



CROOK COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016

MINUTES

Board Present: Doug Smith, Patti Norris, Gwen Carr, Walt Wagner, Scott Cooper

Admin. Present: Duane Yecha, Anna Logan, Stacy Smith, Michelle Jonas, Joel Hoff, Rob Bonner, Kurt Sloper, Jim Bates, Cheri Rasmussen, Mona Boyd, Michael Allen, Jerry Milstead

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Flag Salute

1.2 Roll Call to Establish Quorum

1.3 Recognition of Visitors

Board Chair Doug Smith called the meeting to order, the flag salute was recited, a quorum was established, and visitors were recognized.

1.4 Agenda Additions, Deletions or Revisions and Agenda Approval

AVID students to present after the Drama Club: 1.6 – AVID Students

Scott Cooper moved and Patti Norris seconded the Agenda be approved as adjusted. The vote was unanimous in favor 5-0 as follows: Yea – Doug Smith, Patti Norris, Gwen Carr, Scott Cooper, and Walt Wagner.

1.5 CCHS Drama Club

Drama teacher Anita Hoffman introduced students who will be directing one act plays later this week as follows: Dempsey Campo and Alyssa Jackson – Tell Tale Heart; Baylie DeHart – Nine Worst Breakups of All Time; Rue Anderson – Booby Trap. They each explained what their plays are about and invited the Board to attend.

1.6 AVID Students

Principal Michelle Jonas introduced Carrie Lowenbach, one of the teachers responsible for an AVID class, Carrie introduced the students as follows: Gary Luther, Kelsay Hance, Kyle Brady, and Owen Sharp. They explained why they are in the AVID class and how they hope the AVID experience will help them outside of school and help towards getting into college. Michelle Jonas and Joel Hoff then answered a variety of questions from the Board members.

2.0 SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Yecha thanked the Board for their work on the School Board and for the School District.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Darlene Harpster, concerned citizen, spoke regarding the books she was seeing in the high school library. She indicated that as a student she loved to read. She commented that the HS Library is very nice. However, she challenged Board members to look at the books that are being displayed on top of the counters. She indicated that 25% to 30% of these books are very evil. She asked why we have to concentrate on dark evil subjects when there are many beautiful books in the library.

4.0 OTHER AGENCY / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

4.1 Construction Update

Jerry Milstead reviewed the progress of the remodeling at Paulina and at Cecil Sly and showed a variety of photos including the demolition that is currently taking place.

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4.2 Subgroup Performance

Gwen Carr suggested that when talking about these sub groups we refer to them as “student” groups rather than “sub” groups.

Curriculum Director Stacy Smith and Special Ed Director Mona Boyd presented the data. The data is broken down by Oregon state average and like school average. Unfortunately the data is comparing OAKS to SmarterBalanced. He then reviewed the results of the data.

Mona reviewed the data of her Special Education students. She indicated the District has many challenges ahead of them. The Special Ed population has increased greatly this year. She has had to hire additional staff and has split some classes to handle the increased needs.

4.3 AVID Presentation – 11 Essentials

Principal Michelle Jonas and Assistant Principal Joel Hoff spoke on the AVID program, reviewing the 11 Essential categories used to rate the successfulness of their program.

4.4 Projected Graduation Rate Report

Principal Michelle Jonas reviewed the 2014-15 graduation rate report, without giving exact numbers because the information is embargoed until the end of January. Stacy Smith has written a press release explaining our graduation results. The results have increased over last year. Stacy indicated that the newspapers may choose to print our exact data, which will bring down our overall data.

4.5 HDESD Board Highlights

The Board reviewed the ESD meeting highlights.

5.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes Approval

5.1.1 December 14, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

5.2 Donations

5.3 Enrollment

5.4 Classified Resignations:

5.4.1 David Olson, CCHS Custodian

5.4.2 Melissa Gatliff, Assessment Coordinator

5.5 Classified Hiring:

5.5.1 Randy Hutchins, CCHS Temporary College Readiness Coordinator

5.5.2 Vanessa Nolen, CRE .5 FAN Advocate

5.5.3 Tonya Chamness, Pioneer HS .5 Temporary IA II

5.5.4 Cynthia Jurgensen, District Grant Coordinator

5.5.5 Jennifer Knight, CCMS Instructional Assistant II

5.6 School Board Goals

5.7 Finance Report

5.8 Art Standards

The vote was unanimous in favor 5-0 as follows: Yea – Doug Smith, Patti Norris, Gwen Carr, and Walt Wagner, Scott Cooper.
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6.0 FINANCE

6.1 Resolution #04-2015-16 – Appropriation Transfers

Anna Logan reviewed the resolution. Last month she talked about unusual situations that ended up creating savings above and beyond what was expected in the budget. She wanted to take that one-time savings and move them to other funds.

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Patti Norris moved and Walt Wagner seconded the Board approve Resolution 04-2015-16 – Appropriation Transfers, allowing expenditures in excess of the amount authorized in the 2015-16 Adopted Budget for the funds and major functions as follows: Fund 100 – General Fund - Function 1000 – Function Description – Instruction – Original Budget - \$16,390,692 – Change – (\$465,000) – Adjusted Budget - \$15,925,692; Fund 100 – General Fund – Function 2000 – Function Description – Support Services – Original Budget \$10,289,745 – Change – (\$435,000) – Adjusted Budget - \$9,854,745; Fund 100 – General Fund – Function 5200 – Function Description – Transfers – Original Budget - \$3,392,772 – Change - \$900,000 – Adjusted Budget - \$4,292,772.

