

Brookings-Harbor School District 17C

“Offering Hope, Possibility and Opportunity”

Special Board Meeting

**Kalmiopsis Elementary School Library
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 4:30 pm**

Jamie Ryan, Sue Chambers, Alice Farmer, Katherine Johnson, Brian Hodge, Helena Chirinina, Suzanne Mutch, Sheryl Lipski, Dede Corpening, Gordon Clay, Bruce Raleigh, Don Iler

The special meeting was held to discuss board goals. Brian Hodge talked with the board about the district goals being in process and that they will be data driven and measureable. The district data committee will report out on what it finds. The data will drive the district on the direction it needs to go. Other discussion included the board requesting a list of what programs have been brought back to the district. The information and data will be how the board will prioritize their goals. The board will direct the superintendant who will then direct the administration.

Other key points noted:

A request for the calendar to be put on the main page of the website for easy access would be helpful.

Asterisks added to agenda for time sensitive material.

Time changed in the policy to 8 pm in regards to estimated time to have meetings end no later than. This is only a guide.

Public Input- agenda/non agenda items- The purpose is to allow the board to comment on non agenda items during the comment section when appropriate without taking away from the board business section of the meeting.

Determine the appropriate person to respond to issues that the board does not have the information for.

Regular School Board Meeting Kalmiopsis Elementary School Library Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Call to Order: Called to order on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. by Jamie Ryan.

Attendance:

Board Members

Sue Chambers
Katherine Johnson
Alice Farmer
Jamie Ryan

Members of the Public

Debbie McDonald
Gordan Clay
Dick Wilson
Brad Peters
Lori Botnen
Bruce Raleigh

District Employees

Brian Hodge
Dede Corpening
Larry Martindale
Don Sweeney
Buell Gonzales
Nancy Chew
Suzanne Mutch
Helena Chirinian
Baron Guido
Sheryl Lipski
Jennifer Berger
Kristi Oliphant
Teri Poponi

Bonnie Raleigh

Marci Kime
Turi Lundquist

Media Representative
Don Iler

Student Representative
Jessica Yock

Pledge of Allegiance: The Flag Salute was recited in unison, led by Sue Chambers.

Consent Agenda: Alice Farmer made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Katherine Johnson.

Discussion: None

Motion Pass Unanimously

Spotlight: Helena talked about the best practices in math professional development in August. Becky Bogart did a wonderful job with the teachers and will be back throughout the school year to be sure the school is implementing what they learned and help in any areas the teachers feel the need for assistance. Helena showed a short video of Nikki Darger's class in action.

Citizens Input (Agenda Items) :Debbie McDonald spoke about the possibility with a conflict of interest with a potential new board member also being a vendor for the school district.

Student Representative Report: Jessica talked about the school working on school spirit this year. The students are going to get out into the community more. They also have plans through positive behavior intervention support. Homecoming week will start October 7, 2013. There will be a bonfire, powder puff, and the noise parade. There are also plans for a tailgate party prior to the football game. The school rose over \$7000 for Dornbechers Children's Hospital.

District Reports/Information:

Comments from the Superintendent: Brian commented on how well the students presented for Rotary. The culinary class is learning to can applesauce. Tammy Rasmussen from Oregon RTI visited the district to help with the implementing of RTI. We are one of seven districts who get this service. It is a five year plan. The Ford Foundation celebration will be at the high school cafeteria Wednesday the 25th. This is to celebrate what they have donated to Pacific Bridges. The data committee will have its first meeting tomorrow. PACE complaint investigation has been put on hold. They have received two letters and those have been investigated. Brian will be attending the South Coast ESD meeting tomorrow and then on to OASE in Salem on Friday.

Building Reports: Katherine asked about the large 4th grade classes in regarding the board report for Kalmiopsis. She was curious if there was assistance in the classrooms to which Helena replied there is.

Katherine also asked about the guide class. Baron responded it is in the high school and helps students with social and emotional challenges.

Sue Chambers requested the athletic schedule from Buell so they may attend games when possible.

There was a question about district email so they would be involved in the All Staff announcements.

Katherine asked for the numbers of free and reduced from food service.

Jamie Ryan asked about reversing the order so the new board member can be appointed prior to voting on the board chair and vice chair.

