

Brookings-Harbor School District 17-C

“Offering Hope, Possibility and Opportunity”

Regular School Board Meeting Kalmiopsis Elementary School Library Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Call to Order: Called to order on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. by Jamie Ryan.

Attendance:

Board Members

Bob Horel
Carol Slewing
Allene Fewell
Brad Peters
Jamie Ryan

Members of the Public

Tiffanie Hodge
Gordan Clay
Jan McCollister
Carmen Hooper
Katherine Johnson
Alex McKee
Loren Pingree
Donna Fleshman
Emily Fleshman
Linda Bozack
Karen Fairchild
Kathy Horel
Paula Strahm
Alice Farmer
Abby Farmer
Lorie Botnen
Patrick Chew
Sarah Jones
Cindy Schofield
Warren Krick
Becky Sullivan
Christian Johnson
Kaellen Johnson
Manya Bruce
Danette Bruce
Addi Fitzgerald
Sharon Fitzgerald
Ted Fitzgerald
Seamus Fitzgerald
Mona Chandler
Caro Nishioka
Bruce Nishioka
Teresa Vanginderen
Tilly Peters

Student Representative

Carmen Hooper

Media Representative

Lorna Rodriquez, Coastal Pilot

District Employees

Brian Hodge
Dede Corpening
Sheryl Lipski
Helena Chirinian
Jon Young
Don Sweeney
David Lee
Larry Martindale
Teri Poconi
Dino Cooper
Michelle Arnold
Emmett McCutchenne
Kathy McKee
Marilyn Reallon
Jennifer Rushton
Jody Soberon
Wendy Pieren
Kathleen Dingle
Ann Christensen
Lisa Griffith
Jim Keys
Jason Fulton
Pat Berkowitz
Nancy Chew
Nelson Gorenson
Carol Leonard
Gloria Sthen
Eric Sullivan
Diane Cavaness
Ann Volz
Debbie Jones
Jennifer Berger
Leif Appanaitis
Joye Kerr
Suzy Young
Sue Buckley
Maureen Leigh
Carolyn Beem
Kristi Oliphant
Molly Wales
Tina Peters
Lori Cooper
Molly Wales
Susan Kroker
Sue McKinney

Pledge of Allegiance: The Flag Salute was recited in unison, led by Jamie Ryan.

Consent Agenda:

Bob Horel made a motion to amend the agenda to add item 2d Charter School, seconded by Allene Fewell.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Agenda

1. Approve Minutes

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Bob Horel made a motion to approve the board minutes, seconded by Allene Fewell.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approve Bills

Bob Horel made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Allene Fewell.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Spotlight: Wendy Pieren and several BHSD-17C staff members did a presentation on the Kagan Workshop recently attended by school district employees.

Citizen Input:

Katherine Johnson: Expressed her concerns about the charter school proposal after giving a handout to each of the board members. Katherine discussed the changes made to the budget that she finds very alarming, along with the needs of special education, bussing, and meals not being addressed with the possibility of these students with the needs being excluded. What concerns her the most is the assumption that expeditionary learning is not already taking place in the district.

Helena Chirinian: Helena read a letter from the administrative team regarding the current charter school proposal. The letter expressed the concerns of housing the charter school in a school district building. The letter also expressed the concerns for the dollar amount budgeted in the proposal.

Gordon Clay: Thanked the superintendant for signing the forms to allow the students to participate in the Oregon Healthy Teens Survey. He felt the district not participating the last two years has done the county a disservice. He would like to see the data used from these surveys to help the future students

Debbie Jones: Expressed her concerns regarding the charter school and the issues of safety, community support, and financial support of the community.

Leif Appanaitis: As the president of the BHEA, Leif expressed concerns with the charter school and a recent vote of the BHEA members; 98% voting against the proposed charter school.

Pat Berkowitz: Gave an overview of how Ed2020 is working in the district. He finds the program to be very successful in many areas including credit recovery, night school, alternative education, supplementing areas for math, special needs, and the ability to take numerous other courses not currently offered at the high school in the traditional classroom setting.

