



BANKS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
12950 NW Main St. Banks OR 97106
Administration Building
Regular Work Session/Board Meeting
Minutes March 9, 2015

WORK SESSION

District Board Room

In Attendance: Kathy Edison, Laurie Schlegel, Ron Frame, Raymond Mott, Norie Dimeo-Ediger, Bob Huston, Joni Spencer, Tom Forrest, Darla Waite-Larkin, Shelley Mitchell, Bobbie Gregg, Jacob Pence, Max Sigander

Full Day Kindergarten

Mr. Huston reported that full day kindergarten is not mandated by the state, but to receive full funding and to meet the 900 instruction hour rule, it will be necessary. Mrs. Waite-Larkin said staff is in support. Bobbie Gregg, kindergarten teacher, said that full day 5 day kindergarten helps with creative learning; will allow the addition of science instruction and gives more flexibility to the class instruction. She said the full schedule also helps with retention and behavior. Mr. Huston said the funding for the full day kindergarten will come from the state school fund.

Technology Update

Mr. Sigander said there is nothing outstanding. The technology department is gearing up for Smarter Balanced State Assessment.

Out of District Trip Discussion

Mrs. Schlegel commented that the softball trip will be only for one night, not two as presented in the paperwork for approval. Baseball still has not formed their teams, there are still tryouts going on. Baseball fundraisers are ongoing, with the sales of clothes and coupon books.

2015-16 School Year Calendar

Mr. Huston said the school start before Labor Day calendar is more in-line with neighboring districts – Forest Grove has adopted the before Labor Day calendar for next year. The administrative team is recommending the calendar with school starting prior to Labor Day. Mr. Everett will check the internal dates (grading and inservice) and the calendar will return next month for adoption.

Revised 2014-15 School Year Calendar discussion

Mr. Huston said the administrative team recommends adding one day for staff to the end of the school year. This makes the last day June 12 instead of June 11. The board will add an action item to the agenda: 4.7: Adjustment of the 2014-15 School Year calendar, adding one staff day to the end of the school year.

Revised Staffing Recommendations for 2015-16

Mr. Huston said that with the funding of full day kindergarten, the state school funding estimate is now \$7.235 to \$7.255. He said due to the lower funding estimate, staffing may change to include the addition of one full time music teacher and one full time PE teacher. This would result in the decrease of two .8125FTE classified positions (physical activity aides) and the addition of the 2.0FTE certified positions. Mr. Huston said the administrative team continues to recommend using the money currently spent on the contracted Youth Contact counselor to hire a 1.0FTE district counselor. This would result in an expenditure of an additional \$10,000. The administrators are still looking at the overall addition of .5FTE Sped teacher at BMS.

The board discussed having a Bond Core Management Committee meeting in June to discuss the facility grant funds. The discussion will include the wishlist from the board project. Draining on the new field was discussed, with the comment that this field will only be a practice field, perhaps drainage on a competitive field should be considered. The bell plaque is ready for placement, and Mrs. Schlegel will get Mr. Huston the name of the person who made the bell clapper. Mr. Huston said handrails in the grandstand are being planned by maintenance.

Superintendent Goals – Review

Mr. Huston highlighted his superintendent goals for 2014-15.

#7: Curriculum/Instruction and Assessment

Mr. Huston said that professional development is provided through late starts.

SB 290 Peer Review – Guide and inform staff development in relation to programs in the district.

Connect interim assessment with master plan for staff development

#6: General Facilities Management

Have professional to come in and develop facilities management plan.

Obtain estimates for roofs and mechanical systems

Participated in mock emergency - wind event plan. Number of different strategies considered; district would consider an out-of-site meeting place at Washington County Fairgrounds.

Student Body Accounts and Uses

Mrs. Spencer supplied a Student Body Accounting report for the board.

Mr. Huston commented that there is a fundraising approval form that is reviewed by the high school administration and district office business manager; coaches are paid only through district payroll; there is a great deal of fundraising going on.

The work session adjourned at 6:53 PM.

REGULAR SESSION

District Board Room

Call to Order/Flag Salute Chair Kathy Edison called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the flag salute. She asked that if any public members would like to make comments, to please fill out a comment card and give to the board secretary.

The following were in attendance:

Board of Directors

Kathy Edison, Chair
Raymond Mott
Laurie Schlegel
Ron Frame
Norie Dimeo-Ediger

Staff/Others

Bob Huston, Superintendent
Jacob Pence, BHS AD/Asst. Principal
Joni Spencer, Business Manager
Darla Waite-Larkin, Banks Elementary Principal
Shelley Mitchell, Banks Middle School Principal/
Student Services Director
Max Sigander, Technology Director
Koreen Bennett, BHS Music Teacher
Scott McCallum, NWRESA
Jasmyn Olmos, Evan Reynolds, students,
Tom Forest, Patrons

PUBLIC WELCOME/RECOGNITION/COMMENTS

There was no public recognition.

Student Representative Report

Middle School: Jasmyn Olmos

NJHS: Ceremony March 12 7PM Middle School Cafeteria
March 11 Spelling bee. 4 representatives will go to regionals.

