

**Corvallis School District #1**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING and**

11/10/2015

**Special Session Meeting in High School Library**

1. *Called to order at 6:01 p.m.* by Wilbur Nisly, Chairman.

The School Board Trustees of Corvallis School District #1 met at a duly constituted and properly noticed meeting Tuesday evening in the High School Library.

*Trustees*

Present: Wilbur Nisly, Tonia Bloom, Dan Wolsky, Jennifer Channer, Ginny Hoffman and Adam Sangster

Absent: Kathi Harder-Brouwer

The Superintendent and District Clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings.

Others present: Administrators, employees and /or community members as listed on the sign in sheet.

2. *Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items*

No public comment.

3. *Primary School Presentation*

Primary School Principal Mrs. Stranahan, distributed a copy of what the standard base report cards look like. She thanked Curriculum Director Wendy Idhe for all of her support and efforts in getting these report cards developed and utilized by primary teachers.

Each of the Primary School teachers, Jamie Pool, Krista Votaw and Alicia McEwen, Lisa Nagel, Jen Waldo, and Michelle Studer, representing kindergarten through fourth grade discussed their experiences and benefits that have become because of the new grading format. They also thanked the School Board for continuing the employment of the kindergarten paraprofessional. Having that extra help is definitely needed. In order to complete the assessment reviews for each student, and to compile the required data for the report cards takes a lot of time and has been a challenge. However, as a group they feel that it has been very beneficial for parents to see how the assessments work and for them to really understand it. It was also noted that the importance of professional development time was really required for each grade level to work in a cohesive group to continue to improve the process for the new grading format.

Trustee Hoffman asked if the teachers send any homework with students for parents to be able to help their child. She asked this because from the presentation, it seems that it may not be consistent by grade levels or by students for homework at home.

It was noted that some homework was sent home for individual students. It just depends on the student and each family.

Wendy Ihde complimented the teachers for the amount of work they have done to achieve this accomplishment at the primary school regarding implementing the new report cards with assessments..

Trustee Nisly commended everyone for all their efforts in developing such a great assessment tool in helping students achieve.

Trustee Bloom noted that she would be very interested in hearing about the tri-semester reporting instead of the quarterly reporting that is currently done at the primary school.

The board thanked everybody for all their time and for the all the great details and input regarding the design and implementation of the standards-based report cards.

#### *4. Grant Writing Presentation – Replaced with Transportation - School Bus Seat Belts Update*

Mr. Johnson reported that the grant writer was not able to make tonight's meeting for a presentation.

Mr. Johnson asked Transportation Director Michael Edwards, to inform the Board of the new seatbelt law that may be potentially in effect for the school buses.

Mr. Edwards reviewed the information presented by the federal government regarding implementing seatbelts in school buses. Helena school district was the first school in Montana to start the seat belt test program with this seatbelt installation test program.

#### *5. MCEL Update*

Trustee Bloom reported that she did attend MCEL. She gave a brief review regarding facility demographics and planning. She would like to present her total MCEL information at a later time. She noted that teacher Spencer Huls who was in the audience had attended MCEL and asked him for his input regarding the conference.

High school teacher, Mr. Huls reported that attending the workshop on high students regarding offering dual-enrollment credits are very beneficial. Dual-enrollment helps students earn college credits while they are in high school. It helps relieve some of the burden on families with college debt. He felt this was the most informational session that he attended while he was at MCEL.

**Regular Board Meeting in the High School Library**

1. Called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman Wilbur Nisly

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

3. General Reports

This agenda item is to allow administration to make any additional comments to their written reports submitted in the Board Packet.

*High School Principal*

Mr. Wirt reported on the high school celebration of the MAP video named 2N2. Regarding safe driving with two eyes on the road and two hands on the steering wheel. They are applying to receive a \$100,000 grant with this video. He encourages everyone to vote since that was how the school winner would be determined.

