

LEBANON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
April 14, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the District Office Board Room on April 14, 2016. Chairman Richard Borden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those present included:

Richard Borden	Director	Rob Hess	Superintendent
Jerry Williams	Director	Jennifer Meckley	HR Director
Mike Martin	Director	Bo Yates	Assistant Superintendent
Russ McUne	Director	Linda Darling	Business Manager
Liz Alperin	Director		

Liz Alperin question why the order of the Agenda Items was amended. She pointed out that patrons time their arrival at the meeting based on the planned Agenda.

Richard Borden explained that he moved the Agenda Items because he thought it would help the meeting move along as the Budget meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Patron Patty Allydice voiced her concern with the rush to get the reconfiguration and boundary changes in place for next year. Even though her children do not attend Pioneer she asked that the Board make good decisions moving forward. She does not like the feeling of being brushed off.

Patron Natalie Ellis said that she is pleased that Hamilton Creek is being left out of the reconfiguration and boundary change. She feels the need to voice her concern for the Pioneer parents who are not present. She feels that decisions are being made for the K-6 students without sharing information with those parents.

Pioneer Secretary Lisa Borden pointed out that surveys went to every parent in the school including the K-6 parents. She explained that at the April 12 public meeting, the majority of parents were of younger grade students. Those parents, students and staff that were present felt that it was best for kids to reconfigure the school to a K-6.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1. Action:** Approve Pioneer Reconfiguration & Boundary Changes (Enclosure C-5)

Rob Hess read the letter that he sent to the Board regarding the reconfiguration and boundary changes. He pointed out that a letter was mailed out to every family that was impacted by the boundary changes. We heard from a few parents who wanted clarification. The administration held two informational meetings at Pioneer. Information was presented at the meetings and then a vote was taken of parents, students and staff who attended. The majority wanted Option B, which was to reconfigure Pioneer to a K-6 school and provide transportation to send the 7th & 8th graders to Seven Oak.

Mike Martin pointed out that the Board members attended one of the two meetings. He attended the one on April 12. There were 18 people who attended the meeting and he would like to see a broader sampling of parents down to kindergarten.

Jerry Williams said that the two meetings were the same with the same information. He pointed out that the majority that attended the meeting wanted to go to Seven Oak. He said that teachers, students, and parents were

in attendance. There were 100 people represented between the two meetings with 69 total votes and 63 votes going to Option B.

Liz Alperin said that she had a hard time at the meeting with the misinformation that was presented. She felt that parents were being held hostage. Some of the misinformation was:

- 1) Cannot differentiate
- 2) Cannot provide options
- 3) Cannot provide adequate education.
- 4) Self enclosed classroom
- 5) Unqualified teachers

Liz pointed out that at the Board Work Session the Board stated that we were not going to rush into the reconfiguration and boundary changes and then a month later we are moving ahead with it. Parents went away thinking that the Board was going to wait. She will not vote for the reconfiguration and boundary changes.

Rob Hess pointed out that over 30 students would go to Seven Oak if the District offered transportation. The District feels that more opportunities can be provided for students at Seven Oak. He said that whatever the Board decides the District will do the best for students with what we have.

Mike Martin said that saying that the schools are overcrowded is misinformation. None of the schools are currently overcrowded. Using student opportunity as motivation is unkind to parents. He questioned when the District followed through with more programs. The data showed that the graduation rates for the Hamilton Creek and Lcomb K-8 are over 70% , Pioneer K-8 is 53%, and Seven Oak is 63%; therefore he questioned whether there was a whole lot to be gained by moving students to Seven Oak instead of giving more support and effective options to Pioneer. Mike said that he feels that parent connection is what ensures better graduation rates. He will support a master schedule with programs that have sustainably, but feels the need to slow down and implement in 2017-18. Mike said that without a strategic plan and goals he will not support it.

Russ McUne pointed out that Portland is getting rid of K-8 schools for equity. He explained that there are more options right now at Seven Oak then at Pioneer. He questioned why the district should wait if it is good for kids.

Jerry Williams explained that the AVID programs are not available at Pioneer. He feels that we are denying those students who want to bus there if the Board does not support the reconfiguration. He asked if it wasn't better for kids to go to Seven Oak to get those programs that are already in place. There are more peer study groups at Seven Oak.

Richard Borden said that he felt that Rob Hess was very clear when he presented information around equity and efficiency.

Russ McUne made a motion to approve the Pioneer reconfiguration and boundary changes as presented. Jerry Williams seconded. Russ McUne, Jerry Williams, and Richard Borden voted yes. Mike Martin and Liz Alperin voted no. The motion carried by majority.

- 2. Action:** Approve 2nd Reading on policies: (Enclosures C-1)
- ING – Animals in District Facilities

Russ McUne said that he would be in favor of the Animals in District Facilities policy as there is language for the Principal to have a say in allowing the animal.

Liz Alperin and Richard would support a service animal for therapeutic reasons also.

The consensus of the Board was to table and bring the item back with service animal language.

