TO: Board of Directors

FROM: George Russell
Superintendent of Schools

RE: Reports and Recommendations

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Report on Initiatives that Qualified for November Ballot and Impact on K-12 Schools (Staff: Barb Bellamy)

Several state ballot measures affecting public education will be on the November 4, 2008 General Election ballot. Ballot measure numbers will be assigned by the State Elections Division in early August. Staff will provide an overview of the following measures:

Measures referred to the ballot by the 2007 Legislature address the following subjects:
- Voter requirements for school board elections
- Double majority modification for elections

Measures placed on the ballot by citizen initiative petition with the potential to impact public schools or funding sources for public schools address the following subjects:
- Federal income tax deductibility
- English language immersion instruction
- Teacher merit pay
- Payroll deductions for political purposes
- Exemption from building permit requirements
- Mandatory minimum prison sentences
- Lottery proceeds for public safety

An overview of these ballot measures is included in your board packet.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT THIS MEETING

1. Organize the Board of Directors for the 2008 – 2009 School Year

As the first order of business at the August 6, 2008 board meeting, you will need to take the following action:
a. **Elect Board Officers**

(1) **Chair**: The Board of Directors, as its first order of business on August 6, 2008 should elect the chair for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

(2) **Vice-Chair**: The Board of Directors should then elect the vice chair for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

b. **Authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to Sign for the District During the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year**

The names of the newly elected board officers will be added to a resolution at the August 6 meeting.

The superintendent recommends approval of the resolution authorizing the board officers to sign for the district during the 2008-2009 fiscal year. A copy of the resolution is included in your packet.

**IX. CONSENT GROUP – ITEMS FOR ACTION**

1. **Approve Revised 2008-09 Arts and Technology Academy Calendar**  (Staff: Tom Henry)

   The 2008-09 Arts and Technology Academy calendar approved on May 7, 2008 contained an error on the dates for spring vacation. The corrected calendar indicating that spring break is from March 23 to April 3, 2009 is included in the board packet. The superintendent recommends approval of the revised calendar.

2. **Approve Ratification of CIP Contract Awards**  (Staff: Jon Lauch)

   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-previously Policy 6610.5)

   The superintendent recommends ratification of awards for CIP GO Bond funded projects as indicated on the summary sheet.
3. **Approve Resolution for Bus Financing** (Staff: Susan Fahey)

On July 16, 2008 the district issued a solicitation for financing to purchase one 84-passenger wheelchair accessible and three 84-passenger rear engine buses. The price of the buses, after trade-ins, is $472,302. Respondents were requested to submit interest rates for five and ten-year periods.

Intermediate Solicitation Documents were issued to twenty-five companies. Responses were received from SunTrust Equipment Finance & Leasing Corp, Atlanta, Georgia; Comerica Leasing Corporation, Costa Mesa, California; Midwest Leasing, Inc, Gunnison, Colorado; Wells Fargo Brokerages Services LLC, Gunnison, Colorado; and Traxis Financial Group (Blue Bird Financial Services), New Haven, Connecticut. "No Bid" responses were received from Chase Equipment Leasing, Inc, Salt Lake City, Utah; CalFirst Bank, Irvine, California; First Southwest Leasing Company, Dallas, Texas; and Koch Financial Corporation, Scottsdale, Arizona. Purchasing and transportation staff reviewed the responses.

The following interest rates and total payments for each option were offered:

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The ten-year financing option aligns with the district’s ten-year replacement cycle and the state’s bus replacement funding period. The district will receive 70% reimbursement of the interest cost from the state and does not anticipate the need to make early payment on this lease.

SunTrust has requested board approval of the financing by resolution, the resolution is included in your board packet.

The superintendent recommends approval of the resolution authorizing the financing for the purchase of four buses through SunTrust Equipment Finance & Leasing Corp at a total interest cost of $120,665.50 for ten years.

4. **Approve Board Meeting Minutes**

The superintendent recommends approval of the minutes from the January 16, January 30, February 13, March 5, March 12, March 19, April 2, April 16, May 7, May 21, and June 4, 2008 regular board meetings and work sessions.

5. **Approve Personnel Items** (Staff: Celia Feres-Johnson)

The superintendent recommends 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).
X. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

1. **Approve Revisions to Board Policy JO and New Board Policies IGBAB/JO, JOA and JOB Regarding Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities**
   (Staff: Larry Sullivan)

   Board policies JO - Educational Records and IGBAB - Records of Students with Disabilities, have been revised and combined into one double-coded policy to address the required revisions within the Special Education and educational records state and federal requirements. Districts were required to adopt either the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) or Oregon Department of Education (ODE) version of this double-coded student records policy by April 15, 2008. As the OSBA version was not available in April, the district temporarily adopted Section 8: Student Education Records, Access and Confidentiality of the ODE policy and Procedures for Special Education. The OSBA version is now available and Education Support Services is recommending adoption of the OSBA version of the required records policies.

   Copies of the revised board policies are included in your board packet. The superintendent will recommend approval of the revised board policies.

2. **Approve Resolution Opposing State Ballot Measure Regarding English as a Second Language (ESL) Instruction – Initiative 19**
   (Staff: Barb Bellamy)

   The Oregon School Boards Association has prepared a resolution opposing Initiative 19, a measure on the November 4, 2008 election ballot. The measure requires that no public school student receive instruction in a language other than English for more than two years, except for classes teaching foreign language to English-speaking students. Instruction for non-English speaking students in a language other than English is limited to 1 year for students in kindergarten through grade 4, 1.5 years for students in grades 5-8, and 2 years for students in grades 9-12. After that, students must be taught exclusively in English.

   The OSBA resolution states that "current, district-specified courses being taught to assist non-English speaking students who are unable to benefit from classes taught in English would effectively be eliminated" and therefore, "strongly opposes Initiative Petition 19 because it severely reduces our authority and ability to meet the unique needs of our students who must learn English - while also learning academic skills."

   A copy of the resolution is included in your board packet.

3. **Approve Resolution Opposing Federal Income Tax Deduction – Initiative 3**
   (Staff: Barb Bellamy)

   The Oregon School Boards Association has prepared a resolution opposing Initiative 3, a measure on the November 4, 2008 election ballot that would increase the amount of federal incomes taxes that can be deducted from an individual taxpayer's Oregon taxable income.

   The OSBA resolution states that "the state relies on personal income taxes for almost 90% of all state revenues, making public services, including public education, highly sensitive to any changes in personal income tax collections. The changes proposed in
Initiative Petition 3 are estimated by the Legislative Revenue Office to result in a $1.244 billion loss of state revenue in the 2009-11 biennium and a $2.268 billion reduction in the 2011-13 biennium." The OSBA resolution further states that "such a dramatic reduction and instability in state revenues would likely result in a direct reduction in revenues for public education" and therefore, "strongly opposes the passage of Initiative Petition 3 and its efforts to destabilize and dramatically reduce revenues available for public services".

A copy of the resolution is included in your board packet.

XI. Comments and Committee Reports by Individual Board Members

XII. Adjourn