Director (1)  
High School (1) Director from Instruction (1)  
Board Representative

**Certified Staff:** (4)  
Health Education  
Physical Education  
Nursing Services  
EEA

**Timeline**

May 18 Board reviews proposal to create committee.  
June 1 Board directs Superintendent to create committee.  
June 15 Staff representatives selected.  

Sept. – Nov. Meetings One and Two  
Review of Federal Requirements  
Presentations on Current Situation: Food Service, Physical Education and Activity, Health Education, Nursing Services Relating to Wellness

Sept. – Nov. Meeting Three:  
Review of Wellness or Nutrition Policies from Other School Districts

**Meeting Four:**  
Discussion of Potential Guiding Principles

**Meeting Five:**  
Action on Guiding Principles  
Direction to Staff Regarding Drafting a Policy

Jan - Feb Meetings to Review Draft Policy  
Action on Draft Policy; Recommendation to Board

March - Apr Board Consideration and Action

Superintendent Russell reminded the board members to give him suggested names for membership on the committee.
Superintendent Russell recommended that the board 1) approve a Wellness Committee charge, composition and timeline and 2) direct the superintendent to appoint the committee.

**Motion:** Eric Forrest moved, Board Member Anette Spickard seconded, to 1) approve a Wellness Committee charge, composition and timeline and 2) direct the superintendent to appoint the committee.

**Vote:** All members present voted yes.

**CONSENT GROUP - ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**Motion:** Virginia Thompson moved, Board Member Tom Herrmann seconded, to approve the Consent Group.

**Vote:** All members present voted yes.

**Approve Board Meeting Minutes**

Superintendent Russell recommended approval of the minutes of the regular board meetings held on April 6, 2005, April 20, 2005 and May 4, 2005.

**Approve Grant Description: 4J Handheld Integration Project**

Staff in the Instruction Department submitted a $249,997 grant application to the Oregon Department of Education. The 4J Handheld Integration Project (4J HIP) 2005 was designed to expand and enhance the 2004 Ed Tech project. Eugene School District 4J in collaboration with South Lane School District would pair proven practices with new ideas to elevate current participant skills and provide an improved model for new participants and partners (Creswell, Fern Ridge, Glendale, Hermiston, and Three Rivers School Districts). 4J HIP goals included improving academic achievement in language arts and math; increasing technology literacy; increasing technology access; and providing staff development to integrate handheld technology into teaching and learning.

4J HIP would address key elements of our DCIP (CIP Draft), Title IID: Ed Tech program, and District Technology Plan by providing a core group of educators with ongoing, intensive, and high-quality professional development; tools and skills to increase technology literacy and meet challenging state academic standards for language arts and math; and strategies to integrate accessible handheld computer technology into teaching and learning.

Stretching from May 2005 to July 2006, 4J HIP would feature a three-day Summer Institute, three all-day fall workshops, and two 3-hour workshops (winter and spring). The PD would provide ongoing support in coordination with Project Mentors via online resources and onsite visits. Staff development activities would focus on emerging uses of handheld computers in education and would include beginning and advanced strategies for integrating handheld technologies into language arts and math. Thirty two (32) 4J HIP participants would develop, implement, and share technology rich Ed Tech Lesson Plans aligned to state academic standards.

Superintendent Russell recommended approval of the grant application.
Approve Ratification of CIP Contract Awards  

SCHEDULE C

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 was Bill Hirsh, Director of Facilities and Transportation. Contracts in excess of $500,000 would continue to require board approval. The purpose of the board item was 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 identified all contracts that had been awarded as of the status date indicated in accordance with delegated authority. The summary also identified who awarded the project and would indicate board ratification data of said award as applicable.

The CIP management staff would continue to provide the board with Contract Award Status updates for ratification, pursuant to School Board Policy DJC (Capital Improvement Contracts Financed by Bond Levy Funds – previously Policy 6610.5).

Superintendent Russell recommended ratification of awards for CIP GO Bond funded projects as indicated on the summary sheet.

Award a Contract for the 4J Multiple Site Building Renovations

Bids were received on May 25, 2005. The low bid, submitted by Tom Gerding Construction of Corvallis, must be rejected as non-responsive in that Tom Gerding did not submit the required first tier subcontractor disclosure form. The firm called to inform the district that it would not be submitting the form, with the intention of having its bid rejected, in that it discovered that it had made a significant error in their bid. The second low bid base bid of $949,000 was submitted by McKenzie Commercial Construction of Eugene. There was sufficient budget available to accept the base bid and additive alternates 1, 2, and 4, for a total bid of $1,006,886.

McKenzie Commercial Construction had successfully completed multiple projects for the district, including the recent major renovations of the commons/cafeteria areas at North and South Eugene High Schools.

