6:00 p.m.  WORK SESSION:

Conduct a work session on the Superintendent’s Sustainable Budget Preliminary Recommendations, Including School Closure/Consolidation Proposals

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TO:  Board of Directors

FROM: George Russell  
Superintendent of Schools

RE: Reports and Recommendations

VII. CONSENT GROUP – ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

The superintendent recommends approval of the minutes from the September 1, 2010 and September 15, 2010 regular board meetings. Copies of the minutes are included in the board packet.

2. Approve Grant Application: Nursery Improvement (Staff: Mindy Rimbey)

Staff from the Opportunity Center submitted a grant application to the Oregon Department of Education in the amount of $10,000. The nursery at the Opportunity Center has developed a list of projects with flooring as the top priority. The grant would allow staff to have laminate permanently installed for the safety of the children and workers. See the grant description form for more details.

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

3. 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)
VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

1. Approve a Resolution Adopting the 2011 OSBA Legislative Policies and Priorities (Staff: Barb Bellamy)

**Action Proposed:**
Approve the 2011 Legislative Policies and Priorities, as proposed by the Oregon School Boards Association.

A copy of the proposed 2011 OSBA legislative policies and priorities is included in your packet.

At a previous meeting, the board indicated interest in defining more specific legislation that would be beneficial to schools, especially in light of state financial forecasts that predict significant and continuing resource challenges for Oregon schools and state-funded services over the next decade. A draft of possible 4J Board positions and legislation to monitor is attached. This draft will be shared with Lane County legislators at a breakfast with the board on November 30. The board may choose to adopt these 4J priorities or simply use the draft document as a list of legislation that is of high interest to the board.

**Background:**
Before every regular session of the Oregon Legislature, the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) drafts a set of policies and priorities that set direction for legislative advocacy and serve as a set of criteria against which to evaluate legislative proposals.

The OSBA is asking its member school districts to formally endorse these policies and priorities by approving a resolution.

The three proposed 2011 OSBA Legislative Priorities are:
- Student achievement,
- Shared accountability for student success, and
- Adequate and stable funding for schools, including state and local tax reform that would increase support for schools.

**Discussion:**
1. **Rationale:** By approving the OSBA Legislative Policies and Priorities, the board is choosing to join with other school boards throughout the state in defining and advocating for a common agenda that would benefit K-12 public schools.

   By defining a set of 4J Board Legislative Positions, board members and staff can have more specific conversations with our local legislators about potential legislation.

2. **Options and Alternatives:** The board could decline to approve the 2011 OSBA Legislative Policies and Priorities. OSBA has asked member districts to cast a vote either in support or opposition to the resolution.
The board could formally approve the 4J Board Positions at its December 15 meeting or could choose to simply use this list in conversations with legislators.

3. **Budget/Resource Implications:** There are no budget impacts from approving the resolution.

4. **Board and Superintendent Goals:** This action supports Board Goal #3 Stakeholder Engagement and the key result which states: “In 2010-11, the board will work with other local school districts, the Lane County legislative delegation, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, other elected officials, OSBA and other groups to secure adequate and stable state school funding for the 2011-13 biennium and to advocate for legislation in support of increased student achievement and local control of schools.”

**Recommendation**
The superintendent will recommend approval of the 2011 OSBA Legislative Priorities and will make a recommendation on 4J Board Legislative Positions, should the board wish to take formal action.

2. **Approve Resolutions Amending the OSBA Constitution** (Staff: Barb Bellamy)

**Action Proposed:**
Approve the following resolutions, submitted by the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) Board of Directors to member districts:

- A resolution to amend the OSBA Constitution, Article 7, Section 2 regarding the Legislative Policy Committee membership and Article 9, Section 1 describing the association.
- A resolution to amend the OSBA Constitution Article 4, Section 2 regarding membership, dues and assessments.

The two resolutions are included in this packet.

The OSBA is asking its member school districts to formally endorse these policies and priorities by approving the resolutions.

**Recommendation**
The superintendent will recommend approval of the resolutions.

3. **Approve a Revision to Policy JECC, School Choice** (Staff: Barb Bellamy)

**Action Proposed:**
Approve a one-year revision to Board Policy JECC School Choice to adjust the timeline for accepting school choice applications that would be considered in the lottery for the 2011-12 school year. This would postpone the school choice application period in 2011 to begin on Monday, February 7, 2011 instead of Monday, January 3. The closing date for receiving applications to be considered in the lottery would be Friday, April 22, 2011 rather than Friday, March 18.

A copy of the proposed policy revision is included in your packet.
**Background:**
Board policy JECC describes the process for requesting enrollment at a district alternative school or a neighborhood school outside of the attendance area in which a student resides. Each spring, a lottery is conducted to establish a waiting list for each school for the next school year. The policy specifies that, in order for an application to be considered in the lottery, it must be submitted to the district “between the first working day in January and the Friday preceding spring break in March.”

**Discussion:**
1. **Rationale:** The superintendent has proposed closing, consolidating and reconfiguring a number of schools as part of the preliminary recommendations for achieving a sustainable budget. Final recommendations will be presented to the board for action in late January. Due to the possible changes in schools and attendance areas, staff recommends postponing the timeline for school choice applications and the lottery that is conducted in 2011 for the 2011-12 school year.

2. **Options and Alternatives:** The board could maintain the existing policy and timeline for 2011 or choose a different timeline than staff has proposed.

3. **Budget/Resource Implications:** There are no resource impacts.

4. **Board and Superintendent Goals:** This policy revision does not directly support a board or superintendent goal, although it relates to the timeline for developing a sustainable budget strategy.

**Recommendation**
The superintendent will recommend approval of the one-year policy revision.

4. **Adopt the 2010-11 Superintendent’s Goal Statement and Establish the Criteria for the 2010-11 Annual Evaluation**

The contract between the superintendent and the board states 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. ORS 192.660 (2) (i) requires and School Board Policy CBB states that the standard criteria and policy directives to be used in evaluating the superintendent shall have been adopted by the board in meetings open to the public no later than January of each year.

I propose that the criteria to be used in my annual evaluation consist of our agreed upon goals, the contract between the superintendent and the board, the position description contained in School Board Policy CBA, and a Self-Evaluation Feedback form. A draft copy of my proposed 2010-11 goal statement, which is based upon your annual agenda and board goals are included in the board packet. They will be subject to revision based upon suggested modification by the board, and further review by the superintendent’s staff.
IX. Comments and Committee Reports by Individual Board Members

X. Adjourn

**Calendar for Board Members**

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