

MINUTES

15/ A Special Meeting of the Lane County School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on April 20, 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 a.m. by Board Chair Nancy Bigley and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Board members in attendance included Laurie Adams, Nancy Bigley, Al King, and Garry Weber. Jonathan Light was not able to attend the meeting. Others identified in attendance included Nancy Golden, Dawn Strong, Karen Lewis, Judy Svoboda, Yvonne Atteberry, Rose Burnett, Darlene Vermilyea, Dennis Dunnick, Keith Hollenbeck, Brett Yancey, Rob Hess, Jeff DeFranco, Sara Ticer, and Matt Coleman.

Chair Bigley suggested adjusting the order on the agenda to allow for Public Comments prior to the Action Item.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Bigley called for public comment. There was none.

3. ACTION ITEM

Resolution #08-09.048

Modification to Agreements Between Springfield Education Association, Oregon School Employees Association, Springfield Administrators and Confessionals and Springfield Public Schools.

Dawn Strong recommended that the Board of Directors approve the modifications to the SEA and OSEA collective bargaining agreements and the SAAC benefit and compensation agreement.

Motion: Laurie Adams, seconded by Garry Weber for approval.

Al King thanked all those who worked on the agreements, saying it was a great accomplishment.

The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

OTHER COMMENTS

Chair Bigley also shared her thanks to all involved in the process.

In addition Superintendent Golden thanked the association groups and the Leadership Team, who worked side-by-side throughout the process. She said these are tremendously difficult times and when we work together it makes it possible to get through hard things together. Superintendent Golden reported that she was able to substitute teach on Friday and pointed out that we are fighting for a very important thing, that being public education. She said together we could provide a quality education to the best of our abilities given what limitation that we are facing next year. Superintendent Golden thanked those involved in the process for their hard work and collaboration throughout the process.

Garry Weber commented on the past five “good” years that Superintendent Golden has served. He said it was unfortunate that the District was facing such deep cuts, but that the incredible cooperation

demonstrates that what we have in Springfield between all association groups is genuine. He congratulated Superintendent Golden for the very strong “ship” that she is leading.

Al King said the agreements represent sacrifice on behalf of all employees and they should be recognized for that.

Board members were in agreement of all the comments made.

Dawn Strong recognized the association team members in the audience led by Judy Svoboda/SEA President and Yvonne Atteberry/OSEA President, as well as the work of Carl Swan/SAAC. She said the work of the teams was phenomenal, never adversarial, but always trying to figure out how to problem solve to resolution. Ms. Strong thanked all those who participated and shared her appreciation for their work together.

Nancy Bigley said the process was admirable, unprecedented and that the work of the team was exemplary. She said we are fortunate to have the community that we have in Springfield and the support for the students in our district. Chair Bigley thanked all involved.

Laurie reiterated comments made by Mr. King earlier in the meeting. She said it was hard to say thank you so many times and not feel almost gleeful to have gotten to where we are. But, she said it doesn't feel gleeful or wonderful in the sense that there were so many sacrifices to get to where we are. She shared her appreciation and respect for the work of the group.

4. NEXT MEETING

Chair Bigley announced that the next regular board meeting would be held on April 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Chair Bigley adjourned the meeting at 7:09 a.m.

(Minutes Recorded by Karen Lewis)