*Maintenance Director*

Mr. Bowen distributed a handout of the drawings for the new gazebo. The basic design would be made from timber frame and will be 10 feet high. The structure was designed by students and made by the students. The concrete structure area was 25 x 23 and should be able to fit a classroom of students in the outdoor facility. And most likely the community would be using it over the summer months.

4. Personnel

Classified Contract for 2015-16 SY:                      Laura Fison                      HS Special Education Para  
Begin on or about Nov. 2, 2015  
End on June 10, 2015

Extra Contracts:    Trevor Brown                      HS Boys Assistant Basketball  
Coach

Resignations:    Clayton Curley                      HS Boys Assistant Basketball  
Coach

Sub Teacher List:  
Engle, Andrew  
Fry, Jerri  
Juarez, Angel  
Langston, Madison  
Spoelstra, Angela  
Roseen, Jaimie  
Peterson, Timothy  
Pelkey, Kylynn  
Carlos, Jenna  
Donaldson, Mary  
May, Karol

Volunteer Coach:

Colby Henderson HS Boys Basketball

**Trustee Channer moved to approve the Personnel list as presented.  
Trustee Bloom seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

*5. Nonresident Requests for Student Attendance and Early Enrollment for Student Attendance*

**Primary School:**

Tesla Liebe-Cohen	K	Moved out of district
Lila Paddock	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Moved out of district

**High School:**

Erika Gerlinger – Erika is a senior and comes to us from Stevensville. She is very interested in Industrial Arts and is excited about being able to classes like Welding, Woods, and Building Log Furniture.

Kathryn Rowley – Kathryn is a freshman and comes to us from Victor. Tucker, Nolan and Colton Ewalt – All three have attended Corvallis since elementary school and are renewing their application. They live in Hamilton.

Wyatt Ballman – Wyatt has attended Corvallis since elementary school and is renewing his application. He lives in Hamilton.

Damien Smith – Damien has attended Corvallis since elementary school and is renewing his application. He lives in Hamilton.

**Early Enrollment-Exceptional Circumstances:**

**Receipt of FP-14 regarding resident student’s attendance in district outside of CSD#1**

None presented.

**Trustee Sangster moved to approve the Nonresident Requests for Student Attendance as presented.**

**Trustee Bloom seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

*6. Requests for Credit Approval*

Name	Name of Class And Description of Class	Credits	Lane Change
Windsor, Sarah	Curriculum and Instruction 501 U of M Curriculum Design-Methods & Research		

**Trustee Bloom moved to approve the Requests for credit Approval as presented. Trustee Wolsky seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

7. *Bus stop changes discussion and possible action*

Information Mr. Johnson presented in the Board Packet:

Montana statute [MCA 20-10-126] requires districts to establish bus stops inside their district boundaries with the exception being an annual, inter-local agreement allowing another district to have a bus stop within a neighboring district's boundary. We have three bus stops that need to be relocated back within the Corvallis School District boundary. See supporting documentation.

After a lengthy discussion between the Board and administration regarding the formalities and how to research to make sure we are in compliance with what was presented. The Board asked Superintendent, Mr. Johnson, to check with Hamilton's school district regarding how many students they pick up in our district. And to look into a possible inter-local agreement with Victor school district for the students that we pick up in their district.

8. *Activity Bus Discussion*

Information Mr. Johnson presented in the Board Packet:

Activity bus use is estimated to cost the district \$85,000 annually to Tucker Transportation. Activity bus costs are taken out of the general fund. Transportation Director Edwards has been researching ideas to reduce the impact of those expenses on the general fund and would be presenting short term and long term ideas that can trim our costs. Immediate ideas to trim costs will include increased usage of our district buses for activity bus trips in and around the Missoula area. This adjustment is already in progress as collaborative effort with Director Edwards and Asst HS Principal Tucker.