Classroom Learning:

7th Grade Health: human skeletal system
7th Grade Social Studies: Asia and "the Plague"
6th Grade: Greek history, Algebra, and reading Charlotte Doyle
Leadership: working to May's Project Citizen

High School – Evan Reynolds

Sports:

Spring Sports have started.

Athletes for the month: Cassie Streblov, Girls Basketball; Siobhan Blake, Dance & Drill, and Trevor Theissen, Wrestling

Basketball: Girls ranked 3rd in state for academics; boys ranked 6th in state.

Wrestling: 8 boys placed in State; Collin Purinton 1st with undefeated season.

Band:

District 3 band competition in St. Helens March 3.

Fundraisers:

PTO fruit fundraiser finished. Students participated in the Polar Plunge. Leadership students went to Vernonia for a fundraiser dance to raise funds for Dornbechers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition to the agenda: Action Item 4.7: 2014-15 Calendar Revision – June 12 Staff Inservice Day.

Laurie Schlegel moved to approve the agenda as amended. Norie Dimeo-Ediger seconded.
Discussion: There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

There were no presentations or reports.

AUDIENCE

There were no audience comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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February 25, 2015

Routine Personnel Matters

Resignation: Elizabeth Russell 0.5FTE Teacher effective 2/20/15

Hire: Becky Hundley 0.5FTE Teacher effective 3/2/15 through end of 2014-15 School Year

Retirement: Donna Niessner 1.0FTE Teacher effective end of 2014-15 School Year

Leave of Absence: Molly Lewis .5FTE Teacher effective 5/10/15 through end of 2014-15 School Year

Fiscal Report

Approve Extension and Non-Extension of temporary, probationary and contract teachers and administrators – see attached

Renew Business Manager – Joni Spencer and Maintenance Supervisor Skip Smetana contracts for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Renew District Non-represented personnel contracts July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Max Sigander, Collin Cruess, Erik Felkley, Marlo Mosser, Alice Saunders

Ron Frame moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Norie Dimeo-Ediger seconded.

Discussion: There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Policy and Administrative Regulations 1st Reading

GCAA – Staff Ethics

This was the first reading of the policy. 2 changes: Page 3 #5 – omit number. Page 4 #5 – omit number. This policy will return next month for 2nd reading and adoption.

2015-16 School Calendar

Two calendars were presented. Mr. Huston said that neighboring districts are favoring a start before Labor Day, and the administrative team is recommending school starting prior to Labor Day. The calendars will return next month for adoption.

ACTION ITEMS

Appointment of Budget Committee Member

There were no new applications. Mr. Huston said he spoke to Josh Merritt, and he has indicated he will serve another term on the budget committee.

Ron Frame moved to appoint Josh Merritt to the Budget Committee. Norie Dimeo-Ediger seconded. Discussion: There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Out of District Trip: Softball to Medford, OR 3/23/15-3/24/15

Mrs. Schlegel commented the trip is only for the night of March 23. Laurie Schlegel moved to approve the trip as presented. Raymond Mott seconded. Discussion: There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Out of District Trip: BHS Music Dept. to Silverwood, ID 5/29/15-5/31/15

Norie Dimeo-Ediger moved to approve the trip as presented. Laurie Schlegel seconded. Discussion: There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Out of District Trip: Baseball to Madras, OR 3/25/15-3/27/15

Ron Frame moved to approve the trip as presented. Raymond Mott seconded. Discussion: Bob Smith, baseball coach, said this is his 27th year coaching. There are 31 kids out for baseball. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Full Day Kindergarten for 2015-16

Ron Frame moved to approve full day kindergarten as presented. Laurie Schlegel seconded. Discussion: There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Comments

Mr. Huston reported he attended the recent meeting in Salem on the North American Mascot issue. He said there were groups there opposed to the mascots, and as a result there has been a meeting scheduled for April 19 for further consideration.

Mr. Huston said that if the legislature approves the 7.235 billion dollar budget for state school funding for the next biennium, the result could be cut programs, layoffs and day reductions. Mr. Huston said the district will know more in April and May.

Administrator Comments

Darla Waite-Larkin said the science fair was held in the middle school. It was a positive community event. Oregon Battle of the Books was last Saturday, and the contestants from Banks did really well. The chess team participated in their first tournament. The Smarter Balanced assessment testing practice starts next week.

Shelley Mitchell said the science fair was well received. The middle school Oregon Battle of the Books took 4th place for the 6th to 8th grade groups. Testing starts tomorrow.

Max Sigander said he has been busy with the Smarter Balanced testing. He said all updates were loaded, and things are moving in the right direction. He said he is researching on Ipad applications.

Jacob Pence said Smarter Balanced is important for the high school – passing is a requirement for graduation. He said sports has been great, and that Girls Basketball is going to state. Spring sports is starting.

Board Member Comments

Ron Frame said the recent music program at the elementary was great.

Norie Dimeo-Ediger said that she appreciates all the extra work the staff does for the students of Banks.

Laurie Schlegel said she was impressed with the quality of applicants in the superintendent search.

Kathy Edison said she attended the science fair, and it was great to see the students pride in their work.

AUDIENCE

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.