

Brookings-Harbor School District 17-C

“Offering Hope, Possibility and Opportunity”

Regular School Board Meeting Kalmiopsis Elementary School Library Wednesday, April 15, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Called to order on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. by Linda Morgan.

Attendance:

Board Members

Linda Morgan
Larry Anderson
Susan Chambers
Ken Caylor
Jamie Ryan

Members of the Public

Carol Slewing
Paola Carrasco
Tiffanie Hodge
Barbara Rainey
Allene Fewell
Heather Marks
Karl Morgan
Valerie Quale
Sarah Kingstrom
Bernie Lindley
Paige Lindley
Liz Lindley
Diane & Dale Riley
Russ Nickels

High School Basketball Team

Kenton Bansemer
Fred Corpening
Chase Bansemer
Travis Bay
Chris Hodge
Jose Munoz
Joey LaThorpe
Cody Cozad
Alex Pate
Jacob Eszlinger
Drew Escobar
Joe Tonn

District Employees

John Garner
Valerie Shapton
Neil Walker
Bryan Wood
Lenora Hall
Helena Chirinian
Melody Gossard
Karyn Dagenais
Kathleen Dingle
Janice Gallian
Jennifer Rushton
Bonnie Raleigh
Brian Hodge
Aaron Cooke
Stephanie Morin
Gina June
Carol Blagdon
Diane Justason
Billie Furchie
Fawn Korop
Debbie Jones
Mike Gordon
Matt Power
Nancy McClelland
Suzanne Mutch
Bobbie Gross
Jon Young
Rowland Normand
Dino Cooper

Student Representative, B-H High School

Alycia Jacobson, Student

Media Representatives

Arwyn Rice Coastal Pilot

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

4A Basketball Champions: The State 4A Basketball Champions were introduced to the audience and given a standing ovation for their awesome accomplishment. Fred Corpening was recognized as the 4A All State Basketball Player of the year. Bryan Wood was also recognized as the 4A All State Coach of the year.

Each Board member congratulated the team individually for their sportsmanship, hard work and their outstanding accomplishments both the areas athletics and academics. The community is very proud of them all.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval Minutes:
 - a. Regular School Board Meeting – March 18, 2009
 - b. Special School Board Meeting – March 24, 2009
2. Approval Bills

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Changes: No Changes

Spotlight: Azalea Middle School Jazz Band performed piece that Matt Power wrote that displayed several of the member's individual talents.

Citizen Input: Paola Carrasco read a letter to the school board from UCCS board of directors concerning the current issues facing the Charter School.

Jennifer Rushton spoke on all day kindergarten; she provided early Dibbles scores at the end of 1st grade. The scores are improving for the "At Some Risk" and "At Risk" 1st grade students for the school years 05-06 to 08-09; she also threw in her support in for a 4-day school week.

Valerie Quale spoke as a parent on her support of 4-day school week and she is begging that the all day kindergarten continue to be offered as the first 3 years of a child's education are the most important.

Debbie Jones commented that she appreciates the difficult job that the board is faced with balancing the budget. She would like to speak on one of the creative ideas that of outsourcing our busing services. She wants everyone to remember that this would impact our students. We trust our drivers with the safety and well being of our children. We need to keep our kids safe with our current drivers who have given many years of service to the district. She also wants to voice her support the 4-day school week.

Sarah Kingstrom felt that after hearing Linda's leading comments that she cannot talk tonight as she has a complaint about Azalea Middle School and the superintendent. She was instructed to stop by the district office to obtain a complaint form.

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
2. Curriculum & Instruction
3. Upper Chetco Charter School

Larry Anderson commented on the writing scores and the drastic decrease in tardiness at the High School. Larry to thank South Coast Lumber for the support of our schools by making a \$2,500 scholarship available in spite of the challenges they are facing in this current economic time. At Azalea Middle School, Larry is impressed how well the students are doing in the area of no referrals.

Linda Morgan asked Brian Hodge about the Title 1 review. Brian Hodge indicated that it went very well; the average findings have been 22 per audit and we only had 17 with just 7 left to address. John Garner also commented that the school received many accolades for the things they are doing especially with this being the first review.

Susan Chambers commented that she was glad to see the school carnival coming back at Kalmiopsis Elementary School.

Ken Caylor is very appreciative that the high school is offering the economic education and he is very happy with how successful PBS is working for students and staff. Ken thanked Steve Baker for his efforts on in special education. Ken also requested that Jon Young recap the number of our Fall/Winter Sports team that scored high in their GPA. Ken also congratulated the schools for their increase in OAKS testing.

