

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

On May 8, 2017, Chairman Penrod called the regular school board meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the library of the Central Linn Elementary School.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Members Present – Rebekah Schneiter, David Goracke, George Frasier, Parker Leigh, Mark Penrod, Eric Gerber, Zone 7 vacant.

Others – Brian Gardner, Susan Beaudin, Celeste Van Cleave, Elisabeth Beach, Jon Zwemke, Amanda O'Brien, Randy Smith, Stuart Koehnen, Alichelen Kjosness, Marty Coatney, Dena Weber, Jordan Parrish, Staci Belcastro, Edward Sherwood, Sue Frasier, Jim and Amy Simonis, Shelby Simonis, Shannon Greeno, Alyssa Greeno, Paul Rowton, Chandra Evans, Charlie Wolff, David Karo, Dr. Glenn, Sarah Glenn, Linda Cheney, Deborah Branson, Grace Glenn, Mark and Heidi Watt, Ben and Ruth Swartzendauber, Paul Schrock, Katie and Blaine Cheney, Jack Cheney and others.

3.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Agenda Adjustments - 4.3 Add Resignation of Johnna Neal; 4.4 Add the hire of Cassie Bishop.

3.2 Student Letter to the Board – Sophomore Grace Glenn wrote a letter to the school board with her concerns for the school's math program. Ms. Glenn thought the school should bring back traditional teacher instruction, regular assessing, a system that holds students accountable, and slowly add technology. Currently, students work independently on computers and her view is this system does not work for all students and requested lecture teaching be brought back for those learners who do well with direct instruction.

Superintendent Gardner and math teachers Randy Smith and Paul Rowton spoke to the current system in that the district set a very high bar and over time have come to the mindset that we need more than one solution to meet all the student needs. Administrators and the math department met and looked at the concerns from the letter and the things not working in the program. They put together a student panel of which Ms. Glenn was a part of, took their input and then the math team met again to chart an amended course. Next year a teacher driven math class will be offered to select students who would benefit from this type of instruction. Director Schneiter asked how that would affect seventh grade students. Superintendent Gardner responded seventh grade math standards are heavy and is more teacher led, more so than eighth grade.

There were nine patrons who voiced their concerns and frustration as: students not finishing math each year; falling behind; cannot afford Internet at home for student to do homework; hired personal tutor to stay on pace; had to attend summer school to finish; students don't stay on pace; student going backward doesn't get the way math is being taught; graduation tough, not acquiring enough credits; like the individual learning concept but feel the eighth grade class were super stars in the sixth grade but now, need to look at the program; student frustrated not sure how he is to answer the question; students need to be motivated to learn; don't want to babysit students, need deadlines; will this system spread across the rest of the academic curriculum?

Superintendent Gardner responded the math requirements have gotten harder and math builds on itself. Under traditional standards there was a 30% failure rate in Algebra in the freshman class; why move them on when they don't understand it? We are doing everything we can to try to address these issues. We will offer direct instruction and self-pace courses next year but we will still hold to proficiency. Mr. Rowton explained next year the system would add deadline dates tied to individual students. He added that he also teaches math at LBCC and there is a national push to change to small group, problem solving and computer based instruction with no lecture.

- 3.3 **Building Reports** - Principals Zwemke and O'Brien reported on building activities and upcoming events. Mr. Zwemke stated he had opened a Facebook account to increase communications and Principal O'Brien noted the elementary school would be piloting online registration for next year.
- 3.4 **Student Body Report** – Grace Glenn reported on recent Teacher Appreciation activities and plans for the upcoming Luau.
- 3.5 **Facilities Report** – Superintendent Gardner reported on upcoming summer projects that include repairing the roof at both the high school and the elementary school.
- 3.6 **Superintendent Awards** – Each month, teachers may nominate students for the Superintendent's Awards. The award is given in recognition of outstanding personal accomplishments. Recipients for May were: Jack Cheney, second grade; Alyssa Greeno, fourth grade; Shelby Simonis, eighth grade; and Hanna Harris, eleventh grade.

The meeting recessed for photos at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 7:45 p.m.

4.0 ACTION/BUSINESS

- 4.1 **Approve Meeting Minutes** – Director Frasier moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 10, 2017, as submitted; Director Leigh second, motion passed 6-0. Zone 7 vacant.
- 4.2 **Declare School Board Vacancy** – Director Leigh moved to declare the School Board Director position for Zone 7 vacant; Director Goracke second, motion passed 6-0.
- 4.3 **Acknowledge Staff Changes** – The Board acknowledged the resignations of Casey Jones, education assistant; Johnna Neal as part-time ag teacher; Bob Day, Jr High wrestling coach; and the retirement of bus drivers, Terry McCoy (11 years) and Rod Van Loon (6 years) effective June 15, 2017.
- 4.4 **Approve Hire of New Staff** – Director Frasier moved to hire math teacher, Mark Watt and second grade teacher, Cassandra Bishop for next school year. Director Schneyer second the motion; motion passed 6-0.
- 4.5 **Ratify Employee Contract** – Director Leigh moved to ratify the employee contract between Central Linn Education Association and the District as submitted. Director Goracke second, motion passed 6-0. Deborah Branson, CLEA Negotiation Team member, thanked the Board and the Administration for an open and friendly negotiations; negotiations felt like a team effort.

