

Board of Directors Meeting
School District 4J, Lane County
200 North Monroe Street
Wednesday, September 16, 2009 – 7 p.m.

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: George Russell
Superintendent of Schools

RE: Reports and Recommendations

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. **Recognition of Bob Bolden as Oregon Principal of the Year** (Staff: Laurie Moses)

Bob Bolden, Sheldon High School Principal, will be recognized for being selected as the Oregon Principal of the Year for 2009. Dr. Bolden was honored at the Annual Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA) conference in Seaside in June 2009 and has been invited to attend a Principals' Institute and Awards Banquet in Washington, D.C. A representative from MetLife will attend the meeting to congratulate Dr. Bolden and present him with an award for his achievements.

2. **Receive a Report on Eugene Education Fund Activities**

Eugene Education Fund Director David Meredith will report on the fiscal year that ended June 30, showing \$731,048 in revenue, and then give an update on plans for the 2009 Annual Campaign, which kicks off September 14.

3. **Receive an Update on the Oregon School Activities Association League Proposals** (Staff: Laurie Moses)

Laurie Moses, Director of Secondary Education, and Tim Carmichael, the district's Athletics Director, will present an update on the proceedings of the Classification and Districting Committee of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA). The committee is preparing recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board regarding placement of schools in athletic districts for 2010-14.

VIII. CONSENT GROUP - ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. **Approve a One Year Extension of the Contract Between the Eugene Education Fund and School District 4J** (Staff: Barb Bellamy)

In February of 1994, the board and the Eugene Education Fund (EEF) entered into a contract specifying how the district and EEF would work together and how donations given through the fund would be distributed. The board approved a revised contract in 2008, increasing the annual payment to EEF to reflect some of the increased costs

associated with higher levels of fundraising performance. A copy of the contract is included in the board packet.

Since 1994, EEF has raised over \$6.3 million in donations for school district programs plus an additional \$1.5 million in development funds that go to support fundraising efforts. Over \$1.2 million has been given to schools in annual discretionary grants, which help schools maintain and enhance educational programs. Direct donations to schools have been increasing each year. During the last campaign cycle alone, January through December 2008, the EEF raised \$785,635.

The superintendent recommends approval of a one-year extension of the contract between the Eugene Education Fund and School District 4J.

2. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

The superintendent recommends approval of the minutes from the August 5 and August 19, 2009 regular board meetings.

IX. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT THIS 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 recommends 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.

The superintendent recommends approval of Board Policy EFA, Local Wellness Program as revised.

3. 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 which were suggested by board members and in subsequent meetings with superintendent's staff have been incorporated into the revised draft, which is included in this packet. (See Goal II. revisions regarding development of a sustainable budget.)

The superintendent recommends adoption of the 2009-10 Board Goals and Annual Agenda.

4. Vote on a Region 6 Representative for the Oregon School Boards Association Legislative Policy Committee (Staff: Barb Bellamy)

The 38-member Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) develops and recommends legislative policies and priorities, which it recommends to the membership for approval at the annual membership meeting in November of even-numbered years. The committee also advises the executive director and staff during legislative sessions and may act on behalf of the association in accordance with those policies.

One candidate has been nominated by local boards for the Region 6 LPC position: Joe Berney, Lane Education Service District (Lane ESD). LPC members elected in September 2009 will serve January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011.

At this meeting, each board member will cast a ballot, voting for the Region 6 LPC candidate. The candidate receiving a majority of votes will then be designated as the board's choice for the position. All school boards in Region 6 (Lane County) including the Lane ESD board will cast votes and forward their ballot to OSBA. The Candidate Questionnaire for the candidate is included in the board packet.

5. Approve Proposed 2009-11 Addendum to the Superintendent's Contract

The contract between the superintendent and the board provides that the board will evaluate the superintendent at least once each year based on the goals and objectives agreed upon by the board and the superintendent, and the terms of their contract. The board conducted the evaluation in executive session on June 17, 2009 under the provisions of ORS 192.610-192-690. The board's evaluation determined that the superintendent's performance exceeded expectations.

The board requested the board chair and vice-chair meet with the superintendent to develop a proposed addendum to the contract for consideration at a future meeting. The superintendent's current 2008-11 contract provides for a 3.25% COLA and up to a 5% performance bonus. The board and superintendent had previously agreed that in light of the district's financial situation, the superintendent would not receive the COLA provided for in the current contract, nor would he receive a performance bonus as provided for in the current contract. The proposed 2009-11 contract addendum, with any additional proposed modifications, will be provided in the red folder at the meeting.

X. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

1. Adopt the Revised Board's and Superintendent's Working Agreements (Staff: Barb Bellamy)

The board annually reviews and affirms or revises a set of group agreements that outline how the board, superintendent, and executive leadership team will work together. Based on your discussion at the August 7 board retreat, staff have proposed revisions to the working agreements to reflect that discussion. In addition, in coming weeks, the board plans to develop a set of guidelines regarding use of social media by board members for constituent communications. Any changes to the draft working agreements that are suggested at this meeting will be incorporated into the final draft that is presented for approval at the October 7 board meeting.

A copy of the proposed Working Agreements is included in this packet. The superintendent will recommend adoption of the Board's and Superintendent's Working Agreements as revised.

XI. Comments and Committee Reports by Individual Board Members

XII. Adjourn

CALENDAR FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Wednesday, September 16	Regular Board Meeting (Student Rep Orientation-Craig & Beth)	7 pm 6 pm
Friday, September 25	ATA Track Dedication with Margaret Johnson Bailes	11:30 am
Wednesday, September 30	Special Board Meeting (interview and appoint new board member)	7 pm
Wednesday, October 7	Work Session Regular Board Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Thursday, October 15	OSBA Fall Regional Meeting at Lane ESD	6 pm
Thursday, October 15	EEF Gala at LCC, Building 19	5:30-8 pm
Wednesday, October 21	Work Session Regular Board Meeting	5:30 pm 7 pm
Tuesday, October 27	Principal for a Day Lunch Ed Center Auditorium	11:30 am–1 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
Wednesday, December 2	Regular Board Meeting	7 pm
Wednesday, December 16	Regular Board Meeting	7 pm