Larry Anderson strongly encouraged the Pilot to let the community know how well our students are doing on their testing.

Support Services

Board Reviewed Reports for the Following:

1. Food Services

Susan Chambers wanted to know who pays for the program. Melody explained that it is a federal pass through grant that pays to offer a free lunch to children during the summer; last year the program finished in the black.

Ken Caylor congratulated Melody on the awesome work she does.

Susan Chambers made a motion to approve the Summer Food Service Program as presented by staff, seconded by Ken Caylor

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Transportation/Maintenance

Ken Caylor wanted to know about the possibility of getting the safe school grant. Neil indicated he is cautiously optimistic.

District Business / Reports

Comments from the Superintendent:

First Look at the proposed FY 2009-2010 budget – Valerie Shapton and John Garner gave the board and audience a run through of what the current state of the 09/10 budget which is potential shortfall of \$1,407,079 for the year. When the final budget is presented to the budget committee we will have two lists one for potential additional cuts as the state is promising to have a special summer session which could result in a larger shortfall. The second list will be a potential add back list if the economy turns around.

Larry Anderson thanked staff for getting the above numbers out early and that the continued transparency of keeping everyone informed on what is the state of finances.

Jamie Ryan commented that she also thanks staff for the chance to see these numbers early and how they are being looked at, plus maintaining all day kindergarten. She also appreciates that the people at the high school will finally know shortly how they will be affected.

Ken Caylor commented the state is the only organization that can get away with spending money this year and doesn't give it to you next fiscal year. For those of you who don't know the budget requires a great deal of reworking and analyzing that Valerie Shapton and staff have done a great job of keeping the board and staff aware of the budget status; we are all in this together.

Susan Chambers commented that she is sorry there is a need for all these cuts and she has been looking around the state where the ESD are being consolidated and other districts are implementing drastic cuts, but she feels we will do okay.

John Garner asked the board for direction on having shortfall days (state recommended 35 day cut) versus the 4-day school week as there will be a lot of work that needs to take place for implementation. We need to start talking about scheduling and what it will look like. It is not an action item; John is just looking for direction. Every day new districts are looking at switching to 4-day school weeks for financial reasons.

Susan Chambers wanted to know how many shortfall days would have to be taken to cover the \$225K for the 4-day school week. John commented that 5 to 6 days at \$47,000/day would probably cover it, but that is why he left it at the

bottom of the list. Sue wanted to know if that would eliminate the early release on Wednesdays. John commented that the 4-day school week has the removal of Wednesday early release already figured into the equation. Sue commented why don't we just add back the Wednesday early release days and cut five days from the calendar at the end of the year as an alternative to consider.

Brian Hodge commented that with the 4-day school week we will meet all the state standards of seat time for our students, where as we would not meet the standards for several of our grades with shortfall days.

Discussion ensued about the ramifications of 4 day school.

John Garner commented that this is pretty hard to work through here; he understands what Sue is trying to say, so we will look at it further.

Ken Caylor commented that with the information he has seen from committee and people in the community and staff members he has talked to he would be in favor of the 4-day school week.

Susan Chambers commented that she is not in favor that she doesn't feel it will benefit our students. She would like to see the teacher development days added back and cut the 5 days.

Linda Morgan commented that she has received calls from teachers that are not in favor of the 4-day week; she doesn't feel she could support the 4-day week.

Jamie Ryan commented that she thinks we should look a little closer at how the 4-day week will work for each of the schools.

Larry Anderson commented that it is two to two and he is concerned with the variations in what the 4-day week would save which makes him uncomfortable in making a decision without more information.

John Garner indicated that staff will review the seat time issue and the savings and bring back at the May board meeting. He also wanted to know if it was okay to move forward with notifying the High School teachers.

Larry Anderson commented that he is disappointed in the continued erosion of elective classes.

John Garner commented he isn't happy either but that we are not at a place that we could specifically say which positions will be reduced.

Susan Chambers asked Bryan Wood about the graduation requirements; will students be able to meet the requirement.

Bryan Wood commented that he has been working various schedules for the past few months, but the state has increased math and science requirements that is making it difficult to offer a wide range of electives. John Garner commented that there will be enough electives offered but we are not in a place to make those decisions tonight.

Board Reviewed Reports for the Following:

1. **Enrollment Report**
2. **Finance Report**

John Garner commented that both Azalea and Kalmiopsis are at or higher than they were last year, but that the high school is down.

