APRIL 21, 2014
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Patti Norris, Gwen Carr, Scott Cooper, Doug Smith
Board Member(s) Absent: Walt Wagner
Administration Present: Michelle Jonas, Joel Hoff, Kurt Sloper, Kimberly Bonner, Jim Bates, Cheri Rasmussen, David Robinson

1.0 CALL TO ORDER
1.1 – Flag Salute
1.2 – Roll Call to Establish Quorum
1.3 Recognition of Visitors
1.4 – Agenda Additions, Deletions or Revisions & Agenda Approval
1.5 – Paulina Elementary – Winter Storyline Culmination

Board Chair Patti Norris called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., the flag salute was recited, a quorum was established and visitors were recognized and asked to sign in on the sign-in sheet.

Doug Smith moved and Scott Cooper seconded the Board approve the agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor 4-0 as follows: Yea – Patti Norris, Scott Cooper, Gwen Carr, Doug Smith.

Elementary Principal Kurt Sloper introduced the two Paulina teachers, Glenifer Fields and Jamie Bedortha, who then explained their Storyline studies this year. Intermediate students came forward with a portrayal of the characters they had studied. Glenifer Fields presented a video of the primary students showing their Storyline.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS
Doug Smith commented about the passing of Carl Weaver, who served for many years on several budget committees as well as several school board committees representing the Paulina area. He felt it was appropriate to recognize him this evening.

3.0 OTHER AGENCY / DEPARTMENT REPORTS
3.1 HDESD Board Report (for Board review)
Scott Cooper, now serving on the HDESD budget committee, commented on the recent ESD budget committee meeting and indicated he was very impressed on the broad range of programs they are involved in throughout the region.

3.2 Construction Update
Construction Project Manager Jerry Milstead informed the board that an RFP announcement for elementary projects will go out this week.

Jerry indicated the projects will start at the High School very soon.

Jerry reported on the remodeling projects for Paulina. The hope is to add a couple classrooms and remove the existing modulars. Work needs to be done inside, such as the gym floor. Details have not been completed to date. Bond Counsel suggested the district tackle the Paulina projects towards the end of the construction/remodel process. Currently there is $900,000 set aside for Paulina. If we wait until close to the end of all projects, we may find we have additional funds that can be used for Paulina. When they get closer to proceeding with the Paulina projects they will ask for staff and community input. Doug
Smith added the Board has been listening to the Paulina community and the school’s needs. The plan is for a new gym floor and other upgrades.

Patti Norris shared that the design committee reviewed the interior and exterior look of the new school and everyone was impressed.

3.2.1 Naming of Schools

The Board reviewed the list of submitted school names, mascots, and school colors. The Design Committee is recommending to the Board the school be named Barnes Butte Elementary School, mascot to be the Badgers, and the colors to be Black and Silver. Patti Norris thanked everyone who had submitted suggested names.

Doug Smith moved and Gwen Carr seconded the Board name the new school Barnes Butte Elementary School, mascot to be the Badgers, and the school colors to be Black & Silver. The vote was unanimous in favor 4-0 as follows: Yea – Patti Norris, Scott Cooper, Gwen Carr, Doug Smith.

3.2.2 Capital Projects – Approval Process

Jerry Milstead reported on the capital projects approval process, which clarifies current Board policy.

4.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

4.1 Crook County Sheriff’s Search & Rescue – Complimentary Letter Regarding the April 4 Health Fair at Crook County Middle School

Superintendent Yecha referred to the letter received from Crook County Sheriff’s Search & Rescue complimenting the school on the very successful Health Fair held at CCMS.

4.2 Cascade Commitment Grant Award

Superintendent Yecha commented on the grant they recently received. CCHS Principal Michelle Jonas reported on what the HS will be receiving. The CTE teachers will be receiving additional training. The English Dept. will be switching to COCC for their English college classes. There will be a college readiness program at the middle school. There will be a class taught by COCC at the high school on how to be successful in college. The hope is that every high school in Central Oregon will be offering college classes.

Stacy added that the magic of the five classes is they would translate to either a college or university. Doug Smith indicated that if the students take advantage of what is offered at the high school and the fifth year program a student could walk away with a two-year degree at the end of their 5th high school year. Doug congratulated the high school and Stacy Smith for the work they have put into this program.

