

MINUTES

12/ An Executive Session (Non-Public) was held on February 23, 2009 in Room 215 of the district Administration Center. Chair Bigley called the Executive Session to order at 5:00 p.m. to consider matters under ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property and under ORS 192.660(2)(h) Legal Counsel. Those in attendance included Nancy Bigley, Al King, Laurie Adams, Garry Weber, Nancy Golden, Brett Yancey, Jeff DeFranco, Karen Lewis, Nancy Schmidt, and Dwight Purdy, Legal Counsel. The Executive Session was recessed at 6:50 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Lane County School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on February 23, 2009.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

The Springfield Board of Education meeting was called to order in the boardroom of the Administration Center at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair Nancy Bigley and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Board members in attendance included Nancy Bigley, Laurie Adams, Al King, Jonathan Light, and Garry Weber. Others identified in attendance included Nancy Golden, Logan Lewis, Marshall Curry, Kyle Barley, Brett Yancey, Dawn Strong, Jeff DeFranco, Karen Lewis, Tom Lindly, Keith Hollenbeck, Matt Coleman, Sara Ticer, Judy & John Svoboda, Yvonne Atteberry, Kim Young, Frank and Scott LeClair, Earlene Berry, Jay Carter, Shari Furtwangler, Dave Collins, Dave Hulbert, Greg James, Kim Hanson, Terry and Daniel Benge, Lisa Haley, Laura Jessen, Margot McDonnell, Pat Boghman, members of Boy Scout Troop #179. Debbie Egan, Lane ESD Superintendent, and Victoria Stephens of the *Springfield Times*.

2. PERFORMANCE

• **Hamlin Middle School Orchestra**

Teacher Paul Cesmat introduced the Hamlin Middle School String Orchestra, which performed *Snowflakes* by composer Paul Loraine. A trio of orchestra members comprised of violinists Tasha Flippen and McKenzie LeClair and violist Claire Reyna performed three numbers including *Spring* from Antonio Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*. The orchestra concluded with a rendition of *Entry of the Tumblers* by Elliott Del Borgo.

Chair Bigley thanked the orchestra and Mr. Cesmat and called for a brief break to allow the orchestra to break down. Chair Bigley reconvened the meeting and recognized Ms. Strong for an announcement.

Ms. Strong noted the recent passage of staff member Tim Moran, the district's community transition specialist, an individual who worked with some of the districts' most at-risk students. Mr. Moran had worked for the district since 1994 and was well loved. He had helped many district students see they had options in life and to avoid trouble. Staff was working on next steps for Mr. Moran's program and on coping with his loss. She said Mr. Moran would be hard to replace.

Chair Bigley called for a moment of silence to honor Mr. Moran.

3. CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK PROCLAMATION

Mr. King read the following proclamation in recognition of Classified Employee Appreciation Week:

**Classified Employee Appreciation Week
March 2 – 6, 2009**

WHEREAS the education of our youth is imperative to our school district, to Oregon, to our nation, our world; and

WHEREAS classified school employees in our school districts, education service districts and community colleges are the “backbone” of our public school system; and

WHEREAS classified employees work directly with our children, staff, parents, volunteers, business partners and community members and are responsible for the transportation, nutrition and general well-being of our children as well as assist certified staff in direct instruction; and

WHEREAS classified employees ensure the smooth operation of our offices, the maintenance of buildings and property, and the safety of our staff and students and the community trusts them as important messengers about our schools; and

WHEREAS our community depends on classified employees to serve students and other staff, often in challenging circumstances and classified employees, with their diverse talents and true dedication, nurture our youth throughout their K-12 years;

We, members of the Springfield Board of Education, join Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski in proclaiming March 2 through 6, 2009, to be Classified School Employee Week in Springfield, Oregon, and encourage all members of our community to join in this observance recognizing the dedication and hard work of these individuals.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2009.