Discussion ensued concerning high school enrollment.

Board Business

Board Policies (Second 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; Policy BBAA – Individual Board Member's Authority and Responsibilities; Policy BHD – Board Member Compensation and Expense Reimbursement; Policy EDDA – Sustainability (Versions 1)

Larry Anderson made a motion to adopted board policies as presented, seconded by Susan Chambers

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Appoint Budget Committee Member:

Jamie Ryan made a motion to appoint Bob Horel as the new budget committee member to replace Jamie Ryan, seconded by Susan Chambers

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Curriculum Planning Guide 2009-10 (first reading): Board reviewed the 2009/2010 Curriculum Planning Guide for Brookings Harbor High School.

John Garner commented that this is a new guide for the board to see what the curriculum is offered at the High School; and allow a student to retake a class one time if the seat is available. There will be a new board policy presented for the computation of the GPA. Kathleen Dingle and her office has been the biggest part of making this happen.

Discussion ensued concerning credit recovery waiting to implement this guide.

Larry Anderson wanted to know if this could be an action item or does it require a second reading. John commented that no a second reading as it is not policy.

Larry Anderson made a motion to make this an action item, seconded by Ken Caylor

Discussion:

Linda Morgan has a concern with the Position Names listed on the inside front page as people change positions. John commented that is an easy fix that we can take off that first page. The intent is to bring the curriculum guide to the board for review every year. Descriptions of courses will be added but nothing else.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Larry Anderson made a motion to approve the Curriculum Planning Guide 2009/10, seconded by Ken Caylor

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Consider Charter School Rent Reduction and Busing Service Charge Reduction: **John Garner** commented that the charter school has requested a reduction in rent and busing in order to help balance their current budget.

Valerie Shapton explained that they haven't paid the March or April rent or the 2nd quarter transportation to date; they are \$3,000 behind and will be \$7,000 by the end of the school year.

Larry Anderson commented that there not going to be in a foreclosure position that we should just let it stand for now and not force the issue.

John Garner commented that we will not be setting Val up as a collection agent; that neither of the budgets the charter school presented shows the rent or transportation in their expenditures.

Jamie Ryan commented that she doesn't feel it is fair to give favoritism to one group over another. If they have been struggling from the start then it isn't practical to continue if they are not solvent.

Larry Anderson made a motion to table the item, seconded by Ken Caylor

ITEM TABLED

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Grounds (possible action): **John Garner** commented that we are asking for permission to go out and look for a third party to handle our grounds upkeep. Neil Walker commented that the new tractor can be returned.

Larry Anderson commented that the district should check into the liability of allowing a 3rd party to use district equipment.

Consider Nominations for Exception Service Recognition Awards (Staff & Faculty):

Larry Anderson – Patty Herring, Jackie Thom, Susan Hanscam, Nadine Cleary, Ted Burdett, Glenda Wilbur
Jamie Ryan – Brian Hodge, Susan Hanscam, Nadine Cleary, Molly Wales, Glenda Wilbur, Jackie Thom
Ken Caylor – Brian Hodge, Bryan Wood, Aaron Cooke, Jackie Thom, Glenda Wilbur
Susan Chambers – Brian Hodge, Tim Buehler, Ted Burdett, Molly Wales, Nadine Cleary, Susan Griffith
Linda Morgan – Ted Burdett, Nelida Perez, Tim Buehler, Nadine Cleary, Molly Wales, Susan Griffith.

Nadine Cleary, Brian Hodge, Jackie Thom, Glenda Wilber, Ted Burdett, Molly Wales were the common names nominated.

Larry Anderson made a motion to accept the above for exceptional service, seconded by Jamie Ryan

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Reminders:

First Budget Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. with a possible 2nd meeting on May 13, 2009

Election May 19th, please get out and vote.

Ken Caylor made a motion to executive session at 9:00 p.m., by Larry Anderson

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Board to take a 5 minute break before going to close session:

Linda Morgan took the Board into Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(i) for the purpose of evaluating the district's top executive at 9:00 p.m.

Returned to Open Session at 9:40 p.m.

Motions Following Executive Session:

Susan Chambers made a motion to add a year to John Garner current three contract, seconded by Ken Caylor

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

Larry Anderson made a motion to adjourn board meeting at 9:42 P.M., seconded by Ken Caylor

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes above approved at the Board Meeting held on May 20, 2009

Linda Morgan, School Board Chairperson