

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the School Board of School District 24J, Marion County, Salem, Oregon, was held Tuesday, June 12, 2007, in Room 2, at Support Services Center, 2575 Commercial Street SE, Salem, Oregon, with Chairperson Krina Lemons presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Krina Lemons, Chair
Bob Mink, Vice Chair
Mike Basinger, Director
Steve Chambers, Director
Rick Kimball, Director
Hanten Day, Director
Ron Jones, Director

EXECUTIVE CABINET PRESENT: Sandy Husk, Superintendent-Clerk
Glenn Gelbrich, Deputy Superintendent
Rich Goward, Chief Operations Officer
Joe Weiss, Executive Director, Human Resources
Dave Cook, Director, Secondary Education
Ron DeWilde, Acting Director, Facilities and Auxiliary Services
Ruth Gelbrich, Director, Student Services
John Cuddy, Director, Technology & Information Services
Maria Palacio, Director, Compensatory Education

ABSENT: Mike Miller, Director, Elementary Education
John Cuddy, Director Technology & Information Services

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dakopolos, Attorney for the District; Mary Paulson, Management Coordinator, Executive Administration; and Jay Remy, Director, Communications & Community Relations.

Representing the Statesman Journal: Tracy Loew

Chairperson Lemons called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Chairperson Lemons made the following agenda modifications/announcements:

Revised Consent Calendar 9039 *South Salem High School Field Trip Request*

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

Superintendent Husk, Chairperson Lemons, and Cabinet members shared recognition of individuals and/or groups for their outstanding work and/or contributions to the School District (see Attachment A for details).

(See Spotlight on Success, **Attachment A.**)

UPDATES ON BOARD COMMITTEES

Board Directors shared general information and updates on the current work and projects of various Board committees.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2007-08 BUDGET

The following citizens addressed the Board (see Sign-Up Sheet for further information):

None

COMMUNICATIONS ~ AUDIENCE

(Subjects related to agenda items)

The following citizens addressed the Board (see Sign-Up Sheet for further information):

Tim Hensley, 1993 Iler Street S, Salem (see Written Communication, **Attachment B.**)

ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR OUT-GOING BOARD DIRECTOR MIKE BASINGER

Chairperson Lemons, on behalf of the School Board, read a Resolution in honor of Mike Basinger for his eight years of service to the Salem-Keizer School District and the community as a member of the School Board.

CHAIRPERSON LEMONS MOVED APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION HONORING SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR MIKE BASINGER. SECONDED BY DIRECTOR MINK.

BY VOICE VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director Basinger made comments of appreciation and gratitude to all those he had worked with over the years.

**ACTION ON ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATION OF THE 2007-08 BUDGET AND
RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE AND CATEGORIZE TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08**

Background

Oregon Revised Statute 294.435 requires the School Board to enact proper resolutions to adopt the budget, make the appropriations, and determine, make and declare the ad valorem tax levy for each fund. This action must be taken prior to July 1 because these resolutions establish the authority for the District to expend funds for the next fiscal year.

Each year a Budget Committee is convened to review the proposed budget, approve a budget, and make recommendations to the School Board. The Board must then take appropriate action in order to comply with ORS 294.435 prior to July 1 of the ensuing fiscal year. The budget meetings for 2007-08 were held on May 14 and 15, 2007.

The Budget Committee recommended approval of the 2007-08 Superintendent's Proposed Budget, with no changes. However, revenue estimates were not yet available at the time of the meeting; therefore, the Budget Committee did approve a motion to reconvene to discuss the recommended budget further if a funding amount was approved prior to the adoption of a final budget for 2007-08. As of the submission date for this report, the revenue issue has not been resolved so the School Board will take action on the Budget Committee's recommendation to approve the proposed budget.

The Budget Committee's recommended 2007-08 budget for all funds is \$480,352,382. The general fund budget is \$319,857,696. The Board is requested to adopt and appropriate the 2007-08 budget, impose and categorize taxes, and approve the budget-related resolutions as recommended by the Budget Committee on May 15, 2007.

Superintendent Husk reminded that this budget is balanced on the revenue amount provided by the Oregon Department of Education at the time of the budget's creation.

DIRECTOR CHAMBERS MOVED APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATION OF THE 2007-08 BUDGET AND RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE AND CATEGORIZE TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY DIRECTOR KIMBALL.

Director Day commented that this budget was based on figures available in April and hoped there would be more money when the actual figures are known. He added that he had tried to increase the TAG (Talented and Gifted) program money and lower class sizes.

DIRECTOR DAY MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE DEDICATING ANY EXTRA MONEY RECEIVED TO REDUCING CLASS SIZE.

