

Corvallis School District #1
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING and
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10/13/2015

Special Session Meeting in High School Library

1. *Called to order at 6:06 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 (left at 8:15pm), Jennifer Channer and Adam Sangster

Absent: Kathi Harder-Brouwer and Ginny Hoffman

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.

It was agreed to move Agenda item number 4 ahead for discussion.

4. *Elective and Exploratory course overview - Principle Wirt and Principled Durgin*

Principal Mr. Durgin, distributed a copy of the 5th through 8th grade daily schedules and reviewed them.

- The exploratory class time frame, the core enhancements periods are beneficial to have, and they also help the at-risk students receive extra needed time.
- The extended studies class offerings tries to get all students in the arts program, and offers extended studies along with the Gifted and Talented program.
- The 7th and 8th grade students are required to be offered the HS VOED course offerings. And they offer electives in band and choir and orchestra.
- The fitness class course offering has been greatly appreciated and really benefits many students.
- Mr. Durgin presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding bicycle safety for using the schools bicycles to enhance exercise, and outdoor learning experiences. The presentation included slides of the middle schools students participating in the VOED technology doing 3-D printing of plastic objects. Along with the course offerings of the Salish studies, and French studies.
- Distributed a copy of the middle schools technology integration for each grade level that is taught by Kristina Berger. The goal is to have the power of interest to enhance learning for all students.

Principal Mr. Wirt, distributed a copy of the HS Master Schedule showing teachers course offerings and the daily prep schedules for each day for the block scheduling. He also distributed copies of the High School Course Descriptions booklet for the 2015-2016 school year. The Booklet gives the descriptive information for the required credits and offering for the courses.

Mr. Wirt discussed the following items:

- Some of the master schedule course offerings are a struggle to meet for all of the student needs.
- Added advance algebra offerings
 - This will offer additional applied math skills for students
- The Ed Ready courses offerings seems to be working for the students
- Discussed the Montana Digital courses
 - They have been an incentive for student motivation
- They have expanded the English program enhancements
- Offered the new modern course of applied science
- The change over from FACS to the FFA class has been very exciting to the students
- The music program has separated the men's and women's voice offerings
- The VOED departments offering of the "Women's do all you're yourself" has been well received.
 - It is a female only course in empowering women to have the confidence to complete tasks. Some examples are learning basic automotive maintenance, correct tool usage, welding etc.
- The VOED Woods department is working on the schools gazebo project.
- The loss of the 21st Century Program Federal Grant Funding has caused some problems for students needing extra help.

The Board thanked them for the very informative information and for their time and research they had to do for their presentations.

3. *Maintenance Presentation - Maintenance Director Mr. Bowen*

Maintenance Director Mr. Bowen, distributed a copy of the Districts facility needs. The District may need to consider a consistent rotating cycle for the upkeep of the school facilities and student's needs. The handout he displayed had annual projects scheduled on a rotation cycle of 8 years; costing approximately up to \$90,000 per year. Which is not budgeted for and the State has not provided OTO funding for deferred maintenance since 2007.

Some of the items listed for the rotation cycle of district needs include:

- The rubberized track needs resurfacing, curriculum purchases, roof repairs, energy efficiency improvements, locker rooms repairs, tennis court resurfacing, concrete repairs, playground equipment maintenance, and maintenance of district vehicles, snow removal equipment and tractors, etc.

It was noted that the windows on the south side of the old high school have cloudy windows and the District should that in the future.

The board thanked Mr. Bowen for going over the details he provided. It was a very good insight of some of the facility needs for both the maintenance and student needs.

Regular Board Meeting in the High School Library

1. *Called to order at 7:16 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 that the high school musical that was put together by Nancy Brown and other staff members was a whirl wind to pull together in such a short time. The performance was excellent! And he thanks the students, parents and other staff for their contributions, volunteered time, and with the help of the funding donations.

4. *Discussion and possible action regarding contingent approval of MAPS in-school program for high school and middle school.*

As written in Mr. Johnson's Board data sheet:

MAPS began at Corvallis in 2004 as an in-school High School program. Peter Rosten, founder of MAPS, developed this program into a nationally recognized after school program.