Good news came from Rob Saxton, Deputy Superintendent for Oregon. Currently the graduation rate does not involve fifth year students who have earned a standard diploma but are working towards an honors diploma, which lowers the four-year graduation rate. He is working on changing that. If fifth year students have earned a standard diploma at the end of the fourth year those students would be counted in the four-year graduation rate.

5.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Scott Cooper moved and Doug Smith seconded the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Scott Cooper asked that with the replacement of Bruce Hahn, would the district raise the position to a higher level? Duane indicated they have a new job description and salary with the hope that at some point the person they hire could get a CTE license and also do some teaching.

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5.1 Minutes Approval
5.1.1 March 17, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
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5.2 Retirement – Supervisor / Certified
5.2.1 Bruce Hahn – Technology Supervisor
5.2.2 Sue Gregory – Academic Coach – Ochoco Elementary

5.3 Resignations – Classified
5.3.1 Elisha Youngblood – Cook’s Helper, EAI and EAII – Paulina

5.4 Enrollment Report

5.5 Donations

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The vote was 4-0 in favor as follows: Yea – Patti Norris, Scott Cooper, Gwen Carr, Doug Smith.

6.0 FINANCE
6.1 Finance Report
Anna Logan presented the April finance report. The ending fund balance is higher than last month because of the increase in the state school fund. The updated information from ODE shows an actual true-up for 2012-13 to be approximately $641,000.

6.2 Use of Unemployment Reserve Funds – Resolution #09-2013-14
Anna Logan reported on the discovery of several underground oil tanks on district property that need to be removed. The Board has previously recommended abolishing the Unemployment Reserve, which is no longer needed. She recommended abolishing that fund now and transferring the remaining funds to the Maintenance Reserve Fund for the purpose of financing the removal of underground oil tanks.

Scott Cooper moved and Doug Smith seconded the Board adopt Resolution #09-2013-14 - Abolishment of Unemployment Reserve Funds, and transfer these funds to the Maintenance Reserve for the purpose of financing the removal of underground oil tanks. The vote was 4-0 in favor as follows: Yea – Patti Norris, Scott Cooper, Gwen Carr, Doug Smith.

7.0 BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS
7.1 ELL Plan and Dual Language Discussion
Superintendent Yecha indicated the administrative team has spent considerable time on this program. The question is whether the dual language program should be continued. We are recommending the program be continued through grade 5. The District consulted with ODE experts, David Bautista and Kim Miller, on dual language programs who have indicated for the program to be successful it should go through grade 5. The state has recommended that we add any new strong Spanish-speaking students to the program and that they stay in the program through grade 5, and then continue with an ELL program unless they are in line to graduate on time. Kim Miller will be visiting the district on April 28 and 29. She will be looking at how we can fine-tune the dual language program K-5, and then secondly how we can work better with our 6-12 ELL program to assist these students to catch up and be ready for graduation.

Curriculum Director Stacy Smith echoed Dr. Yecha comments. He added they have done a considerable amount of research on dual language programs. This program is the most effective for our language
learners to become successful. There has been some controversy around our current program, such as how students are selected into the program, and the low class sizes in the dual language classrooms. If we continue the program this provides the district the opportunity to set itself apart on the cutting edge. It could be an attractant to come to CCSD. At the same time, we need to address the concerns from staff who are not in favor of this program. Stacy indicated the district is looking for a commitment from the school board to expand the program to K-5.

Gwen Carr asked if the district has a plan to support grades 6-12 students. CCHS principal Michelle Jonas indicated that last year was the first year of having a native speaking class at the high school. We had one class last year and another class this year. COCC instructors are coming in and working with these students.

Patti Norris indicated that the dual language program is not just for ELL students, but also for bilingual students. She added that the Board wants to address all the problems that come forward to make sure the program is functioning, as it should.

Doug Smith stated that if the District goes forward with the dual language program, which he is in favor of, he also wants to make sure that class sizes throughout the other classes remains equitable. We need to increase the class size in the dual language classes. If there are Special Ed students who want to be in the class, they should be allowed to do so. Spanish speaking students who want to get into the class should be allowed to do so.

Superintendent Yecha indicated that advice from ODE indicated that if class sizes decrease in the older grades we may want to consider a combined grade 3 – grade 4 class to keep the numbers up.