Chairperson Lemons reminded Director Day that they would be reviewing the budget again later when the final figures come in.

THE MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Director Mink stressed that the amount they will get out of the appropriation by the Legislature will not even be enough to meet their current continuing costs let alone anything extra, and that they are operating on carryover from last year. There was a brief discussion on the definition of carryover.

BY VOICE VOTE, THE MOTION PASSED WITH DIRECTOR DAY VOTING NO. 6-Yes; 1-No.

Director Day explained that he was against this budget because he wanted to see the additional money dedicated to the specific areas he had mentioned.

(See 2007-08 District Budget, **Attachment C.**)

ACTION ON CONTINGENCY TRANSFER FOR TRANSPORTATION

Background

When the 2006-07 budget was adopted, fuel costs were higher than the previous year, making it difficult to predict how much to budget for fuel in Transportation. To ensure that funds would be available if fuel prices exceeded the amount budgeted, the Board elected to earmark \$161,900 in the district contingency fund for Transportation to be used if needed.

Over the past year, fuel prices have been increasing each month. If this trend continues, as is predicted, and prices in June also exceed last year, Transportation will require a contingency transfer to meet end of the year obligations.

Total Request: \$161,900

The Board is requested to authorize a general fund contingency transfer of \$161,900 for the need indicated above.

Balance Remaining: \$2,664,067

Superintendent Husk reviewed the background and recommended approval.

DIRECTOR BASINGER MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CONTINGENCY TRANSFER FOR TRANSPORTATION AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY DIRECTOR CHAMBERS.

BY VOICE VOTE, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(See Contingency Transfer for Transportation, **Attachment D.**)

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

All items on the Consent Calendar may be adopted as a group by a single motion unless pulled for special consideration.

DIRECTOR MINK MOVED ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY DIRECTOR JONES.

Director Day requested to pull item 9027. (*Note: Though the motion was not amended to exclude item 9027 after it was requested pulled, it was assumed by the Board that it was not included in the Consent Calendar vote.*)

BY VOICE VOTE, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adoption of Consent Calendar (continued)

Director Day, referring to 9027, said that the superintendent is the only employee of the School Board, so he wanted to know why they were dealing with the deputy superintendent (referring to the employment contract). He stated they should not reward failure and that this District had failed under the deputy superintendent.

Paul Dakopolos, Attorney for the District, explained to Director Day that the School Board will continue to approve employment contracts for licensed teachers and staff under the new policy governance system. Director Day said he was still confused and thought that the Board shouldn't be dealing with anyone other than the superintendent if they are doing policy governance. Mr. Dakopolos responded that it was the responsibility of the Board to approve all licensed contracts. There was general discussion on this issue.

DIRECTOR BASINGER MOVED ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM 9027 AS PRESENTED.
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR MINK.

BY VOICE VOTE, MOTION CARRIED WITH DIRECTOR DAY VOTING NO. 6-Yes; 1-No.

Director Basinger said he wanted to make it very clear that the School Board stands six to one on this issue, and thinks that the Superintendent has assembled the finest staff anywhere, and that there were several members of that executive team who could have their own superintendency anytime they wished but that they were choosing to be part of the Salem-Keizer team. There were additional general comments of support for Director Basinger's statement by several other Board members.

((9022) Minutes of Executive Session held on May 3, 2007; (9023) Minutes of Regular Meeting and Two Executive Sessions held on May 8, 2007; (9024) Minutes of Work Session held on May 22, 2007; (9025) School Board Election Results from the May 15, 2007 Local County District Election; (9026) Graduates of Senior High School and Secondary Alternative High School Programs for the Class of 2007; (9027) Deputy Superintendent Contract; (9028) School/Program Registration with Oregon Department of Education; (9029) Bid 4017 – Temporary Gravel in Bus Parking Area; (9030) RFP 427 – Digital Photocopiers; ((9031) RFP 429 – To Provide Mobile DVR (Digital Video Recording) Systems for Buses; (9032) RFP 430 – To Provide District Servers; (9033) RFP 431 – To Provide Desktop and Laptop Computers; (9034) Appropriation Transfers; (9035) Summary of Disbursements for March 30, 2007 through April 30, 2007; (9036) Adoption and Appropriation of Grant Project Budgets; (9037) Intergovernmental Agreement with Chemeketa Community College for the Early College High School; (9038) JGEMS Field Trip Request to Hawaii; (9039) South Salem High School's Field Trip Request to China; (9040) Personnel Actions; (9041) Hiring of Licensed Supervisors; (9042) Memorandum of Understanding Between the District and the Salem Education Association Relating to Workday Schedule Adjustments to Accommodate Fall 2007 Parent-Teacher Conferences.

