

## MINUTES

1/ A Special Meeting of the Lane County School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on July 28, 2008.

### **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 5:00 p.m. by Board Chair Garry Weber and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Attendance**

Board members in attendance included Laurie Adams, Nancy Bigley, Jonathan Light, Al King and Garry Weber. Others identified in attendance included Nancy Golden, Rob Hess, Brett Yancey, Sara Ticer, Matt Coleman, Dawn Strong, Jeff DeFranco, Karen Lewis, Tom Lindly, Keith Hollenbeck, Judy & John Svoboda, Sheryl Cramer, and Greg James.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Weber called for public comment. There were no requests to speak.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

At the request of Chair Weber, Superintendent Golden made the following introductions of new directors:

- Dawn Strong, Director of Human Resources
- Matt Coleman, Director of Secondary Education
- Sara Ticer, Director of Elementary Education
- Rob Hess, Assistant Superintendent for Achievement and Processes
- Jeff DeFranco, Director of Communication and Facilities
- Tom Lindly, Director Technology Services and Transportation

Board members welcomed the directors to their new positions.

### **3. ACTION ITEM**

#### **A. Wildish Community Theater Partnership Agreement and Funding Alternative, Resolution #08-09.001**

Mr. DeFranco reported that the district had been negotiating a partnership agreement to form a new nonprofit tax-exempt corporation to own and operate the Wildish Community Theater (Theater). Proposed members of the corporation would include Springfield Public Schools, Willamalane Park and Recreation District, and Springfield Renaissance Development Corporation (SRDC).

#### **Recommendation**

Mr. DeFranco recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent and Board Chair to finalize and sign the Wildish Community Theater Partnership Agreement.

#### **Discussion**

Mr. DeFranco reported that the goal was to pay off the \$600,000 of long-term bank debt owed on the Theater, and to ensure the long-term financial health and management of the Theater.

Mr. DeFranco said that on July 9, 2008 the Willamalane Board of Directors agreed to authorize the Superintendent and Board Chair to finalize and sign the agreement, as well as commit \$200,000 to pay off the debt. He said the Springfield City Council met on July 7, 2008, and approved a \$100,000 donation,

with \$75,000 to pay off the debt, and \$25,000 to be used as future endowment. In addition the City Council authorized \$100,000 in the form of a no-interest, 10-year loan. Mr. DeFranco shared that the City asked all partners to work jointly to convince the State to convert the Community Incentive Fund (CIF) loan of \$93,372 to a grant. The State has done this in the past, including the CIF loan with the Emerald Art Center.

Mr. DeFranco said the City of Springfield would not be party to the new non-profit group to own, manage and operate the Theater, but would receive members' rental rates. The SRDC assets (\$40,000 - \$50,000) would be transferred to the new 501c3 organization to help subsidize operations and/or maintain and repair the theater. The SRDC would also retain responsibility for paying off the debt for the grand piano, estimated at \$10,500.

Al King said he felt there would be more questions of the district from community members and district employees and said it would be important to communicate the details and comprehensive reasons for the purchase of the Theater. He shared that there was no question that the district was getting a great asset and has a need to use the facility. Mr. King suggested that an in-depth report be provided on the record or that the Superintendent or staff write a letter to explain the purchase.

In response to a question from Jonathan Light, Mr. DeFranco explained that the City of Springfield would receive shareholder rental rates in recognition of their previous contributions.

Garry Weber commented on the \$100,000 contribution that Springfield Public Schools made in the past for use of the Wildish Theater. Approval of the recommendation would authorize the board chair and superintendent to represent the district in the negotiations. Mr. Weber suggested clearly articulating the details of the \$100,000 worth of use, as well as the district's access to additional use of the Theater at the partner rate.

Mr. DeFranco clarified that SPS would continue to use \$10,000 of use per year for 10 years as our primary rental rate before we would need to purchase additional rental time.

Jonathan Light shared that the Academy of Arts and Academics (A3) is already taking a lot of comments and it would be important that community members and staff understand what a great deal this is compared to building our own facility, with use of the Wildish Theater being much more cost effective.

Laurie Adams shared her concern that SPS has not been recognized for our contribution for the development of the Wildish facility. Ms. Adams said she was in agreement with Mr. King about issues around A3.

Nancy Bigley said it would be helpful to receive a breakdown on the final numbers in order to use when she had conversations with community members or staff.

Chair Weber said the Board is looking for balance sheet information, as well as the current A3 usage needs and what would be available for use beyond what we are allotted.

Superintendent Golden said it is the District's hope that the Wildish Theater would be used by more of the schools within Springfield Public Schools than just A3.

She suggested the following means of communication about the Wildish Theater:

- a summary be included in a *Board Brief* to the entire district staff
- information be shared with district Key Communicators
- work with Anne Williams on an article in *The Register-Guard*

- provide a progress report at a future Board Meeting to establish a record
- provide Board Members with information so when they are out and about they can share with community members and answer questions

Superintendent Golden said she appreciated the feedback about the communication and said she was glad to have channels in place to share the information with speed.

**Motion:** Ms. Adams, seconded by Ms. Bigley, moved for approval of **Resolution #08-09.001** that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent and Board Chair to finalize and sign the Wildish Community Theater Partnership Agreement.

Al King said he would like to receive information on the number of students that A3 retains and an estimate of the state funding correlating to the retention. He said the more important contribution is the number of students A3 has taken from failure to success over the past few years. Mr. King also commented on the need A3 has for facility space.

The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

Mr. DeFranco distributed a *draft* reorganization plan for the ownership of the Wildish Theater for the record, which will be posted on the district website as a handout.

Mr. King pointed out that the draft document would at some time in the future become an official document. At such a time, board members would like to receive a copy of the official, approved document for the record.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion:** Mr. Light, seconded by Ms. Adams, moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented:

##### A. Personnel Action, Resolution #08-09.002

Dawn Strong recommended that the Board of Directors approve the personnel action for licensed employees as reflected in Resolution #08-09.002 as listed below:

##### New Hires

Wakerobin Arden-Gendel	Adam Fine	Sara Hoskinson	Benjamin Muir
Amy Batson	Elizabeth Fisher	Holly Humphrey	Lisa Robbins
Jamie Baynes	Natalie Flindt	Stephany Johnson	Nikole Smith
Kristine Campbell	Angela Fritsch	Eva LaMar	Ana Maria Vergara
Ryan Christner	Christine Gentile	Erin Nicholson	Joni Wareham
Susan Coleman	Melissa Glover	Langsdorf	John Zreliak
Tamara Dillon	Laurie Grote	Matthew Mahr	
Courtney Egbert	Mary Harwood	Johnie Matthews	
	Carolyn Hoshaw	Zachary Morrow	

##### Change of Contract Status

Brandy Edwards	Rachael Overall	Nicole Wenger
Ashley Jessen	Courtney Weeks	Kevin Wright

##### Resignations

Susan H. Ayers

##### Retirements

Jacelyn Barrett	Betty Orcutt	Frank Sullivan	Bruce Vogel
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**B. Board Policies Approval, Resolution #08-09.003**

Dawn Strong recommended that the Board of Directors approve the following board policy:

- GCBAB Professional Staff Salary Schedule Advancement

The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

**5. NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Mr. Weber announced that the next regular board meeting would be held on August 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, Chair Weber adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

*(Minutes recorded by Karen Lewis)*