

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

On Monday, October 14, 2013, Chairman Goracke called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the library of the Central Linn Elementary School.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Members Present: David Goracke, George Frasier, Chris Wyne, Eric Gerber, Charley Wolff, DeeDee Thomas. Tim Marchbanks absent.

Employees Present: Brian Gardner, Superintendent; Susan Beaudin, Board Secretary; Celeste Van Cleave, Deputy Clerk; Amanda O'Brien and Jon Zwemke, Principals; Bart Rothenberger, Dean/AD; Jim Slusser, Jan Colley, Sarah Ches, Ashley Shofner, Melissa Shaw, Carole Boaz, Licensed; Marguerite Burleigh, Classified.

Others: Don Ware, Randy and Staci Belcastro, Joe Ervin, Debie Wyne, Leonel Garcia, Mike and Joanna Gosney, Shaunna Schukis, Kay Fox, Ben Belcastro, Jesika Garcia, Elijah Espinosa, Mikaela Gosney, Anna Schukis, McKenna Marker, and others.

3.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Agenda Adjustments - Add 3.11 Acknowledge Letter from Central Valley Harvesters; Add to 4.1 Approval of Board Work Session Notes of October 11, 2013; Add to 4.2 Hire Rhonda McGovern as Winter Cheer Coach for 2013-14.

3.2 Superintendent Awards/Student Showcase - Elementary Teachers, Ashley Shofner and Jamie Derrickson nominated Ben Belcastro, third grade and Jesika Garcia, fifth grade, respectively, for the Superintendent's Award. High School Teachers Jesse Whiteaker and Jan Colley nominated Elijah Espinosa, eighth grade, and Mikaela Gosney, twelfth grade respectively, for the Superintendent's Award. All students were presented awards by Superintendent Gardner for their own personal achievements. McKenna Marker, fourth grade, read an original poem entitled, "What Central Linn Means to Me." Photography teacher, Jim Slusser, shared time release, night photography pictures taken by his high school students. Meeting recessed briefly for photos and reconvened at approximately 6:38 p.m.

3.3 Linn County Pioneer Assoc Pioneer Dam Run- Joe Ervin and Debie Wyne of the Linn County Pioneer Association, presented the school district with a donation in the amount of \$1,775, proceeds earned from this past summer's Pioneer Dam Run. Donation is to be placed in the district track replacement fund.

3.4 Student Body Report - Anna Schukis and Mikela Gosney reported on recent and upcoming activities at the high school.

3.5 Resignation of Coaches - The Board acknowledged the resignation of Tiffanie Arellano as JV GBX Coach and Tony Isom as Varsity Baseball Coach.

3.6 Teacher Leave Request - The Board acknowledged receipt of science teacher, Darrelle Fiorito's, request for maternity leave from December 20, 2013 through March 20, 2014.

3.7 Team Uniforms/Schedules - Bart Rothenberger reported the high school was in the position to order new uniforms for varsity basketball and it would like to change the color of "away" uniforms. It was suggested by players and parents that uniforms be black with a blue stripe down the leg with some red elsewhere on the uniform. He emphasized that this was not a change in school colors and the home uniforms would remain the required white. Mr. Rothenberger explained there is no budget for uniforms that they are purchased by team fund

raising and donations from the Booster Club. The old varsity uniforms will be passed down to the JV team. Mr. Rothenberger explained briefly how the athletic schedules are generated and the upcoming changes in leagues next year.

- 3.8 **School Report Card Rating** - Superintendent Gardner reviewed the new Oregon School Report Card, a result of Oregon's NCLB waiver. The report gave evidence that students are improving in reading and writing and that we must continue focusing on those and math. Some Board members expressed frustration in how to read the report card and the results. Mr. Gardner will provide the Board another report generated by the District's testing coordinator, which may better reflect the progress made by each cohort (grades 4-12) over the past four years.
- 3.9 **Acknowledge Staff Salaries** - Per the auditors request, the Board reviewed a staff listing that included all wages, coaching and extra duty stipends.
- 3.10 **Netbook Update** - Superintendent Gardner reported the District had ordered 500 netbooks and had received approval for 80% e-rate reimbursement for the netbook service plans that provide the internet access for the netbooks. The netbooks are currently being imaged and when done will move at least 250 to the elementary school. The remainder will be dispersed at the high school beginning at the junior high level. Approximately 40 will be held back for replacements. A system for sending computers home with certain students who have need for the internet is being generated.
- 3.11 **CL Harvesters** - The Board acknowledged a letter of thanks from the Central Linn Harvesters for the use of Room A at the Brownsville Facility. They will be moving to a new facility by the end of the month.