The reinstatement of MAPS into the regular school day would be contingent upon funding an approx. 0.7 FTE staff member. MAPS has pledged their partnership and support to acquire funding, equipment, and consultation to firmly establish and grow this in-school program. This program will expand our existing art programs.

The MAPS program has had a profound impact on participants. Students that participate in the MAPS program have gone on to do great things, including being nominated for several Emmys. As you will see from their scope and sequence, students that participate in MAPS experience education in a multidisciplinary approach. According to research, this approach produces skills within and across content areas along with cognitive skills such as perseverance, problem solving, creativity, flexibility, collaboration, etc. that would support the district's mission in a deeply connected manner.

Peter Rosten founder of the MAPS Institute, and Clare and Ann Harff the program designer for the Maps Media Institute were present. Mr. Rosten discussed the following:

- Discussed that the Maps Institute recently received information from the State Farm Insurance Company regarding a grant application in the amount of \$100,000 for public schools only. The funding is for teacher staffing to run the program.
 - Mr. Rosten will only be offering this grant award to the Corvallis School District because we are the district that enabled him to start the program in the state of Montana, and where he received his teaching certificate from the office of Public Instruction.
 - When the grant is approved the program will start in September of 2016. The grant would be for a two-year period to fund a 0.7 FTE certified teacher to teach the course.
 - Year one would be to train the students regarding the curriculum. Year two would be to have an in-house production company filming maps videos.
- Mr. Rosten has offered to provide the district with expensive camera equipment and the curriculum needed for the program at no cost for the two-year period of the grant.
- The Maps Media Institute currently has 95 students attending. The program empowers young minds through creativity, communication skills, confidence and inspiration. They are a nationally recognized after school education program that combines the best of science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) into an exciting, team building, hands on learning experience.
- MAPS has an amazing track record over the past 11 years of transforming and creating young people who are eager and ready to contribute and succeed in a complex communication based world. Their success record exceeds any school based program in the region in retaining and graduating 8th -12th graders due to the supportive, creative and fun learning environment & instructors that guide their education.

Principal Mr. Wirt, reported that the high school lacks some creative extra programs, and this program would be reaching a different group of students and would be very beneficial. Principal Mr. Durgin, also thought it would be great to have it added as a program offering to the seventh and eighth grade students. So when the students reach high school they have the background knowledge of the program. Superintendent Mr. Johnson, is recommending that the Board approved move forward with the offering from Mr. Rosten regarding the special grant funding if it is approved.

The Board thanked Mr. Rosten for the program update and special offer that he is providing Corvallis School District regarding the grant and use of his current resources, Along with his continued success since MAPS first started in the Corvallis School District, and is now a valley wide program and is also recognized as a national program. It was noted that the program has made quite an accomplishment in educating students and increased graduation rates for many schools in the Valley.

Trustee Bloom moved to approve the proposed MAPS program for the High School and Middle School contingent upon securing two years of grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 to hire a 0.7 FTE Certified MAPS instructor. Trustee Channer seconded motion.

Trustee Wolsky noted that even if the grant funding does not come through, the district needs to take it to the next level to make sure the students have the opportunity to participate in a very educational program.

All voted in favor of the motion.

5. *Personnel*

Superintendent, Mr. Johnson, distributed a revised page for Board approval. The changes presented are noted in *italic*.

<u>Classified Contract for 2015-16 SY:</u>	Colten Clarke	Custodian
<u>Extra Contracts for 2015-16 SY:</u>		
	Athman, Emilly	Musical Director
	Clairmont, Craig	Volleyball (7th) MS
	Herbstritt, Steve	Soccer HS Girls Asst. .33
	Johnson, Joanna	Volleyball (8 th) MS
	McConnaha, Doug	Dramatic Director
	Nagel, Jeff	Wrestling Asst HS Coach
	Vande Berg, Julie	Soccer HS Boys Asst. .33
	Velehradsky-Brown, Nancy	Musical Producer
	Williams, Devan	Wrestling MS

Résignations: *Jesse Kemp* *HS Paraprofessional*

Sub Teacher List:
 Allsop, Connie Lee
 Beerman, Vicki Lou
 Grenfell, Douglas Kallan
 Jessop, Jennifer

O'Brien, Sandra Dawn
Riehl, Natalie A
Truc, Larrissa Lee
Zeiler, Amanda

Sub Custodian List: Steve Sailor

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

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

Superintendent, Mr. Johnson, distributed a revised page for Board approval. The changes presented are noted in *italic*.