Chair Bigley recognized the classified employees as vital to the district’s success and asked Ms. Atteberry to accept the proclamation on behalf of the classified employees.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Bigley called for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. January 26, 2009, Board Minutes

B. Personnel Action, Resolution #08-09.035

Ms. Strong recommended that the Board of Directors approve the personnel action for licensed employees as reflected in Resolution #08-09.035 as listed below:

<u>LEAVE OF ABSENCE</u>		
Jolene Baron	Kim Hanson	Nan Minchow
	Teresa Lewellen	Linda Mooney
	Stephanie Lovdokken	Janet Nelson
<u>RETIREMENT</u>		
Joseph Kasik	Brian Megert	Suzanne Teutschel
	Peter Norman	James Bolivar
	Stuart Perlmeter	Vicki Barker
<u>CONTRACT RENEWALS</u>		
Amy Brooks	Brandi Starck	Charlotte Barley
Lee Corette	Nancy Bray	Christian Beath
Nissie Ellison	Judith Svoboda	Teresa Benge
Leo Hernandez	Timothy Moran	Gladys Campbell
Aaron Molyneux	Helen Fast	Scott Cardwell
Melaney Grenz	Susan Kangail	Rene Cobb
	Christopher Mayers	Terrisa Cook
	Fredrick Merwin	Michelle Crisman

Joan De Loretto
Dana Demant
Lisa Dillon
Lisa Dillow
Steven Ellickson
Steven Fleissner
Daren Harmon
athryn Harrington
David Heuberger
Christopher Holt
Tamara Hume
Jerry Huser
D Patrick Kloch
Marc Laakso
Arthur Liddle
John Lovdokken
Marjorie Maxwell
Alicia McGraw
Renee Metcalfe
Clark Morberg
Ronald Otterstedt
Karen Partridge
Karen Perkins
Jill Plumb
Gregory Saunders
David Schmidt
David Schull
Peter Schull
Audrea Shelley

Sue Ann Shih-Rangeloff
Mark Simmons
Susan Stambaugh
Paul Stevens
David Swanston
Stacy Swartout-McKee
Jared Taylor
Scott Touchette
Robert Trunnell
James Tyser
Linda Warthen
Leslie Watson
Janet Wells
Stacey Whaley
Caroline Wilson
Randy Wilson
Mary L Adams
Gary Bowden
Rebecca Boyd
Kevin Durfee
Norman Eigner
Jeannine Evans-Todahl
Robert Green
Sandra Green
David Hagel
Paul Halupa
Jeremiah Heacock
Miriam Hickey
Andrew Hock

Mark Huisenga
Christine Jesser
Karin Kilpatrick
Julia Klarr
John Lee
Sheila Lewellen
Donald McElroy
Michael McFarland
Michael Michel
Christopher Newell
Mark Nordquist
Nancy O'Kief
Merrie Olson
Erica Pifer
Thomas Pindur
Douglas Piquette
Katie Piquette
Gregory Proden
Diane Ray
Joseph Roberson
Kevin Rowan
Michael Simons
Ralph Slater
William Smith
Justin Starck
Amy Stranieri
Michelle Tuma
Timothy Vian

C. Budget Calendar

Mr. Yancey recommended that the Board of Directors review the proposed budget calendar for 2009-2010 as follows:

April 2, 2009	Budget Committee/Board Work Session at 6:00 PM
April 30, 2009	First Notice of First Budget Committee Meeting
May 12, 2009	Second Notice of First Budget Committee Meeting
May 21, 2009	First Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 PM
May 28, 2009	Second Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 PM
June 4, 2009	Third Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 PM
June 11, 2009	Fourth Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 PM
June 15, 2009	Publish Notice of Budget Hearing
June 22, 2009	BUDGET HEARING*
	Resolutions adopting the budget, making appropriations, and declaring the tax levy
July 15, 2009	Deadline to certify tax levy to the county assessor (ORS 294.444 and ORS 310.060)

* Board of Directors may revise the approved budget by 10% in any one fund.

• Calendar built on the following assumptions:

Meetings of the Budget Committee on Thursday evenings and regular Board meetings are held on second and fourth Monday evenings.

D. Board Policies, First Reading

Mr. Hollenbeck recommended that the Board of Directors review the following board policies as a first reading:

- BBAA – Individual Board Member’s Authority and Responsibility
- BBFA – Board Ethics and Conflict of Interest
- BBFB – Board Ethics and Nepotism
- BHD – Board Compensation and Reimbursement
- EDDA – Sustainability
- GBC – Staff Ethics
- GBI – Gifts and Solicitations
- IGAEC – Steroids
- IKGA – CIM
- IL – Assessment Programs
- ILBB – Juried Assessments
- IMB – Student Achievement Programs
- KBA – Public Records

Motion: Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Weber, moved to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. 2009-2010 Lane Education Service District Local Service Plan, Resolution #08-09.036

Superintendent Golden recommended that the Board of Directors of Lane Country School District No. 19 hereby reauthorizes the Lane Educational Service District (ESD) Local Service Plan 2007-11 and requests the ESD to provide the services described during the 2009-2010 fiscal year in accordance with ORS 334.175.