- 4.6 Adopt Revised School Board Policy IKF & AR – Superintendent Gardner requested the Board move this action item to the June meeting. There were some additional changes that needed to be made to the honors diploma section of the policy.
- 4.7 Approve Increase in Meal Prices – Director Goracke moved to increase meal prices for next year by 10 cents. Director Frasier second the motion; motion passed 6-0.
- 4.8 Discuss Recent Community Meetings – The school board recently hosted two community meetings in Brownsville and one in Halsey. A power point presentation (on district website) was used to help inform patrons of the Board’s goals, capital improvements, building maintenance, and previous bond information. Discussions surrounded the need for a new school or schools. Board members reported overall comments were positive and in favor of dome style schools. Some concern for moving 6th grade students up to the Jr/Sr Campus. Those in favor of a K-12 school cited the opportunity for a better school community and to develop a more caring culture between all students. There was also the annual cost savings of \$360,000 with a K-12 school. Halsey patrons were concerned for no school in town if district went with the K-12 school. At the end of each session patrons were asked to complete an information sheet; 26 were collected.

Director Frasier offered to man an information table at the upcoming Brownsville Pioneer Picnic; Director Schneiter will speak to LBCC parent group. Other Board members were encouraged to speak with other community groups during the upcoming months.

- 4.9 Determine Facility Committee Type and Function – Superintendent Gardner informed the Board it could form a facility committee but not the political committee. The Board sub-committee could do pre-bond planning, talking points, communicate scope and sequence, meet with other groups, and setup a bank account. These meetings must follow public meeting law and be posted and recorded. When the Board decides to go out for a bond this committee would disband and the group form a legal public action committee. Board members may serve on a campaign committee if there is never a majority present. The following names were suggested to serve on a Board sub-committee: Brian Tenbusch, Clifford Jones, Eric Benjaminson, Howard Schullien, Ron Whitted, Kirk Glenn, Marilyn Crover and Michelle Landis. Board members will send contact information to Board secretary. Up to three Board members may serve on sub-committee and at least one should take a leadership role. Directors Schneiter, Goracke and Penrod volunteered to serve on committee. Director Goracke moved to form a sub-committee of the Board to work on pre-bond planning as discussed, Director Leigh second, motion passed 6-0. No Board member committed to lead.
- 4.10 Discuss Brownsville Property – Superintendent Gardner reviewed with the Board the steps the district has taken since November 2015 regarding the Brownsville property. It included the RFP with scoring guide the Board approved; appraisal of property minus the gym; the receipt of one offer from Willamette Neighborhood Housing; we requested purchase sale agreement; WNH obtained legal description; an MOU was agreed upon; community asked the Board to extend time to Samaritan to consider purchase; November 2016 Samaritan determines they are not interested; MOU with WNH has expired; Board determined not to keep the gym and include in any sale; district received an offer for sale from WNH; other offers were received for property or solely the gym; and we just received an earnest money agreement from Riverside Christian Fellowship to purchase the property.

5.0 RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Under the authority of ORS 192.660(2)(h) Legal Counsel, Chairman Penrod recessed the regular session to executive session at approximately 8:50 p.m.

6.0 RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Penrod reconvened to regular session at approximately 9:13 p.m.

6.1 Brownsville Property Next Steps – Director Penrod moved to direct administration to move forward negotiating with Willamette Neighborhood Housing for the purchase and sale of the entire Brownsville property, and to obtain an updated appraisal for the property that includes the gym. Director Frasier second, motion passed 6-0.

7.0 REPORTS

7.1 Financial – Ms. Van Cleave reported revenues are estimated below budget by \$100,000; tying revenue to our expenditures we are right on the mark but it's tight. Reminder of the budget meeting next week. Ms. Van Cleave will arrange a meeting with Director Schreiber to review school accounting methods.

7.2 Superintendent – Mr. Gardner stated the district would bring some training workshops for the Board regarding budgeting and Boardmanship next fall. The Board requested a row of chairs be reserved for them to sit at graduation. They should contact Board secretary if they want to sit on the podium at graduation. The Board offered to serve at the end-of-the-year staff retirement party to be held on Friday, June 16, at noon.

8.0 ADJOURN

With no further business before the Board, Chairman Penrod adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:26 p.m.



Susan Beaudin, Board Secretary



C. Mark Penrod, Chairman

6-12-17

Date Approved