Grace Deboodt, 5th grade teacher from Ochoco, spoke on behalf of several Ochoco staff members, some who were present this evening, regarding their disapproval of the dual language program. They feel the students who are selected for these classes have been handpicked and must be able to perform above average in order to be selected. This is happening at the detriment of the other classes in the school, all of which have Special Ed students and low performing students, and high class sizes. She read from a letter that was handed to the Board regarding the issues involved with the dual language program. She referred to a meeting that was held recently that included the parents whose children are in the dual language program and referenced that some board members were also present at this meeting. She expressed concern regarding school board members’ code of ethics surrounding their attendance at this meeting.

Grace then indicated that many staff members at Ochoco would like to request that a vote not be taken this evening, or any future date, to approve funding the dual language program to the 4th and 5th grade level, at least until further discussion is held at an open public meeting.

Patti Norris indicated that Board members have talked with parents and staff on both sides of the issue.

A parent in the audience indicated she feels that neither the administration nor School Board have addressed the issue of the low class sizes in the dual language program and the high class sizes in all other classes.

Scott Cooper indicated it is the Board’s responsibility to set policy and the administration’s responsibility to manage the policies and programs. There is no question that the management of this program has gone way off the grid. It has become about one group of kids, rather than one sub-group of kids. He is convinced we have an educational and moral obligation to the sub-group not meeting the standards. Whatever the eventual program design is, we need to figure out something that meets all the requirements.
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Grace stated they are looking for both sides to be equal. Scott added that the district does receive 1.5 ADM for ELL students. Doug added that they did not realize the District would lose so many kids in the program at the higher grade level.

Superintendent Yecha stated that David Bautista indicated that Spanish-speaking students should be admitted into the program at any grade level. However, he does not think we should put off moving forward. We need to change the way students are selected opening the doors wider into the program. Superintendent Yecha added that the district needs to move forward with the program while resolving the issues in the meantime. The experts say a K-5 program would be successful.

Doug Smith stated the management of the program is not the School Board’s job. He stated he is in support of the administration continuing the program as long as everyone is given equal opportunity to be in the program.

Scott Cooper commented that he did not feel this needs a board vote. Superintendent Yecha would like a mandate from the Board that the program will stay in place and expand to grades 4 and 5. He added that initially the Board approved the K-3 program. Therefore, he feels it is necessary for the Board to officially adopt a K-5 program.

Doug Smith moved and Gwen Carr seconded the Board approve the expansion of the Dual Language Program through grade 5. The vote was 4-0 in favor as follows: Yea – Patti Norris, Scott Cooper, Gwen Carr, Doug Smith.

8.0 BOARD POLICIES & AR’s – FIRST READING AND/OR SECOND READING OF NEW OR UPDATED POLICIES AND AR’s

8.1 IGAEB – Drug & Alcohol Prevention, Health Education
The Board reviewed the first reading of this policy. The word “Tobacco” needs to be added to the title. Patti Norris referred to the section that says this policy and AR will be reviewed annually. Stacy Smith indicated that requirement is met by the review of the Division 22 Standards that happens annually.

8.2 JECB – Admission of Non-Resident Students
Supt. Yecha indicated the Legislature made some changes causing controversy. We have not had those problems in Crook County. School Boards are required to annually designate how many out-of-district students they can take in each of their schools. Since we receive very few requests for students to attend inside our school district, the revised policy included the following statement:

Until otherwise indicated by a change in Board policy, the District agrees to accept all students into the District and allow all students requesting to leave the District to do so if the attending District has agreed. This takes the place of the District annually designating the number of students they accept into or allow to leave the District, with the following exceptions:

The Board asked the Board secretary to verify with OSBA that CCSD can legally make this statement. Jan will contact OSBA regarding this policy. The policy will come back for a second reading in May.

8.3 JECB-AR – Admission of Non-Resident Students (DELETE)
Since the process is explained in the policy, the District would like to delete the AR, which is an optional AR. Once the revised policy is adopted, the AR will be deleted.

9.0 FUTURE MEETINGS / IMPORTANT DATES
The Board reviewed the list of upcoming meetings.

NON-AGENDA ITEM: Scott Cooper referred to the deceased educators’ names that were submitted as possible school names. He suggested that during the construction of the new school a wall space be set
aside where the district can install memorial plaques honoring longtime educators who served the community and who are now deceased. The Board was in agreement with this suggestion.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Patti Norris
Patti Norris, Board Chair

Jan Martin
Jan Martin, Board Secretary

May 19, 2014
Date Minutes Approved