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Work Session and Regular Board Meeting

September 24, 2014

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Rodney Cotton	Excused
Daniel Endicott	<u>X</u>
Joseph Garcia	<u>X</u>
Charles Lee	<u>X</u>
Paul Meyer	<u>X</u>
Steve Patterson	<u>X</u>
Stacy Stiefel	<u>X</u>

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Dr. Larry C. Parsons, Superintendent	<u>X</u>
David Hanson, Assistant Superintendent / HR	Excused
Cheryl Northam, Chief Operations Officer	<u>X</u>
Matt Brausam, Director of Student Services	<u>X</u>
Dawne Huckaby, Director, Teaching & Learning	<u>X</u>

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD WORK SESSION:**

**TIME, PLACE:** A work session of the Douglas County School District No. 4 Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Office Board Room located at 1419 NW Valley View Drive.

**ATTENDANCE:** School Board members in attendance included Daniel Endicott, Joe Garcia, Charles Lee, Paul Meyer, Steve Patterson and Stacy Stiefel. Chair Cotton was excused. Oregon School Board Association Events and Executive Search Specialist Donna Herren attended as a facilitator. No media representatives were present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

OSBA Specialist Donna Herren shared her powerpoint presentation document with the board members, explaining the various methods of superintendent searches that are available. Travel expenses would be in addition to any option. Internal and external search pros and cons were presented. Director Meyer noted for those not on the board during prior searches that the board utilized three different search methods for the last three superintendent searches, so we have some familiarity with different approaches. The board members reviewed individually what they might look for in qualities of a superintendent. Ms. Herren assured the board that she would be available to provide guidance and expertise regardless of the selected search option they might prefer.

The work session was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING:**

**TIME, PLACE:** A regular session of the Douglas County School District No. 4 Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Board Room located at 1419 NW Valley View Drive.

**ATTENDANCE:** School Board members in attendance included Daniel Endicott, Joe Garcia, Charles Lee, Paul Meyer, Steve Patterson and Stacy Stiefel. Chair Cotton was excused. Administrators in attendance included Superintendent Parsons, Cheryl Northam, Matthew Brausam and Dawne Huckaby. Assistant Superintendent David Hanson was excused. No media representatives were present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Director Endicott led in the pledge to the flag.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA:** Dr. Parsons stated that there were no requested revisions to the agenda.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:** Superintendent Parsons shared that there were no communications to be announced this evening.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from the September 10, 2014, Regular Board Meeting. Also included is a current listing of proposed surplus items for consideration.

It was moved by Director Endicott and seconded by Director Patterson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**M7-31- Approve Consent Agenda**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Pat Pecorilla, 560 Evelyn Street, Roseburg, addressed the board, inviting them to visit school buildings and observe what is happening in our classrooms. Pat explained that many students do not have positive male role models in their lives. Pat was pleased to announce receiving a letter from Altrusa granting funds to purchase Mother Goose books. Research indicates that children who come to kindergarten knowing nursery rhymes are better readers once they reach third grade. Pat's kindergarten students are taught the Mother Goose rhymes so that they are able to read to their parents at home. Sadly, some students have no books provided for them at home. Altrusa has been a long-time supporter of literacy in our district, and their generosity and support is very much appreciated.

Judy Kulluson, 480 SE Leland, Roseburg, addressed the board, adding that Eastwood Elementary has also received Altrusa grants over the past few years. One of the grants provided for a book for all pre-school children at both Eastwood and Winchester. Ms. Kulluson also shared that as part of her two year term of service with the American Association of Classified School Employees, she recently joined representatives from 41 states meeting with lawmakers in Washington DC as advocates for education. The group also addressed the nutritional needs of our students by speaking in favor of the "Summer Meals Act". The coalition is lobbying for bipartisan support to remove barriers that prevent kids from participating in nutrition programs that they are eligible for. USDA guidelines are not adequate for our teen-age students who require more protein than is currently recommended. Judy reported that the number of our student families who apply for free and reduced meals for their children is well below the number who are eligible for assistance, with only one in seven eligible kids participating across the nation. Many believe that over the summer months, students may be a lot hungrier. The group is advocating for a third meal offering during the school year, along with activity buses provided for students who normally don't get fed well, along with kids who are participating in after-school sports programs. Our district does a good job maintaining the privacy of our students who participate in the program, but Judy encouraged the district to find additional methods of outreach to increase participation in the federal program to better serve our students who may not be receiving adequate nutrition.

**POLICY IIA: INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES/INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR FIRST READING:** Teaching and Learning Director Dawne Huckaby explained that this policy regarding instructional resources and materials references a 7-year adoption cycle that is no longer consistent with state requirements. We are also required to assure that our instructional materials are free of bias and in compliance with the state and NCLB.

Board members had a discussion regarding wording of the proposed policy changes, and some said that they are not necessarily in favor, but aware it is the law. Director Endicott commented that an elementary classroom received Chrome Books as a result of a donation. Dawne responded that the district used that as an opportunity to field test the technology to see if it was something we wanted to consider in the future.

It was moved by Director Endicott and seconded by Director Patterson to approve Policy IIA: Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials for First Reading. Motion passed unanimously.

