

Board of Directors Meeting
School District 4J, Lane County
200 North Monroe Street
Wednesday, September 2, 2009 – 7 p.m.

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: George Russell
Superintendent of Schools
RE: Reports and Recommendations

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

VI. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. **Receive Information on the Sources and Uses of Funds Provided Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)** (Staff: Carl Hermanns and Susan Fahey)

On February 17, 2009, the President signed The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) into law. The Act has four guiding principles: 1) Spend funds quickly to save and create jobs; 2) Improve student achievement through school improvement and reform; 3) Ensure transparency, reporting and accountability; and 4) Invest one-time ARRA funds thoughtfully to minimize the “funding cliff.”

The ARRA provides funds across many categories including Title I, IDEA, Pell Grants, State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, etc. Several ARRA competitive grants are also available. To date the district has applied for two, but has not been awarded additional ARRA grants. Below is a summary by type and year the district expects to receive.

| | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | Total |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| State Fiscal Stabilization Fund | \$3,332,826 | \$4,561,983 | \$1,868,029 | \$9,762,838 |
| IDEA | \$900,000 | \$1,833,922 | \$933,881 | \$3,667,803 |
| Title I | ? | \$2,174,751 | | \$2,174,751 |
| Total | <u>\$4,232,826</u> | <u>\$8,570,656</u> | <u>\$2,801,910</u> | <u>\$15,605,392</u> |

The President and U.S. Secretary of Education are committed to spending ARRA dollars with an unprecedented level of transparency and accountability. To help ensure transparency and accountability for program funds, reports must be filed quarterly and include: (1) Recipient and amount received; (2) The projects or activities funded; and (3) The completion status of such projects or activities and what impacts they have had on job creation and retention.

Information will be provided at the board meeting on how the funds will be spent.

2. **Receive a Preliminary Report on Oregon State Assessment Results** (Staff: Carl Hermanns)

State test scores for the 2008-09 school year have recently been released. Carl Hermanns will report on our district results and talk about the different types of student achievement reports we receive from the state each year. He will also highlight areas where we are making progress, identify areas for improvement, and discuss some of the district initiatives to improve achievement for all students.

3. **Receive a Report on District Planning Process for H1N1 Flu Preparedness** (Staff: Barb Bellamy)

Staff will provide the board with information from the August 21 governor's summit on influenza preparedness and discuss the district's preliminary plans for dealing with the upcoming flu season.

VII. CONSENT GROUP - ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. **Approve Application for Membership, Special Districts Workers Compensation Program, Replacing SAIF with Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) as the District's Worker's Compensation Carrier** (Staff: Patrick Hughes)

This Application for Membership is between the district and Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO). The application finalizes the district's search for its renewal of required worker's compensation coverage for employees, and signifies the culmination of researching for the best competitive insurance premium rates for the district, while maintaining the best available coverage for district employees. The application describes specific details regarding coverages, and the final premium the district will be responsible for paying. Approval of the application commits the district to having SDAO as its worker's compensation carrier through June 30, 2010. Copies of the application and the SDAO declarations page/premium invoice are included in the board packet.

The superintendent recommends approval of the Application for Membership between the district and Special Districts Association of Oregon.

2. **Approve Grant Application: Adams Elementary Solar Initiative** (Staff: Carl Hermanns)

Staff from Adams Elementary School submitted a grant application to the ARRA State Energy Program (SEP) for \$95,950. The primary purpose of Adams' solar project is to create a school-wide and community-based educational tool for generating renewable energy while reducing the school's own energy footprint. The project has been vetted by the district's engineers as a viable and acceptable addition to Adams' energy management program.

The superintendent recommends approval of the grant application. A copy of the grant description form is included in the packet.

VIII. **ITEMS FOR ACTION AT THIS MEETING**

1. **Adopt the Revised Guiding Beliefs and Values Statement** (Staff: Barb Bellamy)

The board annually reviews and affirms or revises a statement of Guiding Beliefs and Values to articulate the core values that guide the work of the Board of Directors and all 4J staff in achieving the district's mission. Staff has reviewed the initial draft of the proposed Guiding Beliefs and Values Statement and has made some suggested revisions. The draft with the proposed revisions is included in the board packet and will be further reviewed at board leadership on Monday, August 31.

You will discuss the Guiding Beliefs and Values Statement at the September 2 board meeting. Any additional revisions suggested during the board meeting will be incorporated into the final draft that is presented for approval.

The superintendent will recommend adoption of the Guiding Beliefs and Values Statement at the September 2 board meeting.