#### 4.0 ACTION / BUSINESS

- 4.1 **Approve Minutes of Previous Board Meeting** - Director Thomas moved to approve the meeting minutes of the September 9, 2013, regular meeting and the Board work session of October 11, 2013 as submitted. Director Frasier second, motion passed 6-0. Director Marchbanks absent for the vote.
- 4.2 **Approve Hire of Coaches** - Director Thomas moved to hire coaches Tim Smith as Varsity GBX, Mark Myrick as JV BBX, Kelly McLaughlin as Jr High GBX Coach and Rhonda McGovern as winter Cheer Coach for 2013-14. Director Wyne second, motion to hire passed 6-0. Director Marchbanks absent for the vote.
- 4.3 **Assign Track Committee Chair** - Director Wolff moved to appoint Director Thomas as chair for the Track Committee, a sub-committee of the Board. Director Frasier second, motion passed 6-0. Director Marchbanks absent for the vote.
- 4.4 **Form Grieve Memorial Committee** - Superintendent Gardner reported the district now had control of the funds left by previous, long-time employee, Dave Grieve. The district was currently paying out the costs of the escrow and dissolving the estate. He reported his office had been in touch with several former employees who knew Dave as to what should be done with donation. The constant theme is, the money should directly effect the students. Superintendent Gardner will form a small committee for making a recommendation to the Board on how the estate (money, vehicle, computers, manufactured home) should be handled. Directors Wolff, and Frasier and Marguerite Burleigh will serve on this committee.
- 4.5 **Approve Blue Notes New York Trip** - Director Frasier moved to approve the Blue Notes trip to New York, April 6 - 10, 2014. The Board reviewed initial itinerary, costs, chaperones and fund raising schedule as submitted by teacher, Wendy Kevitt. Director Wolff second, motion passed 6-0. Director Marchbanks absent for the vote.

- 4.6 **Approve Achievement Compact 2013-14** - Director Wolff moved to approve the district's 2013-2014 Achievement Compact as submitted. Director Frasier second, motion passed 6-0. Director Marchbanks absent for the vote.
- 4.7 **Facilities Committee Report** - Directors Frasier and Gerber reported the Facilities Committee had met with representatives from Hill International, the long-range facilities planning consultant firm this past month. Hill International will be providing the Committee an assessment of the District's facilities, to verify, substantiate and quantify the District needs, especially at the elementary school. This information will be used as the Committee prepares its recommendation to the Board regarding the facilities. A recommendation is expected by the December Board meeting.

## 5.0 REPORTS

- 5.1 **Financial** - Celeste Van Cleave reported revenue was being watched carefully as the district is waiting for tax receipts to be received this next month. It was reported after new hires and new reading curriculum was encumbered the elementary personnel budget had approximately \$89,000 remaining. This was largely due to the recent PERS reduction made after our budget had been adopted. Superintendent Gardner cautioned the Board to hold onto the monies and monitor the outcome of pending lawsuits. Ms. Van Cleave noted that the \$100 million allocated by the recent special legislative session, equated to approximately \$143 per ADM, would not be received until next year. And, the \$143 was an estimate as the state would not be placing a true dollar amount until the State had received school districts ADM estimates for next year. She reported the athletic budget had \$39,000 unencumbered but was also expecting to receive more costs for officials. The special education function had \$5,800 left but with the recent purchase of I pads and Red Cap machines this function will go over budget. Ms. Van Cleave reported PACE had finished a recent walk through of the facilities and found a play structure would need to be relocated and some free standing library shelves at the elementary would have to be anchored down.
- 5.2 **Principals** - The principals submitted written reports to the Board. Director Wolff questioned how parents could make a conversion from the new grading system to a letter grade for student transcripts. Parents are not understanding new grading system. Mr. Zwemke responded teachers are no longer monitoring percentages but proficiencies for students and that at the end of the course a letter grade would be assigned and converted to their GPA. Mr. Zwemke confirmed that the majority of students would be taking written tests with only a small minority, on a case-by-case basis, taking them verbally. Superintendent Gardner stated we are focusing on what the student knows. We need everyone to be communicating this change in a positive way. The Board requested a presentation of the PIV system be presented at the next meeting. Principal O'Brien reported the elementary now had all students benchmarked in reading and math and is now aligned with the common core standards. Comparisons will be made in November. Her staff will continue working to align math standards with common core standards. Superintendent Gardner voiced kudos to administrators and staff for all the hard work that is being done to put new systems in place at the elementary and for moving towards proficiency at the high school.
- 5.3 **Superintendent** - Mr. Gardner handed out work sheets reflecting staff input on the district's goals taken from the fall in-service. The Board should review this information for the upcoming Board work session. He will be distributing similar sheets to administrators to complete. The Superintendent also reported he and Principal Zwemke and Sarah Williver, Learning Lab Coordinator, had met with representatives of Work Force Oregon. Work Force Oregon is going to be providing the high school with the WIN Courseware, tutorial on reading for information and applied math which is also tied to the National Career Readiness Certification (recognized nationally) which Work Force Oregon uses to upgrade skills for people currently unemployed. They will pay the testing for all our students who do the course work and raise their skill level to take the test. This will be at no cost to the district and will provide a valuable service to our

students. This will be coupled with the Personal Management and Teamwork (PMT) Certification that we will begin this year as well. The PMT Certification will teach (in advisory class) students the behavior and soft skills needed for gaining employment. Students will be graded twice a year by every one of their teachers. The school will look to tying those two certifications with job opportunities (job shadowing) in the community for students.

6.0 **ADJOURN**

With no further business before the Board, Chairman Goracke adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:46 p.m.

  
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Susan Beaudin, Board Secretary

  
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David Goracke, Chairman

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Date Approved