As required by ORS 279C.370(3) Superintendent Russell recommended rejection of the bid submitted by Tom Gerding as non-responsive. The superintendent recommended award of a contract for the above referenced project to McKenzie Commercial Construction, in the amount of $1,006,886, which included the base bid and alternates 1, 2, and 4.

Grant Exemption to the Competitive Bidding Process for SawStop Safety Equipment

The District’s Safety Specialist had located technology that would improve safety conditions for operators of table saws in the district’s industrial education programs. The SawStop system worked by recognizing the difference in the electrical properties of wood and a user. SawStop induced a high-frequency electrical signal on the blade of a table saw and monitored this signal for changes caused by contact between the blade and a user's body. SawStop was the only company that offered this technology.

The cost for the safety upgrade was $2600 per table saw. If approved, the District initially planned to purchase equipment for two (2) table saws with the possibility of upgrading a total of twelve (12) saws.
Acting in its capacity as the district’s local contract review board, the board might grant exemptions to the competitive bidding process to make sole-source purchases as provided by ORS 279B.075(2)(d): “… goods or services are available from only one source”. As required by OAR 137-047-0275 (2), the district published a 14-day public notice describing this anticipated sole-source contract award.

Superintendent Russell recommended granting an exemption to the competitive bidding process for the purchase of SawStop safety equipment.

Approve Personnel Items

Superintendent Russell recommended approval of the personnel items included in the packet. These covered employment, resignations, and other routine personnel matters. (See attached)

ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

Conduct a Public Hearing on the 2005-06 Proposed Budget and Approve a Resolution Adopting the 2005-06 Budget, Making Appropriations, Imposing and Categorizing Taxes

Hillary Kittleson, Director of Financial Services, reviewed the following history for this item:

Oregon law required the board to adopt the budget for the ensuing year by June 30. On April 25, 2005, Superintendent Russell presented his proposed budget to the Budget Committee. On May 2, 2005, the Budget Committee unanimously approved the budget as proposed by the superintendent. Subsequent to the committee’s action, the state directed the district to claim home-schooled district students who attend alternative education programs such as Home Source. These students had been claimed by the Bethel School District, through an agreement with District 4J. To appropriately budget for this change, the following amendment was proposed in the General Fund:

Increase State School Fund revenue by $472,000 and increase the Direct Classroom Services appropriation by a like amount.

Students who wished to attend Home Source would get a District 4J (rather than Bethel School District) referral; the district would then pay Home Source as an alternative education provider. This new procedure should not affect students; it simply would represent a change in the district that referred students and would pay the alternative education provider.

The budget was built around the following budget goals:

• Provide additional support to students who need the most help;
• Use operating reserves to maintain service stability for the next two years and use capital reserves to address pressing maintenance needs over the next five years.
• Between 2004-05 and 2006-07, use reserves to end the accrual of a portion of the following year’s State School Fund revenue to the prior year.
• Prepare for potentially large shortfalls in the 2007-09 biennium if a statewide funding solution is not found by that time, and/or the City Levy is not renewed.
• Strengthen neighborhood schools by retaining half the staff that would have been cut in order to track declining enrollment.

Including the proposed amendment, the approved budget totaled $315.1 million, an increase of $27.1 million—or 9.4%—from the 2004-05 adopted budget. Over half of the increase was for
capital projects funded by bonds that voters authorized in 2002. The all-funds operating budget
increased by 4.5%. For the General Fund, the portion of the budget that supported most school
staffing and operations, the total approved budget as amended was $132.1 million. This was an
increase of $6 million—or 4.8%—more than the 2004-05 adopted budget. General Fund service
level increased total $1.8 million, net of staff reductions related to declining enrollment.

Budget additions would be used to:
• Provide a higher level of student services, including mental health therapists and
counselor/student services specialists at the secondary level and nine elementary schools and
part-time student achievement coordinators at the middle level (General Fund and City Levy
Subfund);
• Address increased need for special education and English Language Learner Services
(General Fund);
• Begin implementing the board’s school choice strategies, including the creation of five
neighborhood school academies (General Fund);
• Fund a five-year preventive maintenance program and interior painting program (Capital
Projects Fund).

An overview of specific service level changes approved by the Budget Committee was found on
page 23 of the Proposed Budget.

The board was scheduled to conduct a public hearing and take action to adopt the budget at its
June 15, 2005 meeting.

Superintendent Russell would recommend approval of a resolution adopting the 2005-2006
budget, making appropriations, and imposing and categorizing taxes.

Approve Supplemental Budget #2

Caroline Passerotti, Financial Analyst, reviewed the following information:

According to Oregon Local Budget Law, the school district could amend its budget by 1)
transferring spending authority within a specific fund or from the General Fund to another fund; or
2) increasing or decreasing spending authority by adoption of a supplemental budget.