(For Adopted Items, see **Attachment E.**)

READING ON APPROVAL TO LIST PROPERTY FOR SALE AT GILMORE FIELD SITE

Background

In 2007 the District obtained, at no cost, approximately 5,000 sq. ft. of land adjacent to our property at Gilmore Field when the City of Salem vacated an unused right-of-way. This property is narrow, contains a stream and steep banks across its entire length, contains an easement by the City of Salem which prohibits structures, and has no access except across land owned by the District or others. Staff has determined that this property is not ideal for school purposes and is recommending this particular portion of property be listed for sale.

Reading on Listing Property for Sale (continued)

The City of Salem has recently determined a value for the property in question, and when this item returns to the Board for action, staff will request to use the value determined by the City of Salem to reflect the approximate market value of the property.

This item is presented for a Reading and as notification to the community that the property will be listed for sale in no less than 90 days from today and will be brought back to the Board for action on September 11, 2007.

Superintendent Husk explained that the issue on this was whether or not the Board wanted to waive the 90-day waiting period for listing this property. Rich Goward, Chief Operations Officer, explained in further detail the small piece of land that the District had been deeded by the City of Salem. Mr. Dakopolos pointed out that this was governed by a Board policy and that the Board can decide what they want to do regarding the property, such as adjusting timeframes, as this property doesn't seem to be of interest to anyone else. He added that staff has deemed it unusable for any potential District use. There was brief discussion as follows:

- The property covers a little over 4,700 square feet.
- The value is about \$7,000.
- Mr. Hensley (testified during Audience Communication) only bought rights to the property but not the property itself.
- The District is the legal owner of the piece of property.

Director Chambers said he'd like to consider waiving the 90 days to 30 days or the next Board meeting. Several Board members nodded in agreement.

DIRECTOR CHAMBERS MOVED APPROVAL OF CHANGING THE 90-DAY WAITING PERIOD TO 30 DAYS OR UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IN JULY AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY DIRECTOR JONES.

Mr. Goward explained that accelerating the timeframe should not affect the process and he would also ask the Board to waive the appraisal adding that they could include that request in the boardplate at the next Board meeting in July.

BY VOICE VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DIRECTOR MINK MOVED APPROVAL TO ELIMINATE THE APPRAISAL REQUIREMENT AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY DIRECTOR CHAMBERS.

There was general discussion on waiving appraisals – the “what, why and hows” – and of property use in general

BY VOICE VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(See Reading on Listing Gilmore Field Site for Sale, **Attachment F.**)

INFORMATION ON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS REPORT

This is an annual report that the Board has receives each year. For further information, see Attachment G.

(See Information on High School Athletics Report, **Attachment G.**)

INFORMATION ON EQUITY ISSUES COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT

This is a monthly report from the Equity Issues Committee. For further information, see Attachment H.

(See Equity Issues Committee Report, **Attachment H.**)

INFORMATION ON SUPERVISORY REASSIGNMENTS

This lists the current supervisory reassignments. For further information, see Attachment I.

(See Information on Supervisory Reassignments, **Attachment I.**)

INFORMATION ON CLASSIFIED SUPERVISORY HIRE

This lists recent hires of classified supervisors. For further information, see Attachment J.

(See Information on Classified Supervisory Hires **Attachment J.**)

ADDITIONAL AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

(Subjects not related to agenda items)

The following citizens addressed the Board (see Sign-Up Sheet for more information):

Rick Costa, *President, Salem Education Association.*

FUTURE WORK SESSIONS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Chairperson Lemons reviewed the Board's June work session top, announced that the Board's July 24 work session had been canceled, shared that the Board's annual summer retreat (work session) is scheduled for August 21, and that the August 28 work session had been canceled.

(See **Attachment K.**)

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Board Directors highlighted their recent activities, such as attending school, District, and community functions, conferences and seminars, and other community or local government meetings and events.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Superintendent Husk commented on the following:

- There were \$7 million in scholarships had by this year's graduates.

Superintendent's Comments (continued)

- She was more convinced that evening than ever that she is where she needs to be given the community in general and the wonderful staff of the Salem-Keizer District.
- This District's staff is so talented and passionate that they could be anywhere but they want to be here, and they are the best she's ever experienced in her entire personal career. She also gave words of appreciation and gratitude to Ron DeWilde for stepping into the leadership role of the Facilities Department until a new director could be hired.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEING PRESENTED AT THIS TIME, CHAIRPERSON LEMONS
ADJOURNED THIS MEETING AT 7:08 P.M.

Chairperson

Superintendent-Clerk