There was discussion about how these changes will affect the upcoming budget process.

The vote was unanimous in favor 5-0 as follows: Yea – Doug Smith, Patti Norris, Scott Cooper, Gwen Carr, and Walt Wagner.

7.0 BOARD REVIEW / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Superintendent Evaluation

Doug Smith stated the Board met this evening in an Executive Session to review Superintendent Yecha's evaluation, which was very positive. Now that most of the bond portion is done, the District and Board are looking forward to focusing on improving instruction.

Scott Cooper moved and Patti Norris seconded the Board approve the 2015-16 Evaluation for Superintendent Duane Yecha as agreed upon during an earlier Executive Session. This document will become the official evaluation document, signed and dated January 11, 2016. The vote was unanimous in favor 5-0 as follows: Yea – Doug Smith, Patti Norris, Scott Cooper, Gwen Carr, and Walt Wagner.

7.2 Discount for Pay-To-Participate Fee Discussion (for those who qualify for Free & Reduced Meals

CCHS AD Rob Bonner indicated he has had a lot of people in the community approach him regarding the pay-to-play fee. Many students cannot afford the high \$200 per sport fee. He would like to see athletes involved in three sports throughout the year. He would like to see the district reduce the pay-to-play fee. He would also like to see a reduced fee for those who qualify for free and reduced meals.

Walt asked what would be the dollar amount. Rob indicated the average is \$100 in the state.

Anna indicated the budget reflects \$140,000 for high school athletics and \$80,000 for middle school athletics. She would like to look at pay-to-play fees during the budget process. It is difficult to make a change during the middle of the year. It would be better to make a change at the beginning of the year.

Doug Smith asked if the District is back to fully funding the sports program. Rob indicated they are still fund raising for some of the sports costs, along with the \$200 collected from each student.

Scott Cooper indicated he would like to see in 2016-17 the following fee structure: \$125 per sport with \$100 for those on free and reduced, with a second or third sport free, and a family maximum of \$750.

There was discussion regarding our 5th Year Advanced Diploma program vs the Oregon Promise. Students that are in the 5th year program count in the District's overall enrollment, which could move the District from 4A to 5A. Michelle Jonas indicated that Kyla Salmond, Aspire Coordinator, looked into the Oregon Promise and discovered our original belief as to what would be offered is different. If a student fills out a FAFSA form and receives full financial aid, the student would get \$1,000 for books and/or housing from the Oregon Promise. If a student does not qualify for FAFSA, the Oregon Promise will pay a maximum of the average cost of attending an Oregon Community College. The Advanced Diploma program could serve those who do not meet the Oregon Promise qualifications of a 2.5 GPA vs a 2.25 GPA for advanced diploma students. As more students qualify for the Oregon Promise this would lower the number of 5th year students. This would help the overall enrollment for athletics keeping CCHS at 4A vs. being moved to 5A. Michelle added they have a meeting scheduled with scholarship donors to go over all the ramifications of the Oregon Promise and how it works with scholarships.

7.3 Insight of Oregon Charter Option School Closure Report & Audited Financial Report 14-15

Anna Logan reviewed the School Closure Report and audited Financial Report for Insight of Oregon Charter Option School. She asked the Board to officially acknowledge the school closure and financial report. They

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did not meet the financial obligations that they were required to meet. The ending fund balance was a negative \$2,000,000. The Board acknowledged receipt of the report.

7.4 Powell Butte Community Charter School – Request for Charter Agreement Renewal

Superintendent Duane Yecha reviewed the Powell Butte Community Charter School request for Charter Agreement renewal for the years 2016 – 2021. They would like to meet with the Board to discuss a renewal.

Doug asked the Board if they wanted to meet as an entire Board or perhaps appoint two Board members to meet with the Powell Butte Board to work on a possible renewal. They agreed to appoint two board members. Walt Wagner and Scott Cooper volunteered to serve.

8.0 BOARD POLICIES AND AR's – First and/or Second Reading of New or Updated Policies & AR's

8.1 EEC – Boarding Aid

The board reviewed the policy and asked for a couple changes. Anna Logan will prepare a revised policy and bring it forward in February.

8.2 AC-AR – Discrimination Complaint Procedure (This AR must be adopted by the Board)

Patti Norris moved and Gwen Carr seconded the Board adopt AC-AR – Discrimination Complaint Procedure. The vote was unanimous in favor 5-0 as follows: Yea – Doug Smith, Patti Norris, Scott Cooper, Gwen Carr, and Walt Wagner.

8.3 BB/BBA – School Board Legal Status, Powers, and Duties

Scott Cooper moved and Gwen Carr seconded the Board adopt BB/BBA – School Board Legal Status, powers, and Duties. The vote was unanimous in favor 5-0 as follows: Yea – Doug Smith, Patti Norris, Scott Cooper, Gwen Carr, and Walt Wagner.

8.4 JA/JAA – Student Policies, Goals and Objectives and

8.5 IA/IAA – Instructional Goals

The Board reviewed these policies and suggested some changes. The policies will be revised and brought forward in February.

9.0 FUTURE MEETINGS / IMPORTANT DATES

The Board reviewed the meetings and important dates schedule.

Doug Smith added that he would like to see one goal each month brought forward at a Board meeting.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Doug Smith

Doug Smith, School Board Chair

Jan Martin

Jan Martin, Board Secretary

February 8, 2016

Date Minutes Approved