

LEBANON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
April 28, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the District Office Board Room on April 28, 2016. Chairman Richard Borden called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Those present included:

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

Superintendent Rob Hess was absent from this meeting.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Lebanon High School Librarian Bev Smith said that she had heard rumors that the District is considering cutting the School Resource Officer position. She expressed her concern for safety and pointed out that the position is very important.

GOOD NEWS

- 1. Report:** Seven Oak Programs for 2016-2017/Wayne Reposa

Wayne Reposa could not attend this meeting. The report was tabled for a later meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1. Action:** Adopt on 2nd Reading of Policies: (Enclosure D-1)
 - GCBDD/GDBDD – Sick Time
 - JEC – Admissions

Jerry Williams made a motion to adopt on 2nd reading policies GCBDD/GDBDD and JEC as presented. Russ McUne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Action:** Approve or Adopt on 1st Reading of 2016-2017 District Calendar (Enclosure D-2)

Russ McUne made a motion to approve and adopt as final reading 2016-17 District Calendar option “B”. Jerry Williams seconded.

Mike Martin pointed out that he spoke with Principals and Teachers and they did not feel that option “B” worked well for instruction sake. They felt that once the Strawberry Festival is held the student’s attitude changes into summer mode. He would support calendar “A” option.

Mike Martin shared that when considering make-up for snow days in the future, if the Board could make an earlier decision, staff would like the option of working President’s Day instead of later in June.

(Enclosure G-1)

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Teacher and LEA President Maureen Twomey shared a letter from High School Teacher and Coach Ryan King. The letter was in support of calendar “A” (see attached). AP and Smarter Balance testing and sport programs were some of his arguments for choosing calendar option “A”.

Richard Borden would support option “B”. He thinks that parents like starting school after Labor Day. Some students are at State Fair, etc.

Assistant Superintendent Bo Yates pointed out that the Calendar Committee went through the process of coming up with a calendar and out of respect he felt that the Board should honor their recommendation for calendar option “A”.

Russ McUne reminded the Board that this is the Board’s decision. He felt that other districts manage to get their testing done when beginning school after Labor Day. He pointed out that Lebanon will be the out of sync with other districts. Parents he spoke with were 100% in favor of option “B”. He went on to say that the only valid argument for Calendar “A” that he has heard tonight was for the AP testing.

Liz Alperin said that although at the last Board meeting she was opposed to Option “A”, she now sees the benefit to beginning school early because of the AP testing. Giving students another week of class before those tests is critical. She would go with calendar option “A” as it seems best for kids.

Jerry Williams said that he would lean to calendar option “A” because of the work that was done by the Calendar Committee.

Richard Borden called for the vote. Russ McUne and Richard Borden voted yes. Mike Martin, Liz Alperin and Jerry Williams voted no. The motion failed.

Mike Martin made a motion to approve and adopt on first reading the 2016-17 District Calendar “A”. Liz Alperin seconded. Mike Martin, Liz Alperin, and Jerry Williams voted yes. Russ McUne and Richard Borden voted no. The motion passed by majority.

FINANCE

1. Action: PACE Declaration of Trust Resolution (Enclosure E-1)

Linda Darling explained that PACE, whom the District has insurance liability through, approved a new Declaration of Trust. It is required that the PACE members adopt the Resolution to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement to receive PACE benefits. This is the only insurance company that will insure school districts in Oregon and Washington.

Russ McUne made a motion to approve the PACE Declaration of Trust Resolution 1516-3. Mike Martin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OPERATIONS

1. Action: Approve on 1st Reading Renaming Track and Field (Enclosure F-1)

Bo Yates brought forward a request to rename the high school track and field to the “Warrior Track and Field”. Bo said that he is asking for a place to recognize community members who have made contributions to the

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development of the facility as well as to our schools and kids. Bo said that he would like the Board to consider renaming the field and track first, and then he will bring back the request for the names to be added at a later meeting.

Liz Alperin said that she would want to make sure that there was no Native American imagery on the signage.

Mike Martin made a motion to approve the first part of the request, the renaming of the track and field with no Native American imagery to be on the signage. Russ McUne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Action:** Approve April 14, 2016 Board Minutes (Enclosure G-1)
- 2. Action:** Approve Jonnie Barnett's Leave of Absence for 2016-2017 School Year (Enclosure G-2)

Russ McUne made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mike Martin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF EDUCATION TIME/DISCUSSION

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

Russ McUne said that he would like to see students involved in the designing of the plaque for the new naming of the Track and Field.

Liz Alperin questioned whether the parent meeting that was held at the High School regarding Middle School Sports included the football and volleyball programs. She was concerned that the Budget had not been passed yet by the Budget Committee.

Bo Yates pointed out that the district is competing with Pop Warner Football, and wanted to get information to parents that football might be offered through our schools this coming fall.

Liz Alperin shared that Rob Hess had sent an e-mail to the Board members regarding the recommended administrative changes. Liz said that she would like to see someone with a strong ELL background placed at Green Acres so the District does not lose the momentum that has been gained in that program. Liz said that she does not see the need to have three Assistant Principals at the High School. She feels that the Dean of Students and the Athletic Director positions need to be separated. She formally requested that the discussion be put on the next Board agenda.

Mike Martin said that he would support two assistant administrators at the high school. He think staff evaluations could be streamlined with two administrators.

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Jerry Williams questioned how many evaluation reviews are required to be done at the High School.

Jennifer Meckley pointed out that there are twenty to twenty-five done by each administrator. Half the certified staff are on a summative evaluation. There are three or four meetings required with each person. She will bring the work timeline and expectations for the administrators to the next Board meeting for the discussion.

Bo Yates said that Seven Oak administration has been working on creating opportunities for students at that school and have created some good options.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Richard Borden, Board Chair

Bo Yates, Assistant Superintendent