

Brookings-Harbor School District 17-C

“Offering Hope, Possibility and Opportunity”

Regular School Board Meeting Kalmiopsis Elementary School Library Wednesday, March 18, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Called to order on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. by Linda Morgan.

Attendance: Board Members

Linda Morgan
Larry Anderson
Susan Chambers (By Phone)

Members of the Public

Chris Nichols
Bette Moore
Pat Silveria
Carol Slewing
Mary Chadbourne
Javin Fleshman
Debbie Steward
C Kelly Itzen

Student Representative, B-H High School

Alycia Jacobson, Student

Media Representatives

Arwyn Rice Coastal Pilot

District Employees

John Garner
Valerie Shapton
Helena Chirinian
Alain Chirinian
Kathleen Dingle
Billie Furuichi
Nelson Goranson
Wendy Pieren
Melissa McCarthy
Neil Walker
Steve Baker
Kristi Fulton
Bryan Wood
Aaron Cooke
Lenora Hall
Brian Hodge
Suzanne Mutch
Jon Young
Diane Justason
Linda Hadley
Richard Hadley
Cathy Witt

Pledge of Allegiance: The Flag Salute was recited in unison, led by Linda Morgan.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval Minutes:
 - a. Superintendent Sub-Committee on Budget – February 9, 2009
 - b. Regular School Board Meeting – February 18, 2009
 - c. Special School Board Meeting – February 18, 2009
 - d. Executive Session – February 18, 2009
 - e. Special School Board Meeting – March 5, 2009
2. Approval Bills

Larry Anderson made a motion to approve consent agenda, seconded by Susan Chambers

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Agenda Changes: Two Spot Light – Freshman Academy will be added after Robotics

Spotlight: Brookings Harbor High School Robotics – Alain Chirinian gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Brookings Harbor High School Robotics program.

Freshman Academy – Kristi Fulton, Wendy Pieren, Nelson Goranson, Melissa McCarthy gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Freshman Academy goals, mission statement, and how it operates and student activities/achievements.

Presentation Distinguished Service Recognition Awards:

Chris Nichols presented the Distinguished Service Award **Mary Chadbourne** for her over 20 years of service for her efforts with the Foreign Exchange Student Program

Linda Morgan presented the Distinguished Service Award **In Memory of Jayne P Gibney** for her support of Schools and the Community to Larry Anderson, her contributions includes the building of the new event center plus many other projects. Larry will give the award to her niece next week when she is in town.

Citizen Input: Pat Silveria spoke about her travels to China to improve rural school rooms over the past 20 years. She is requesting the board to help as a pen pal school and donate unused books. Linda requested that Pat meet with John Garner to discuss.

Erin Rice, student, spoke about going to a 4-day school week and what she believes are the advantages for students.

Richard Hadley spoke about the potential Busing being contracted out to a 3rd party vendor. He would like the board and audience to realize that the savings would come right from the backs of the drivers by eliminating their retirement, benefits, or lowering their wages.

Academic Programs: Reports and Information

Student Representative Report: Alycia Jacobson gave a brief update of High School student activities.

Board Reviewed Reports for the Following:

1. Building/Program Reports

Linda Morgan wanted to 2nd Alycia comments for congratulating the Boys Basketball Championship.

Susan Chambers wanted to thank everyone for the in-depth letters. She also congratulated the Boys Basketball team as well as all the rest of the teams who did so well this year.

Larry Anderson appreciated Bryan Wood comments on the positive improvements in student behavior. He also was very pleased with the comments that Jon Young made that our students are very good citizens, displayed good sportsmanship, and high grades; plus he also gives his congratulations to the Boy's Basketball Team.

Larry Anderson made a motion to approve the out-of-state travel for the JV Baseball Team to compete in a tournament in Fortuna, CA on March 20th to 21st, 2009, seconded by Susan Chambers

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2. Curriculum & Instruction

3. Upper Chetco Charter School

Support Services

Board Reviewed Reports for the Following:

1. Food Services

2. Transportation/Maintenance

Larry Anderson commented on the staff's efforts on improving energy usage and that Bonneville will be implementing a new pricing structure that will significantly increase our costs in the near future.

District Business / Reports

Comments from the Superintendent: John Garner gave the board a brief update on the High School graduation Issue where by the High School had a curriculum guide that was never brought before the board for the identification of the top students. Kathleen Dingle gave the board the results of the recompiling and basically it is still the same 10 students but will include an additional student to make a total of eleven students. A meeting including parents and students was held to inform them of the changes. New policies will be brought to the board which will bring the student handbook and board policies in line.

John also gave the board the School Lunch Program Review; the last report was very negative but this time the results are very short and have already been cleared. John wanted to draw the board's attention to the wonderful job that Melody and her staff have been doing.

We have started the UCCS negotiations. We have had some good discussions. Barbara Rainey called this morning to say that their enrollment has dropped below 25.

Coos Curry has been very helpful with us and has put us in contact with the Rays Market people to work on heating, lighting etc where we can sell the tax credits.

Board Reviewed Reports for the Following:

1. Enrollment Report

John Garner commented that the enrollment is down from October however, Kalmiopsis Elementary School is growing. We have been trying to analyze why this increase is happening; we think that families are moving back with Grandparents and also moving back to rural areas although we are not sure if the trend will continue.

Larry Anderson commented that buying locally has never been more important than it is now.

2. Finance Report

Valerie Shapton gave the board an update on the current state funding and the potential ending fund balance. We will be applying for the School Restoration Fund, but will not know until May whether we will receive it or not; the current estimate is that per ADM the district could receive up \$134 thousand which a portion of which will be passed onto the Charter School based on their ADM.

Board Business

Request for Proposal (RFP) for busing: John Garner gave the board some background as to why we may want to consider going out for bid on our busing services; with the potential shortfall we are facing next year, we need to turn over every rock that we can.

Larry Anderson commented that budgets come down to priorities; that the process is for people to participate; and these are not going to be easy choices to make.

John Garner commented that we are hearing that our funding could be 15% lower.

Larry Anderson commented that we should gather the information and evaluate the pros and cons; hopefully people will stay engaged.

Larry Anderson made a motion to accept the superintendent recommendation to go out for an RFP on Transportation, seconded by Susan Chambers

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Board Policies (First Reading): Policy AC – Nondiscrimination; Policy ACA – American with Disabilities Act (Version 1); Policy ACA-AR(1) – Americans with Disabilities Act; ACA-AR(2) – ADA Grievance Procedures; and Policy (Code to be determined by OSBA Board Policy Program) – Admission to Kindergarten and First Grade.

Larry Anderson requested that we handle 4b1 to 4b4 as a first reading and separate out Admission to Kindergarten and First Grade.

Larry Anderson made a motion to wave the 2nd reading of the Admission to Kindergarten and First Grade and adopt the policy, seconded by Susan Chambers

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Board Requests and Comments:

Larry Anderson complimented about the students essays submitted to the board by Perry Kleespies about the 4-day school week, they were very entertaining and he appreciates the students input.

Susan Chambers commented that she also appreciated reading the essays.

Adjournment

Larry Anderson made a motion to adjourn board meeting at 8:40 P.M., seconded by Susan Chambers

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Minutes above approved at the Board Meeting held on April 15, 2009

Linda Morgan, School Board Chairperson