Proposed Supplemental Budget Transactions

The board was scheduled to conduct a public hearing and adopt a supplemental budget at its June
15, 2005 meeting. Transactions were proposed to achieve the following:

• recognize revenue not anticipated at the time the budget was developed and establish
spending authority for related expenditures; and
• transfer spending authority among appropriations in the same fund.

An overview of the transactions was presented below, with a list of specific transactions attached.

Recognize New Revenue and Establish Corresponding Appropriations

General Fund

The following proposed transactions would recognize new revenue and appropriate a like amount:
1. Tuition reimbursements for behavior programs staffing. $355,446
   Revenue from Lane ESD would be used to fund 2.39 FTE certified staff and 3.0 FTE classified staff in 2004-05. This amount was appropriated for continuing services in the 2005-06 budget.

2. Contributions for additional staffing in schools. $268,826
   Donations from parent groups were appropriated to provide for 2.5 FTE certified and 2.4 FTE classified staff in 2004-05.

3. Contract revenue for nursing services $13,000
   Bethel School District was providing $8,000 to support the School Based Health Center Access Program, and Lane ESD was providing $5,000 for nursing services in the Life Skills Education Program.

Transfer of Appropriations Within the Same Fund

General Fund

Transfers from Contingency. The following transfers were proposed:

1. To fund costs related to the closure of Washington, Willakenzie, Westmoreland and Patterson elementary schools and the opening of Cesar Chavez and Bertha Holt elementary schools. Costs include: staffing and supplies for program transition, packing classroom contents, providing substitutes for staff to participate in staff development, custodial assistance, and warehouse staff support and moving services, technology assistance and food service program transition. $275,000

2. To fund the annual ongoing support for district business systems. These costs have been included in the 2005-06 Proposed Budget and were part of the initial cost estimates reviewed by the board prior to entering into the intergovernmental agreement with Clackamas ESD for business systems hosting services. $175,000

3. To fund higher than budgeted utility costs. $160,000

4. To use Special Education reserves to fund the Psych/Consultant model implemented this year. Funds will be used to pay for 2.0 FST School Psychologists and 1.0 FTE Secondary Education Consultant. This ongoing addition is included in the Proposed 2005-06 Budget, funded by the state High Cost Disability Grant. $224,182
Recommendation

Superintendent Russell would recommend approval of the supplemental budget as presented, or as modified as a result of board discussion. A resolution adopting the supplemental budget would be included in the board’s June 15, 2005 packet. Action requested would be adoption of the resolution.

Set the Tuition Rates for the 2005-06 School Year

Susan Fahey, Operations and Reporting Manager, reviewed the following information:

Each year a number of students who were not residents of the district paid tuition to attend district schools, or especially in the case of special education students, other school districts contracted with the district to provide educational services. The board set tuition rates for students in kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, high school, and special education. The district received no reimbursement for these students from the state. The staff was proposing no increase for grades K-5, a $25/month increase for grades 6-8 and no increase for grades 9-12. Special Education rates represented an overall 22% increase attributed to service level increases in behavior programs and staff-to-student ratios.

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Rates for Special Education Students

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Mr. Forrest asked if the tuitions were the same as FY2004-2005. Ms. Fahey replied that they would fluctuate a little and that it would depend on enrollment numbers.

Superintendent Russell would recommend approval of the tuition rates as proposed.

Consider National School Boards Association and Oregon School Board Association Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Superintendent Russell noted that it was time for the board to renew its membership in both the National School Boards Association (NSBA) and the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) for the 2005-2006 school year.
A copy of the March 9, 2005 invoice for the annual dues for NSBA was included in the packet. Of the Annual National Affiliate Membership dues, $60 per person would be allocated for a one-year subscription to NSBA’s School Board News for the superintendent and each board member. OSBA membership was a requirement of being a NSBA affiliate member.

Also enclosed was a copy of the May 4, 2005 memo from OSBA and the annual dues statement. The annual membership fee was based on the number of students in the district and will be $10,823.

Ms. Thompson said that she would not vote in favor of paying the dues to the OSBA, even though she recognized that the board could not be a member of the NSBA without being a member of the OSBA. She said that not withstanding the wonderful work that Mr. Smith and Ms. Gerot were doing with the OSBA, it was still her opinion that the money for dues was not well spent for the larger districts. She said that she still thought that the OSBA did not reflect the views of some of the larger districts. Ms. Gerot said that she had asked that this topic be put on the June OSBA board agenda. Ms. Thompson said that she thought that it might be time for the idea of an association to be formed for the larger districts.

Superintendent Russell would recommend payment of dues to the National School Boards Association in the amount of $7,000, and the Oregon School Boards Association in the amount of $10,823 for the 2005 – 2006 school year.