**M7-32- Approve Policy IIA: Instructional Resources/ Instructional Materials for First Reading**

**DIVISION 22 COMPLIANCE UPDATE - HEALTH EDUCATION BIENNIAL**

**REVIEW:** Teaching and Learning Administrative Coordinator Jill Weber shared that a part of our Division 22 requirements is to bring together community members to review curriculum every two years. We had not done this last year. We recently brought together educators from all levels, parents from the middle schools and physicians from the County Health Department. The group reviewed changes to the OARs. In light of those changes, our health curriculum for sex education must now be aligned with Oregon education benchmarks. Jill provided copies of the benchmarks, pointing out differences between our policy and the OARs such as the importance of family involvement and the importance of abstinence.

In Grades K-3 there is now skills-based education and promotion of self-management; i.e., knowing specific anatomical words and being able to demonstrate how to clearly say no. Grades 4-5 instruction will include medically accurate language and showing respect for self and others.

A team of middle school educators was brought together to share these new concepts and ways of teaching. Parents will have the option to choose to opt out of this instruction for their student. Students are to be informed what community resources exist and how to access those services.

Jill also shared that in recognizing the fact that some students are experiencing abuse, all teachers will be trained to recognize the signs, while the PE and Wellness teachers will be providing instruction within this new curriculum.

Director Lee observed that the benchmark is detailed and appears to be adopted by stages of development of kids and the risks they confront. Director Meyer shared his preference that parents provide this education but understood that this is mandated by the state and we must comply with the law.

**POLICY IGAI: HUMAN SEXUALITY, AIDS/HIV, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES, HEALTH EDUCATION FOR FIRST READING:**

Teaching and Learning Director Dawne Huckaby explained that this policy regarding instructional resources and materials references a 7-year adoption cycle that is no longer consistent with state requirements. We are also required to assure that materials are free of bias and in compliance with the state and NCLB.

It was moved by Director Endicott and seconded by Director Garcia to approve Policy IGAI: Human Sexuality, AIDS/HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Health Education for First Reading. Motion passed with Director Endicott voting no and all others voting yes.

**M7-33- Approve Policy IGAI: Human Sexuality, AIDS/HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Health Education for First Reading**

**POLICY JECB: ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS FOR FIRST READING:**

Superintendent Parsons shared the OSBA policy update information for Policy JECB, summarizing that the recommended changes have effectively resulted in a complete re-write of our current policy. Dr. Parsons worked with attorneys at OSBA in developing associated transfer forms. There may be further changes made by the legislature over the winter session. Students requesting to transfer into our district may not be asked any academic or sports related questions and cannot be required to tour the campus or meet with administrators as a condition of approval.

Dr. Parsons also explained that students requesting to transfer in may request a specific school, but acceptance is always based on adequate seat space in the requested grade and school. Parents frequently request for transfers based on child care needs.

It was moved by Director Endicott and seconded by Director Patterson to approve Policy JECB: Admission of Non-Resident Students for First Reading. Motion passed unanimously.

**M7-34 - Approve Policy  
JECB:Admission of Non-  
Resident Students for  
First Reading**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent Parsons announced the annual OSBA Fall Regional dinner and meeting at UCC on October 28<sup>th</sup>. We will need RSVPs very soon to provide to the Douglas ESD. Director Patterson expressed an interest in attending.

Elementary schools including: Eastwood, Fir Grove, Fullerton IV, Green and Hucrest will be participating in the national Walk and Bike to School event on October 8, 2014.

Dr. Parsons acknowledged the News Review for publishing an article last Sunday enlightening the public regarding the national issue of chronic absenteeism being addressed by school districts across the nation.

**INDIVIDUAL REPORTS BY DIRECTORS:** Director Patterson noted that he traveled to the recent football game vs. Medford. Vice Chair Lee thanked Nutrition Services Director Kyle Micken for providing the light meal for tonight's work session and regular meeting.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BUILDING & SITES:** Committee Chair Garcia shared information from the minutes of the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Committee members discussed goals for the 2014-15 school year, in keeping with the focus of maintaining district facilities to best support student education by maintaining quality facilities. The group was comfortable continuing with providing general guidance to the board on larger issues, and providing input to administration on routine matters.

Director Garcia reported that the district is working on the seismic rehab grant for the RHS gym roof. The paving projects are moving forward and the Eastwood Elementary modular will be ready for occupancy next week after a delay related to power poles. Dr. Parsons encouraged board members to tour the new building, and Cheryl Northam expressed her appreciation for the quality cabinet work done by our maintenance staff resulting in much higher quality and accomplished at a much lower price. The tree removal projects have been completed as well.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:** Committee Chair Endicott requested Director Meyer to report on the September 17<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. This committee had a very similar discussion to that in Building and Sites regarding structure and goals for this school year. The members expressed their comfort with the current process and expectation to be a sounding board for other board members regarding C & I committee matters. The committee reviewed two policies that were included on the board agenda this evening. They also reviewed a list of tasks for the remainder of the school year, including the Phoenix Charter School renewal, online program instruction, district and school improvement plans, student achievement data and all day kindergarten.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



Larry C. Parsons  
Superintendent