- 3. Action:** Approve 1st Reading of Policy: (Enclosure C-2)
- GCBDD/GDBDD – Sick Time
- JEC – Admissions

Jennifer Meckley explained that the Sick Time policy is a required policy. The language is new state law. She explained the differences between sick time and sick leave. She pointed out that employees will continue to receive sick leave and employees who do not have sick leave will be covered by sick time.

Russ McUne made a motion to approve the policies on 1st reading as presented. Mike Martin seconded. Russ McUne, Mike Martin, Jerry Williams, Richard Borden voted yes. Liz Alperin voted no. The motion carried by majority.

- 4. Information:** AR Policy Revisions: (Enclosure C-3)
- JEC-AR (1) – Open Enrollment/School Attendance Areas
- JEC-AR (3) – Application for Open Enrollment

Rob Hess explained the changes to the Open Enrollment policies. He pointed out that enrollment caps at schools had been added.

- 5. Action:** Approve 1st Reading of 2016-2017 District Calendar (Enclosure C-4)

Rob Hess explained that the proposed calendar was the work of the Calendar Committee. The proposed calendar has the first day of school as August 29 and the last day of school as June 8. The 14 hours of emergency time allowed by the State in the past will not be allowed next year, so that language is gone.

Russ McUne said that he is opposed to the proposed calendar as students are still at State Fair and surrounding Districts are beginning school after Labor Day.

Liz Alperin said that she would rather begin after Labor Day as the weather is better than in June. After Labor Day would give as many full weeks for school as possible. She feels that families are still vacationing up until Labor Day.

The Action Item died for lack of motion.

- 6. Action:** Approve 6-12 Math Adoption/Laura Foley (Enclosure C-6)

Laura Foley explained the criteria and review that was used for the recommendation for the Math Adoption. The Committee is recommending CPM for the 6-12 math adoption. This math will align better with AVID. Teachers will need training for CPM math and it has already been added into the budget.

Rob Hess pointed out that the teachers voted unanimously for the CPM math adoption recommendation.

Jerry Williams made a motion to approve the 6-12 Math Adoption recommendation. Russ McUne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE

- 1. Report:** Financial Update (Enclosure D-1)

Linda Darling will give the financial update to the Board during the Budget Committee Meeting following this Board Meeting.

- 2. Action:** Intent to Award Audit RFP (Enclosure D-2)

Linda Darling explained that there are two firms that submitted proposals for audit services from 2016-2020. Pauly Rogers and Accuity, LLC both had quality proposals. A team comprised of Russ McUne, Julie Hansen, and Linda Darling read and scored the proposals over 9 areas. It is the team's recommendation to award the audit contract to Accuity, LLC.

Jerry Williams made a motion to award the audit contract to Accuity LLC. Russ McUne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Information:** Correction to Clerical Error 2015-16 Budget

Linda Darling explained that in developing the 2015-16 Budget Document there was a clerical error in Fund 601-Unemployment Insurance Fund. Under the resources (Function 5255), Transfer from General Fund the amount \$15,000 was listed in the Budget Document. However, the actual transfer amount recorded in the General Fund Requirements (Object 717) is \$50,000. The 2016-17 Budget Document reflects the correction to the clerical error in Fund 601-Unemployment Insurance Fund.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Action:** Approve March 10, 2016 Board Minutes (Enclosure F-1)

- 2. Action:** Approve March 10, 2016 Special Board/Budget Meeting Minutes (Enclosure F-2)

Liz Alperin asked that a correction be made to page 2 of the March 10 Board Minutes. She had asked about the need for additional associate principal at the High School, and she feels that the answer that Rob Hess gave is incorrect.

Rob Hess said that yes, it is incorrect and he will correct it.

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Russ McUne made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with recommended correction. Mike Martin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF EDUCATION TIME/DISCUSSION

April 28, 2016	6:00 p.m./District Office Board Room	Regular Board Meeting
April 28, 2016	7:00 p.m./District Office Board Room	Budget Committee Meeting #2
May 12, 2016	6:00 p.m./District Office Board Room	Regular Board Meeting
May 12, 2016	7:00 p.m./District Office Board Room	Budget Committee Meeting #3
May 26, 2016	7:00 p.m./District Office Board Room	Public Budget Hearing & Special Board Meeting
June 9, 2016	6:00 p.m./District Office Board Room	Regular Board Meeting

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Mike Martin reminded the Board and Administration that there are protocols that the Board agreed on for accepting last minute items for the Board to consider. The Board needs to follow the protocols so that the Board can process the information before action is taken on it.

Liz Alperin asked that once the Agenda has gone out, items not be moved unless students are here to present.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Rob Hess shared that the Fourth Annual Hall of Fame Dinner was held on April 9. It was a great night. Past LHS students are doing incredible things out in the world.

Rob Hess explained that the staff who received a Lebanon Foundation Grant will be reporting to the Board in one of three ways; 1) Report at a Board Meeting, 2) Written report, or 3) Display.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Richard Borden, Board Chair

Rob Hess, Superintendent