Adopt the Board Calendar for the 2005-2006 School Year

Superintendent Russell said that the proposed calendar for the 2005-2006 school year would be brought to the board for approval at its next meeting.

The Board of Directors met on the first and third Wednesday of the month during the 2004-2005 school year, with the agenda and materials related to the agenda items being provided to the board on the Friday preceding the Wednesday meeting. Special board meetings and board work sessions were also scheduled during the year; board members typically set aside every Wednesday evening for that purpose. A copy of the proposed calendar of the regular board meetings for the 2005 – 2006 school year was included in the packet.

Superintendent Russell would recommend approval of the proposed 2005 – 2006 calendar of the regular board meetings.

Conduct Routine Business

Superintendent Russell briefly reviewed the following items to be considered at the next board meeting:

Appoint Clerk and Deputy Clerks for Fiscal Year 2005 –06

Statutes required the Board of Directors to designate persons to serve as custodians of school funds and to officially sign contracts and other legal documents on behalf of the district.

Superintendent Russell would recommend appointment of George Russell as District Clerk and Hillary Kittleson and Tom Henry as Deputy Clerks for the 2005-06 fiscal year. A resolution authorizing them to sign legal documents on behalf of the school district was included in your packet.
Appoint Executive Officer and Budget Officer for Fiscal Year 2005-06

The state budget law required the Board of Directors to appoint an Executive Officer and a Budget Officer for the school district each fiscal year.

Superintendent Russell would recommend that George Russell be appointed as Executive Officer and Hillary Kittleson be appointed as Budget Officer for the 2005-06 fiscal year.

Adopt Resolution Authorizing Interfund Borrowing

From time to time, receipts for specific budgeted fund categories were not received as expected; for example, grant funds might not arrive on time or food services receipts might be delayed. Oregon law allowed loans to be made from one fund to another, so long as loans were repaid no later than the end of the ensuing year.

Superintendent Russell would recommend adoption of the resolution, included in the board packet, authorizing the district to utilize interfund borrowing during the 2005-06 school year.

Designate School Depositories for Fiscal Year 2005-06

It was necessary for the Board of Directors to designate depositories for the 2005-06 fiscal year. A copy of the resolution, which included a list of the depositories, was included in your packet.


Appoint Legal Counsel for Fiscal Year 2005-06

General legal services were being provided for the district by Joe Richards of the law firm Luvaas/Cobb. The district continued to be satisfied with the services received from the firm and Joe Richards.

Superintendent Russell would recommend that Joe Richards be retained as legal counsel for the 2005-06 fiscal year.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Thompson said that she had attended the retirement event for the district’s retiring teachers and administrators. She commented on the array of talent and experience among the retirees.

Ms. Thompson said that she attended the CAM award ceremony at North Eugene High School. She said that the work of the students was outstanding. She said that North had been selected by the State as one of the high schools to have the CAM portfolios examined. She said that the portfolios would be sent to Salem and then returned to the students.

Ms. Spickard reported that she attended the Lane Coalition of Healthy Active Youth meeting. She said that the group was beginning to transition from the planning stages to a more active stage with subcommittees being created to work on different strategy areas. She said that she would be working on the School Resource Subcommittee.
Ms. Spickard said that she attended a town hall meeting with Senator Floyd Prozanski and Representative Paul Hovey. She said that the report from the two legislators was disappointing in that most of the legislative subcommittees were beginning to shut down without much action in Salem. She said that there was not a lot of positive news for school funding.

Mr. Forrest asked about the issue of alternative school review. Superintendent Russell said that the plan was to bring something on this topic to the June 15 board meeting. He added that it would be discussed at the Leadership meeting on Monday, June 6.

Ms. Gerot said that at a recent OSBA Education Committee meeting, she heard a report from George Prinsteiner, Interim Chancellor of OUS, about funding issues affecting higher education. She said that Mr. Prinsteiner reported that in Oregon fewer students proportionally would be attending college than in their parents’ generation. She said that this was quite a telling statement about how Oregon was under-funding not only K-12 schools but also higher education.

Ms. Gerot said that she attended the Jefferson Middle School presentation around music and the Latino culture. She complimented the students on doing a wonderful job.

Ms. Gerot said that the LCHAY School Resource Team would begin meeting at the end of June. She said that she was encouraged that there were some thoughtful people on that team.

Ms. Gerot said that the Coalition for School Funding was beginning to look beyond this legislative session. She said that the coalition had been working with some of attorneys on the idea of an adequacy lawsuit. She said that Katherine Firestone, Executive Director of the Coalition, would be attending a conference in Washington, D.C. with representatives from other states that had done this as a way to call greater attention to the inadequacies in school funding.

Ms. Gerot said that she would miss the next school board meeting as she would be in Madison, Wisconsin, for a Farm to Market Conference. She said that this conference would tie in with the wellness policy work and with LCHAY.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.