Lisa Griffith: As a previous charter school employee, Lisa expressed her concerns of the current charter school proposal in comparison to the charter school she was employed at. She feels it is not financially sound, nor is the experience there to run the school.

Linda Bozack: Linda explained about how the expeditionary learning model is very important, especially to middle school students. She also expressed her concerns about why the item of the charter school was added to the agenda. If the community members at the meeting were expecting a vote tonight, how they received that information. Linda addressed the board and their choices on voting for the charter school.

Diane Cavaness: Diane started out by saying she is a proud member of the community. She explained that the boards primary responsibility is to the schools of 17C and if a challenge is made to have a severe impact on the schools, that the schools are to be the priority.

Warren Krick: Warren explained that he is not here to advocate one way or another towards the charter school. His concerns are that the chair person of the board expressed her feelings against the proposal during the open public charter school meeting. He felt it was inappropriate and the chair person recues herself from the vote.

Dino Cooper: Expressed concerns regarding the budget of the charter school. He has a difficult time believing that the proposed budget is going to work and would like the board to be realistic about funding it, and the financial impact it has on the district.

Student Representative Report: Carmen Hooper gave an update on things going on at the high school. There will be a lip sync contest with funds earned donated to Doernbecher. Knowledge Bowl has been participating in competitions. Leadership class had 15 students go to a conference in Seaside. They will be helping with the light show at Azalea Park. "Make a Difference" day earned over \$400.00 and 1120 pounds of donated food that will be donated to the food bank. The students are looking for fund raising ideas for a student who fell was seriously injured and has no medical insurance.

District Reports/Reports

Jamie commented how pleased she is with the Pacific Bridges report and it goes right along with the comments made by Pat Berkowitz earlier this evening. She also appreciated the enrollment report containing the history of enrollment.

Board Business

First Reading of the 2012-2013 Budget Calendar: Jamie explained we can just review the dates for the budget calendar. Brian Hodge responded that it is just for review and that the budget committee will stay the same, so the training will be minimal. The first budget workshop will be the February 12th, 2012.

Approve Extra Duty Contracts:

Chris Schofield- Head Coach, BHHS Girls' Basketball
Jon Young- Head Coach, BHHS Boys' Basketball
Lori Cooper- Head Coach, Azalea Girls' Basketball
Steve Bonde- Head Coach, BHHS Softball
Ted Burdett- Head Coach, Azalea Wrestling
Daryn Farmer- Assistant Coach, BHHS Girls' Basketball
Jason Fulton- Head Coach, Azalea Track
Jason Fulton- Head Coach, Azalea Boys' Basketball
Dave Freeman- Head Coach, BHHS Wrestling
Chris Hart- Assistant Coach, BHHS Boys' Basketball
Keith Wallin- Assistant Coach, Azalea Boys' Basketball
Kristy Kleespies- Assistant Coach, Azalea Girls' Basketball
Tom Serna- Assistant Coach, Azalea Football

Bob Horel made a motion to approve all extra duty contracts seconded by Brad Peters.

Discussion: Jamie brought up coaching while being employed as an administrator. She had met with Larry Martindale and Jon Young as the changes at the high school happened recently and they agreed that Jon could coach basketball this year, but it would be for this year only. Brad Peters responded that he felt this was for the principal position only. Jamie Ryan expressed that the administrators have enough to do without adding coaching to their plate. Brad Peters responded he does not want to see year the teachers are unable to coach next year. Brad stated that everyone is busy, so where do you draw the line? Brad is comfortable with not allowing the principals to coach and understands it, but that is as far as it should go. Jamie responded that is why she spoke with Mr. Martindale who agreed that it was not his first choice, but given the timeline he felt it was what was best for the program. Bob added that he felt everyone was busy and there are ways to be organized so it can work. Jamie said the board has talked about changing the policy and they are one year contracts so for now, speaking for herself, she is okay with it. Brian Hodge let the board know that the extra-duty contracts will be brought before them in the spring so that everyone has a good idea of what the following year will look like. Jamie replied she is really pleased with the work the administrators have done this school year.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Approve Budget Resolutions 2011/2012 002-004

Don Sweeney gave an overview of each of the budget resolutions.

