

Board of Directors Meeting  
School District 4J, Lane County  
200 North Monroe Street  
Wednesday, February 27, 2008 - 7 p.m.

**TO: Board of Directors**

**FROM: George Russell  
Superintendent of Schools**

**RE: Reports and Recommendations**

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

**1. Approve Expenditures for January, 2008** (Staff: John Ewing)

A summary of the district's expenditures for January 2008, totaling \$21,725,199.44 is included in the packet.

The superintendent recommends approval of the January 2008 expenditures.

**2. Approve the Purchase of School Buses** (Staff: Caroline Passerotti)

On June 21, 2006, the board approved a one year contract with an opportunity for four annual extensions with Western Bus Sales for the purchase of school buses. The contract is currently in its second year.

Four (4) athletic/activity trip buses are due for routine replacement within the next year. Based on the needed replacements, staff has requested the purchase of three (3) additional eighty-four passenger, rear-engine trip buses and one (1) additional eighty-four passenger, rear-engine, wheelchair accessible trip bus. The base contract price for these buses is \$117,183 each. Approved options of front and rear air suspensions, seating adjustment and luggage storage added to four buses, wheelchair modifications added to one bus, total an additional \$39,450. The complete purchase will total \$508,182.

The net cost to the district is expected to be less with the trade-in of the retired buses, which will be dependent upon fleet needs at the time of new bus arrivals. Should Shaping 4J's Future result in the need for additional bus routes, access to the retiring buses may provide flexibility until a permanent solution is determined.

Transportation staff anticipates requesting further board approval for the purchase of additional special needs buses within this school year. This would also represent routine fleet replacement.

The superintendent recommends purchasing four (4) additional eighty-four passenger, rear-engine buses, including one with wheelchair accessibility totaling \$508,182.

**3. Approve Personnel Items** (Staff: Wally Bryant)

The superintendent recommends approval of the personnel items included in the 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).

**VIII. Comments and Committee Reports by Individual Board Members**

**IX. Adjourn**

**WORK SESSION:** Conduct a Work Session on the Superintendent's Report and Recommendations for Shaping 4J's Future

**CALENDAR FOR BOARD MEMBERS**

**FEBRUARY**

Monday, February 25	Budget Committee meeting	7 pm
Wednesday, February 27	Board meeting and work session	7 pm

**MARCH**

Wednesday, March 5	Board meeting	7 pm
Saturday, March 8	2008 NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner at VRI (George, Alicia, Beth, Jim & Yvette)	6:30 – 9 pm
Wednesday, March 12	Board work session	6 pm
Wednesday, March 19	Board meeting	7 pm

**APRIL**

Wednesday, April 2	Board meeting	7 pm
Saturday, April 12	Board Retreat	8 am – 4 pm
Wednesday, April 16	Board meeting	7 pm
Tuesday, April 29	ACE Awards at Hult Center	5 pm