Long term, the purchase and use of district owned activity buses would significantly reduce the costs of activity busing to our general fund by approximately 25%. We are investigating the use of the depreciation fund as a way to fund the activity bus purchases based upon conversations with other transportation directors in other districts and their methods of paying for the buses.

Mr. Johnson stated that an activity bus could be paid from the bus appreciation fund. Transportation director Michael Edwards has done a lot of research on it and feels that it would be beneficial for the district to start doing some of our own high school activity bus routes.

Business manager Vanessa reported on the balance in the Bus Depreciation Fund. She noted that Mr. Weber's contractors expire in 17-18 school year. Mr. Edwards reported that he spoke with Mr. Weber, and he would extend his contract by an extra three years if needed to help the district during this transition.

9. *Facility Planning Committee update*

Mr. Johnson gave a brief update from the last meeting that was held on October 25, 2015.

- The complete information was contained in the Board Packet.

Trustee Sangster stated that he does not feel that a demographic analysis needs to be done for our school district at this time.

The committee is progressing forward, and they are looking at all the needs of the district. The next meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2015.

10. *Request for Chairman of the School Trustees to appoint members to represent the Board during negotiations with the CFG and the CCEA*

Mr. Johnson reported that he is asking MTSB to provide the board with training regarding the forming of a new classified union in the district. The MEA-MFT Representative would be attending all the negotiation meetings.

**Board Chairman Wilbur Nisly, appointed Trustee's Nisly, Bloom and Channer for the Board member representation for the Corvallis School District to negotiate with the CCEA.**

Mr. Johnson asked to hold off on the appointee of a committee for the CFG negotiations. And stated that no MEA-MFT Representative would be present at the negotiations this year. He will set up the date with MTSBA for Board training regarding the CCEA union. It looks like it will be tentatively set for November 30<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.

*Recess 9:00 p.m.*

*Reconvene 9:07 p.m.*

11. *Resolution to Run Election*

Vannesa Bargfrede, Business Manager and Clerk of the Board noted in the Board Packet:

The election law changed in the 2015 session. MCA § 20-20-417 now requires the board of trustees to pass an annual resolution requesting that the election administrator of the county run the school district election.

The County has been running the Corvallis and Hamilton School District's Election's since 2011. The County has now added other valley schools since then.

Vannesa reported that she was estimating that about \$3,800 would be spent on a trustee and possible levy election. The election in past years it has cost \$2,600 to \$2,900. The district has increased in absentee voters over the years which was very time consuming for Vannesa and Laura to process.

**Trustee Bloom moved to approve the adoption of the Resolution presented for the Ravalli County Election Administrator to run the school election in May 2016.  
Trustee Wolsky seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

*12. Discussion of the November 2015 Board and Administrator publication.*

General discussion took place regarding the publications and how important it was to discuss the publications monthly as a group.

*13. Correspondence*

- A letter from the Greater Ravalli Foundation regarding their donations this year in the amount of \$6,100 for the meal voucher program and \$6,800 for the teacher supply program. The grant shall be used during 2015-2016 school year to reimburse out-of-pocket expenses that teachers incur for their classrooms, and to supplement the school lunch program. Each school is responsible for their own record keeping of the funds spent. Those records must disclose the expenditures and be provided to the Greater Ravalli Foundation by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The reporting information would be reviewed by the Executive Board of the Foundation.

Business Manager, Vannesa Bargfrede, reported that how thankful the students families, and teachers are regarding receiving this annual donation. It has helped so many, in many ways.

- A letter from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation regarding their donation of \$500 for the 21st Century after school program.  
The Business Manager will be establishing a budget account for the donation.

*16. Approval of Minutes*

**Trustee Bloom moved to approve the minutes of 10/13/2015 as presented.  
Trustee Channer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

*17. Approval of Bills*

**Trustee Hoffman moved to approve the bills as presented.  
Trustee Sangster seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

*18. Adjournment*

**Trustee Wolsky moved to adjourn.**  
Adjourned – 10:02 p.m.

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District Clerk

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Board Chair