Budget resolution 2011/2012-002 Bob made a motion to approve resolution #2011/2012-002 authorizing the district to increase in appropriation and approves an increase in the expenditures of \$342,320.70 for the SYS 2011-12 school year, seconded by Carol Slewing.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget resolution 2011/2012-003 Bob made a motion to approve the resolution #2011/2012-003 authorizing the district an increase in appropriation and approves an increase in expenditures of \$11,722.00 for the Indian Education grant, for the 2011-12 school year, seconded by Allene Fewell.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget resolution 2011/2012-004 Bob made a motion to approve the resolution #2011/2012-004 authorizing the district an increase in appropriation and approves an increase in expenditures of \$6500.00 for the Oregon FIRST Robotics grant, for the 2011-12 school year, seconded by Allene Fewell.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion of the Charter School

Bob Horel commented that he was not here at the hearing and he may not be here on the 29th for the vote. He feels a choice of two different learning styles would be good for the district. He is impressed with the work the committee did with the proposal. He stated that he cannot support the charter school proposal as it is written, finding that it would be a disaster for the district. Bob said that the district does not have the power to disapprove it- that the state has that power. His recommendations are that the district sponsors the charter school with changes written in a contract between the charter and the district. The main changes Bob would recommend are that the two schools be in the same building, the positions in the charter school be filled with district staff, support services be provided by the district, and the principal be shared. Jamie Ryan commented that she spent a lot of time and research with the charter school. She feels the charter school has had every opportunity to present their information with the board only there to listen. Jamie added that the public meeting was the appropriate time for her to get up and speak to express her concerns and speak to the board members. Jamie explained that the state does not have any charter school money and does not find the state able to front the start up costs to open the charter school. Jamie Ryan has serious concerns with numbers written in the proposal and that they do not add up. She finds the information misleading as the charter school states on the front page of their proposal that they were awarded a grant for start up funds, when they had actually only applied for the money. Jamie Ryan then stated she just recently heard that a board member had a spouse on the start up team. Bob Horel responded that was not accurate. Bob Horel said his spouse had been asked to be on the charter school board and that she is, only as of a week ago and he did inform the superintendent when that happened. Jamie thanked Bob for clarifying that information. Jamie is concerned about handing over start up money to the charter school and losing that money if the numbers are not there as there is no substantial information to show the numbers of students (120) they are basing all their funds around. She finds it to be a much bigger gamble than to have the state approve it with no money for the charters already out there. The proposal has been sent on to OSBA and Jamie Ryan asked Brian Hodge where we were at with any type of response from OSBA. Brian Hodge passed out a document with the recommendations from Morgan Smith with OSBA and added that at this time the proposed charter would be detrimental to the district to pass. There is no hard data. The admin team has gone through the financials and Don Sweeney gave the actual figures of the cost of housing the charter school at Azalea by a percentage of the number of students attending the charter in Azalea Middle School. If the number of students they are proposing are accurate, the district would be subsidizing the charter \$71,700.00. This amount is taken away from the current enrolled students of the district at approx. \$49.00 per student. Jamie Ryan asked if the board can change the date of the vote so that Bob Horel can attend the meeting. It was agreed upon to move the meeting to 8:00 pm in the Kalmiopsis Library on the 29th of November.

Comments/Communications

Bob Horel is impressed with the high school principal and the way the students handled a fire drill that occurred between periods. Brian Hodge said the parent teacher conferences were a great success. Brad Peters commented on enjoying the noise parade.

Meeting adjourned into Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(d) at 8:52 PM

Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:00 PM

Jamie Ryan adjourned the meeting at 9:02 PM