Primary School: Wyatt Corker Kindergarten
His birthday is four days after the cutoff date (September 10th) for kindergarten enrollment.

Middle School: Nathaniel Broch – Grade 8
David Broch – Grade 6
Nathaniel and David reside in Hamilton and have been attending Hamilton Middle School.
Raili Paddock – Grade 7
Cole Paddock – Grade 6
Raili and Cole already attend CMS. Their family has moved to Hamilton.
Shae Flynn Grade 8
Shae presently attends Stevensville Middle School.

High School: Alyssa Breedlove – Alyssa currently lives in the Hamilton school district but has been attending Darby High School. Alyssa is a sophomore and is interested in participating in Speech and Debate and other opportunities that we provide. She is a good student and is glad that her drive is shorter now. Her parents plan on moving to the Corvallis school district later this year.

Kailee Kunschke – This is Kailee’s 2nd year attending Corvallis High School. She is renewing her application.

Haley McKay – This is Haley’s 2nd year attending Corvallis after returning to us last year. She is renewing her application.

James Daffin – James has attended school in Corvallis since 6th grade. He is renewing his application.

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

None presented.

**Trustee Wolsky moved to approve the Nonresident Requests for Student Attendance as amended.
Trustee Channer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

7. *Requests for Credit Approval*

Name	Name of Class And Description of Class	Credits	Lane Change
<i>Wood, Tom</i>	NPTT Master's Program See Attached-Mr. Wood is working towards his Master's Degree-started the process before being hired in September 2015 Montana State University	<i>32 Semester</i>	<i>Yes</i>

**Trustee Sangster moved to approve the Requests for credit Approval as listed.
Trustee Channer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

8. *Discussion and possible action regarding renaming student accounts to more accurately reflect their uses*

The listed student accounts no longer represent current student interest/practice. The partnering student account names are the preferred and requested student account names.

1. FCS changed to FFA (high school)
2. Student Assemblies changed to Student Support (primary school)

Trustee Bloom moved to approve the renaming of the listed student activity accounts.

Trustee Sangster seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

9. *Facility Planning Committee update*

Mr. Johnson's information from the last meeting as noted in the Board packet:

September 29, 2015

Demographic study update: (with Economic Study) -
Patrick Barkey: Full demographic study and economic study (\$5,000)
Dept of Labor report (Tonia/Adam) - Slow growth; potential worker shortage with increased retirements in next 10 yrs; 'Northwest Region' has highest unemployment rate (approx 6%)
REC Update - lease agreement of current property
Non-Academic (Trends)
Winter has the biggest strain - basketball, plays, performances (Performing Arts Center would be a big help); *SEE DISTRICT Calendar for entries*
Performances share space (old gym) even during performing arts practice/volleyball
Maintenance of the track, tennis court, etc.
Softball/baseball fields need additional support
Bleacher (portable?) seating at CCEC and on campus
No big growth trends in any one program - Speech/Debate is seeing the biggest growth; hosting tournament is being spread across campus because interest

Uniforms are being kept up-to-date (5yr rotation)
Known Efficiency: upgrades, needs, opportunities
Irrigation/sprinkler system install/improvements (stop moving pipe)
Full size practice field for soccer needed (South of scoreboard on football field); irrigation would help establish grass and create a usable practice field
Energy retrofit has been completed - 'washed' funds (spent v saved) with increased costs of electricity
LED retrofit? - Jim will look into it
Boilers are operating well at MS; tying boilers together may create efficiency
Create Timeline for remaining big steps
LEVY is biggest concern. We feel that seeking community input during a levy year would confuse the issues and potentially be a detractor for the levy. We recommend that the committee continues to polish the existing information while also seeking out potential options for land (REC, etc.) that may further develop and influence our recommendations between the months of October 2015 through May 2016.