Superintendent Golden reviewed the resolution before the board.

Motion: Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Light, moved to accept Resolution #08-09.036 as presented.

Lane Education Service District Superintendent Debbie Egan reviewed the services provided by the ESD to the district.

Ms. Egan reported that the ESD’s ending fund balance was down to seven percent this year and indicated she would forward the ending fund balance of other districts to the board. She said the ESD had prepared four tiers of budget reductions and discussed those with the superintendents. She said the superintendents asked the ESD to make some reductions in media services, but it would make no difference in the services the ESD provided to Springfield. Ms. Egan cautioned that the ESD could fund no new special education classrooms and was working with a subcommittee of special education directors on how to proceed. She reminded the board that all but \$2.1 million of \$16 million was in special education. She believed that reductions must be kept proportional to services or there would be no other services. She hoped other funds might become available for special education.

Ms. Adams said she was happy with the district’s relationship with the ESD and with the service plan. She thought it was an improvement over some reports in the past.

Mr. Weber asked if the four tiers were intended to reach a balanced budget now or if they would be anticipated in the next budget. Ms. Egan indicated the reductions reflected in the tiers affected the next budget. Responding to a question from Mr. Weber about the potential of a Tier 5 and what that would look like, Ms. Egan said an advisory committee would be asked to make a recommendation on that topic to the superintendents. The budget committee would not be involved until services to the districts were settled.

The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

B. Elementary Boundary Change, Resolution #08-09.037

Ms. Ticer recommended that the Board approve the adjusted elementary boundary presented by the administration for Douglas Gardens and Riverbend attendance areas. She said a letter was mailed to families and information made available through the schools and at parent meetings. If the board approved the action, families would be notified through a follow-up letter, in person, or on the telephone.

Motion: Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Weber, moved to accept Resolution #08-09.037 as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

C. Furnishings for Maple and Thurston Elementary Replacement Schools, Resolution #08-09.038

Mr. Yancey recalled the process that led to the recommendation before the Board of Directors that it approve the purchase of school furnishings to Virco Mfg of Torrance, CA. for the following amounts:

Maple Elementary School	\$247,263.82
<u>Thurston Elementary School</u>	<u>\$272,866.27</u>
Grand Total School Furnishings	\$520,130.09

Motion: Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Light, moved to accept Resolution #08-09.038 as presented.

At the request of Ms. Adams, Mr. James shared some pictures of the furnishings to be purchased with the board. Ms. Adams asked what was budgeted. Mr. Yancey recalled that the total budget for furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE) was \$1 million; there was about \$385,000 remaining, but the purchase constituted 85 percent of what was believed to be needed at this point. Mr. DeFranco cautioned there could be more items that qualified for the funding.

Mr. Weber clarified for the benefit of the audience that the furniture in question was being purchased using a bond approved by the community and was being spent with community authority.

Mr. Yancey reviewed the process used to select the furnishings in question.

The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

D. Revised Out-of-State Trip, Thurston High School Percussion Ensemble, Resolution #08-09.039

Mr. Coleman recommended that the Board rescind Resolution #08-09.029 from January 26, 2009 and approve Thurston High School’s Percussion Ensemble’s revised request (Resolution #08-09.039) to travel to Vancouver, Washington to participate in the NWMBC Winter Percussion finals competition using appropriate transportation to this event. Date of the trip will be Saturday, March 14, 2009.

Motion: Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Weber, moved to accept Resolution #08-09.039 as presented.

Ms. Adams determined from Mr. Coleman that the board was rescinding the previous resolution because the event was out of state and a charter bus would be needed for transport.

The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

7. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Student Communication

• Thurston High

Logan Lewis reported on Mr. THS, a fundraiser for Children’s Miracle Network, saying all ten contestants had been chosen. Mr. Lewis was one of the contestants. He reported the first fund-raiser for Mr. THS was that night at Track Town Pizza. The next fund-raiser was March 4 at Papa’s Pizza. He said the previous

week Mr. THS candidates got to visit the neonatal intensive care unit at PeaceHealth to see what they were raising money for. Mr. Lewis noted the upcoming basketball game between the faculty and students.