Sue made a motion to amend the order to appoint a new board member first, seconded by Katherine.

Motion Pass Unanimously

Board Business

Appoint New Board Member: There were 4 applicants. Jamie Ryan commented on the public comment earlier. The only conflict of interest recognized to become a board member is being employed by the school district. An independent contractor can still become a board member; they just cannot include themselves in a vote pertaining to a bid on a job they could possibly receive. Katherine repeated to clarify what Jamie said. Jamie Ryan named the four applicants-Brad Peters, Lori Botnen, Mona Chandler and Bruce Raleigh. Katherine Johnson stated she would like to hear from the applicants. Sue Chambers also added that she was very thankful for the applicants applying for the open position as it is a very time consuming and important position. Alice Farmer stated that if there were specific questions that would be appropriate, but to ask questions that the applicants already put on paper could get long. Sue Chambers asked if they would be asked individually, or if the candidates should step out while the other ones spoke. The candidates stated they were comfortable all in the same room. Sue Chambers and Katherine did have questions. The candidates introduced themselves. Mona Chandler was unavailable at the time due to a prior engagement. Lori Botnen gave a brief description as to why she would like to be a board member, her connection with the community and the schools. Lori has also been on the budget committee. Bruce Raleigh talked about his connection with the school and his children. He would like to see everyone work together as a strong team, and get some stability in the school system. Bruce also was on the budget committee. Brad Peters has been a prior board member and would like to continue serving for the district. He is happy with the changes and the direction the school district is going and would like to continue to move forward with the district. Brad would also like to see good communication and a board that would work well together to benefit the district. Jamie Ryan explained the process of nominating a board member.

Alice Farmer nominates Brad Peters

Sue Chambers nominates Bruce Raleigh

Katherine Johnson nominates Mona Chandler

Jamie Ryan expresses that all the candidates are wonderful and she is satisfied to go along with anyone that gets two votes.

Alice Farmer retracts Brad Peters nomination and nominates Lori Botnen.

Sue Chambers votes for Bruce Raleigh

Katherine Johnson votes for Bruce Raleigh

Jamie Ryan votes for Bruce Raleigh

Bruce Raleigh becomes the new appointed board member to fulfill the seat Bob Horel previously held.

Jamie Ryan swore in the new board member Bruce Raleigh.

Election of Interim Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson (ORS 332.005(2))

Katherine Johnson nominated Jamie Ryan for Board Chair.

Bruce Raleigh nominated Sue Chambers for Board Chair.

Bruce Raleigh votes for Sue Chambers

Alice Farmer votes for Jamie Ryan

Sue Chambers votes for Sue Chambers

Jamie Ryan votes for Jamie Ryan

Jamie Ryan is the Board Chair.

Alice Farmer nominates Katherine Johnson as board vice chair

Sue Chambers nominates Bruce Raleigh as board vice chair

Bruce Raleigh votes for Katherine Johnson

Alice Farmer votes for Katherine Johnson

Sue Chambers votes for Katherine Johnson

Jamie Ryan votes for Katherine Johnson

Katherine Johnson votes for Katherine Johnson

Katherine Johnson is the Board Vice Chair.

Personnel Items:

Accept Resignation Letter Diane Kinney

Katherine Johnson made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Diane Kinney, Azalea Dean of Students, seconded by Sue Chambers.

Discussion: Jamie Ryan stated Diane was one of her favorite teachers. Sue Chambers stated it is a great loss for the district. Katherine Johnson shared she played a great role in relating to the students.

Motion Pass Unanimously

Accept Resignation Letter Emmett McCutchenne

Sue Chambers made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Emmett McCutchenne, Azalea Middle School Music Teacher, seconded by Alice Farmer.

Discussion: The board is thankful for Emmett starting the orchestra program as well as his trips to San Francisco. Jamie stated the district has been blessed to have him. Katherine asked if the board can do something for as a group for Emmett. Brian Hodge responded individually the board members can express their appreciation to resigning

Motion Pass Unanimously

Approve Extra Duty Contracts:

BHHS JV Volleyball Coach: Kelly Garvin

BHHS Assistant Football Coach: Lloyd Alto

Azalea Assistant Volleyball Coach: Rachel Harmon

Discussion: Katherine Johnson asked if persons hired that are not employees of the district go through a background check. Brian Hodge stated they do go through this along with required training from OSAA.