2. **Adopt the Board's Goals and Annual Agenda for 2009-10** (Staff: Barb Bellamy)

School Board Policy BA requires that the board adopt an annual agenda to demonstrate how you will provide "leadership and direction for the district." Staff has prepared an initial draft of the proposed 2009-10 Annual Agenda, and Goals for 2010 – 2013 which is included in the board packet.

Changes suggested during the board meeting, and in subsequent meetings of Superintendent's Staff and the Instructional Leadership Team, have been incorporated into the draft that will be presented for approval at the September 2 board meeting. The draft with the proposed revisions is included in the board packet and will be further reviewed at board leadership on Monday, August 31.

You will discuss the Annual Agenda for 2009-10 and Goals at the September 2 board meeting. Any additional revisions suggested during the board meeting will be incorporated into the final draft that is presented for approval.

The superintendent will recommend adoption of the 2009-10 Board Goals and Annual Agenda at the September 2 board meeting.

IX. **ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING**

1. **Request to Support Waiver Request and Modifications to Charter School Contract with The Village School** (Staff: Caroline Passerotti)

The Village School has requested a waiver by the Oregon State Board of Education of ORS 338.125, which governs student admission to charter schools. The purpose of the waiver is to permit The Village School to offer priority admission for the children of its current staff. They have requested district approval and support for making the necessary modifications to the charter school contract between the district and the charter school should the waiver be granted.

ORS 338.125 requires that public charter schools use an equitable lottery should the number of applications from district residents exceed the capacity of a program, class, grade level or building. Once a charter school has been in operation for one or more years, priority for admission **may** be given to district residents who were enrolled in the school in the prior year or who have siblings who are presently enrolled in the school and who were enrolled in the school in the prior year. ORS 338.025 permits waiver of this provision. According to Oregon Department of Education staff, this waiver request is among the most common submitted by charter schools.

Our district does not offer priority admission to the children of staff for placement in neighborhood schools or alternative schools. However, no material negative effect is anticipated from permitting a district-sponsored charter school to offer this benefit to its employees. Further, in keeping with statutory direction for governing charter schools, the district offers latitude to its charter schools to operate in ways that differ from traditional district practices as long as they meet the requirements of federal and state laws and regulations.

The superintendent will recommend at your September 2 meeting that the district neither support nor oppose the waiver request by The Village School, but agree to make necessary modifications to the charter school contract should the State Board approve their request. District staff would draft an amendment to the current charter school contract for the signature of the board chair to reflect this change if a waiver is approved by the State Board. The current contract between the district and The Village School expires at the end of this fiscal year.

Copies of letters from The Village School to the State Board of Education and to the district, as well as draft minutes from The Village School board meeting documenting endorsement of this action are included in the board packet.

2. Approve Revisions to Board Policy EFA, Local Wellness Program (Staff: Barb Bellamy)

The 2007 Legislature set standards for food and beverages sold in schools (House Bill 2650). The district's wellness policy, EFA Local Wellness Program adopted in 2006, already reflected most of those requirements. The new legislation, however, defined the "regular and extended school day" to include all before- and after-school activities sponsored by the district, except for activities at which adults are a significant part of an audience, such as a carnival, a play or a band or choir concert. The proposed revisions to Board Policy EFA - Local Wellness Program add a reference to the definition of the school day and other requirements that are now in Oregon Revised Statute 336.423.

A copy of the proposed policy revision is included in the board packet.

X. Comments and Committee Reports by Individual Board Members

XI. Adjourn

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Under provisions of ORS 192.610 – 192.690, Open Meeting Laws, the Board of Directors will conduct an Executive Session for the following purpose:

To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (d).

CALENDAR FOR BOARD MEMBERS

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| Wednesday, September 2 | Regular Board Meeting | 7 pm |
| Thursday, September 3 | Back to School Event South Eugene High School | 7:30 – 10:00 am |
| Wednesday, September 16 | Regular Board Meeting (Student Rep Orientation-Craig & Beth) | 7 pm 6 pm |
| Wednesday, September 30 | Special Board Meeting (interview and appoint new board member) | 7 pm |
| Wednesday, October 7 | Regular Board Meeting | 7 pm |
| Wednesday, October 21 | Regular Board Meeting | 7 pm |
| Wednesday, November 4 | Regular Board Meeting | 7 pm |
| November 12 – 15 | OSBA Annual Convention in Portland | |
| Wednesday, November 18 | Regular Board Meeting | 7 pm |