- **Springfield High School**

Kyle Barley reported that the 14 Mr. SHS and Miss Miller candidates also visited the neonatal care unit at PeaceHealth. He reported that the DECA team was in Portland at a competition that week. The boys bowling team would go to the State tournament in Bend on February 21. Boys Basketball Senior Night was on Tuesday. The spring choir concert was on March 3. He encouraged people to arrive early. Drama students were putting on the production *Bus Stop*, which was scheduled to run from March 5 to March 7.

Marshall Curry reported that Springfield High School was having a “Neighbor Night” on March 2 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. to invite neighbors of the school to discuss problems they were experiencing with the school. He encouraged board members to attend the event. He reported that The Relay for Life Team was attending a retreat at Sky Camp. Mr. Curry concluded his remarks by saying that a middle school band festival was planned to occur at the high school on February 24.

Mr. Curry recalled Mr. Light’s presentation on Salem bands and shared that he thought it would be a good idea to go with a skill-based band program because the band would be more competitive if those who wanted to practice played together.

- **Gateways High School**

There was no report.

- **Academy of Arts and Academics**

There was no report.

Chair Bigley greeted a scout troop in the audience that was attending for their citizenship merit badge.

B. Board Communications

Mr. Weber noted the passing of resident Bruce Voyce, who recently died at age 59 from cancer. He said that Mr. Voyce would be missed. His children had been students in the district at Thurston High School.

Mr. King said he traveled to Salem the previous week for the presentation of the Lane superintendents regarding the policies developed by the online virtual schools subcommittee. He said the presentation followed a longer presentation on school vending policies and there had been many questions and not much time. He anticipated the presentation would have to be repeated.

Mr. Light reported that he and Nancy Bigley served at the Valentine’s Day Luncheon at Gateways High School on February 13, saying it was a great occasion and great outreach to the community. The students were polite and appreciative and staff worked hard to bring the event together. He wished such events could be held more often. Chair Bigley agreed.

Chair Bigley said she attended the town Hall meeting during which local elected officials spoke about their concerns to the State legislators and various State agencies. She found the event interesting and said she had followed-up with some e-mails and phone calls. She said the board was invited to a similar event on March 7 at the Lane ESD and encouraged board members to attend.

C. Superintendent Communication

Superintendent Golden said Mr. Curry had asked her when the district would know if days would be cut from the school year, and she believed that was an important question for seniors. She was awaiting official information from the State, due after March 1, which would tell her if the district would see additional budget

reductions requiring such cuts. Many people were contacting the legislature and asking them to make no further reductions that required such action. She promised to keep the board informed.

Ms. Adams confirmed with Superintendent Golden that although Governor Ted Kulongoski had suggested several approaches to balancing the education budget, the number of school days was a local decision.

Superintendent Golden said the online virtual schools subcommittee mentioned by Mr. King was seeking legislative permission to create a proposal for what it would look like to give students more opportunities to gain technology skills. The subcommittee would return to Salem again. The subcommittee was also working on the issue of virtual schools. Superintendent Golden said the district would like to see virtual schools as an option for its students wishing to take an accelerated course or to retake a course, for example. She reported that Representative Terry Beyer had drafted a legislative concept paper allowing for approach. The concept paper called for the State to undertake that effort or delegate it to another entity. Superintendent Golden had presented the concept to a legislative subcommittee. She had learned at that time that a student could not be both virtual school and regular school, and said that the Oregon Department of Education was thinking of the concept in terms of full-time students. The ODE also presented a concept to the legislature, which was very different and called for virtual school to be offered to all students. Superintendent Golden said the local subcommittee was being asked to endorse one of the proposals. She thought the district would continue to push forward its proposal as best for its students and the district.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Bigley called attention to the t-shirts in front of board members for the upcoming Battle of the Books event. Mr. DeFranco said all materials were fundraised. Superintendent Golden noted that 1,200 students were expected to participate.

9. NEXT MEETING

Chair Bigley announced that the next regular board meeting would be held on March 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Chair Bigley adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Executive Session

Board members returned to Executive Session (Non-Public) under ORS 192.660(2)(d) Labor Negotiations. Chair Bigley called the Executive Session back to order at 8:22 p.m. Those present were: Nancy Bigley, Jonathan Light, Al King, Dawn Strong, Nancy Golden, Brett Yancey and Karen Lewis. The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

(Minutes Recorded by Kim Young)