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Academic Trends and Technology Trends;
Committee identifies patterns;
Survey for staff/board finalized (sent out); Survey for staff: *What are your top four concerns related to facility deficiencies and/or opportunities for growth.*
REC input?

Mr. Johnson stated that demographic studying specific detailed projections, and transient population, from the company he is looking at would cost the District approximately \$5,000.

Chairman Nisly noted that the District has a pretty good idea of know our transient populations. And predictions are predictions, which can change very quickly. So he is unsure of what the long term benefit would be to spend \$5,000 for the services offered.

It was also noted that we know a lot of the student enrollment growth that is occurring from the Pines Academy School that is located in our District.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Corvallis School Foundation Board Members

According to the bylaws of the CSF directors are approved by the Corvallis School District Board of Trustees.

*Nominees for Directors shall be approved by the Board of Trustees of Corvallis School District #.*¹

Nominees:

Vannesa Bargfrede and Sherrie Adolphson

Trustee Channer moved to approve Vannesa Bargfrede and Sherrie Adolphson to the Corvallis Schools Foundation Board of Directors.

Trustee Sangster seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding bus purchase

About a week ago, Superintendent Johnson received an email regarding the EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign rebate program similar to the 'cash for clunkers' program.

The basics of the program is that there is an application that needs to be submitted by October 30, 2015 listing potential diesel buses that are 2006 or older. A rebate of varying amounts will be provided based upon the type of bus 'decommissioned' in this program.

We have two short buses and one long bus that fit this rebate program with a rebate value of \$20,000 for each short bus and \$25,000 for a long bus.

We don't have the funding to purchase a long bus using this rebate program. We can however increase the 'tradable value' of our 4WD short bus (the one that was *almost* sold to Potomac) which has a likely trade in value of \$1,500-\$2,000. With this program, we would decommission this 4WD bus and purchase a similar diesel bus with an initial cost of about \$75,000-\$78,000. With the rebate, the net cost to the district is at or just over \$50,000, well within our bus depreciations fund. In addition, this bus was going to be swapped out in a few years.

Transportation Director, Michael Edwards, reported that he will be asking for the new bus to be changed from diesel to regular fuel. And the bus would be the same type of the new bus we purchased like the smaller 4X4 bus we currently have.

Trustee Bloom moved to purchase a short bus utilizing the EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign rebate program using funds from the 2016-2017 school year.

Trustee Channer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding Board of Trustee appointment to Professional Development Committee

Montana statute requires that we have a professional development committee that has one board member sitting on the committee. This requirement comes directly from the Chapter 55 Administrative Rules (ARM 10.55.714).

Mrs. Ihde stated that the committee would most likely meet 3-4 times a year

Board Chairman, Wilbur Nisly appointed Trustee Channer for the Board member representation on the Corvallis School District Professional Development Committee.

13. Levy Planning update

The following was discussed:

1. A copy of the draft report from the Board to the community was distributed and discussed. The Boards report will include a copy of the survey with details for the public to respond to.
2. The Board is doing their due diligence in trying to determine an amount to ask for from the voters for the schools operating levy for the General Fund.
3. Mr. Johnson presented a review of the survey and how it would look to be completed on line with a computer.

Recess 9:07 p.m.

Reconvene 9:15 p.m.

14. Discussion of the October 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.

15. Correspondence

- A letter from Linda Valentine thanking Maintenance Director, Jim Bowen, and the maintenance staff for allowing Cody Bonds the opportunity to work for the District over the summer. Cody says he learned so much about yard work, and getting along with others. The experience was very beneficial.

16. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Channer moved to approve the minutes of 9/8/2015 as presented.

Trustee Sangster seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

17. Approval of Bills

Trustee Bloom moved to approve the bills as presented.

Trustee Channer seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

18. Adjournment

Trustee Sangster moved to adjourn.

Adjourned – 9:55 p.m.

District Clerk

Board Chair