Motion Pass Unanimously

Approve Out of State Travel 7th Grade Social Studies San Francisco Trip.

Katherine Johnson stated that she would abstain from the vote as she is involved with the trip.

Sue Chambers made a motion to approve the out of state request for the 7th grade Social Studies trip to San Francisco, seconded by Alice Farmer.

Discussion: There is a 5 to 1 parent student ration. The group stays at the Crowne Plaza. It is a wonderful opportunity for students.

Alice: Aye Sue: Aye Bruce: Aye Katherine: Abstain Jamie: Aye

Motion Pass

Compact Information:

Brian Hodge stated it is the second year for the compact. Most of the information is prefilled.

This year the compact is due on October 15. The main function is to uniformly have districts

look at the data. Our data committee will also look at this to decide what data is important for the

district to look at and where do we go with the information. The part we are lacking right now is tracking our graduates. Sue Chambers added there are programs out there that can be purchased to help with the information on graduates. Brian Hodge stated that the district and Wendy Ross are actually researching programs at this time. Katherine Johnson asked about the graduation rates of the special education students. She talked about the modified diploma and how it will actually count next year in the graduation rate.

Citizen Input (non agenda topics):

Pauli Hawthorne: handed the board a position statement. Pauli's concerns are the lack of a district policy allowing students to miss periods the following day after attending extracurricular activity/student athletes that brings the student home in the late or early morning hours. She is concerned about the lack of sleep and also the safety factor. As of now it is going in the books as an unexcused absence. At one time there was a guideline as to what class time was allowed to be missed depending upon the arrival time the previous evening. However this was not a written policy.

Victoria and Russ Nichols: Same topic as Pauli. They would like something in place if the student arrives after 11 pm. The important piece to all of this is a good night's rest.

Dick Wilson: The Buck Stops Here Dick had a few comments addressed to the new school board. He expressed that untimely they were responsible with the decisions the school district made. He handed out a plaque to each one stating "the buck stops here".

Gordon Clay: Gordon spoke of the school's test scores being below average. He is pleased to hear the district using data to address this. He talked about the home school numbers and feels this number is large due to bullying. October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Gordon would like to see the administration sign the anti bullying principal pledge. His last comment was questioning how much the district has spent on litigation the past year.

Debbie McDonald: Would like to know the status of the executive session regarding the girls basketball coaches that was cancelled.

Comments, Communication:

Jamie Ryan commented that the status of the investigation by PACE was that they had investigated the information they had received and there was nothing more to pursue at this time. The school district had sent out requests asking for written statements from those that had wanted to speak at the previous board meeting. The two letters that were received were forwarded on to PACE and at this point there is nothing else to be done. As far as having an executive session, due to the fact that there is an outside investigation, it is out of the boards' hands, so there will not be an executive session. Jamie Ryan also talked about the up and coming policy review meetings and the possibility of putting something in place for the students participating in late school involved trips.

Katherine Johnson asked for clarification as to why PACE is involved with the complaints. Jamie Ryan responded that when Carol Slewing, the previous board chair, contacted OSBA about the matter, they recommended having an outside investigation due to the conflicts of interest within the district. Katherine Johnson asked Debbie McDonald why none of the other athletes responded in writing. Debbie McDonald said they all felt they had already followed the proper steps according to the ORS. Jamie Ryan also clarified that there would not be a letter of resignation as to the fact that there is not an extra duty contract that has been signed. One cannot resign from a position that was not in place. Katherine Johnson commented on the informal practice of allowing students to miss following day early classes. Sue Chambers moved to have a policy written for the board to review regarding students ability to start later the following day of a late school sponsored event. The board directed Brian Hodge to do some investigation on clarification of what is appropriate for the board to do with this information. The board discussed possible dates to start reviewing the policies that need updates as

recommended by OSBA. There is a deadline of December that this needs to be completed. Katherine Johnson commented on the healthy teens survey and how the district needs to be careful on relying solely on the information it puts out as she is aware of students who do not take it seriously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.