

Ashland School District No. 5, Jackson County, Oregon - The Board of Directors met in regular session on December 13, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ashland Council Chambers. Present were:

Amy Amrhein) Chair

Chuck Keil)
Sheryl Lipski) Board Members
Terry Littleton)
Heidi Parker)

Juli Di Chiro, Superintendent
District Administrators
Media Representatives

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Amrhein.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Check

A roll of the board was taken and all members were present.

IV. Welcome Visitors

Chair Amrhein welcomed visitors.

V. Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes of work session of November 3, executive and regular session of November 8, work session of November 15, and work session of November 29, 2004.

2. Personnel

a. Resignation

Nathan Hensley, Catalyst Teacher at Ashland High School, submitted a letter of resignation effective November 24, 2004. It was recommended that his resignation be accepted as presented.

Director Lipski moved that the Board approve the consent agenda as amended. Director Keil seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Reports

1. Student and Staff Representative Reports

Andrew Ainsworth, Student Representative, reported on a food and toy drive, the Freshman dance, Talent Show, and winter sports.

Pam Libre Cory, Certified Representative, reported on the book fairs held in the school libraries by Muriel Johnson, Ashland Middle School teachers being trained in a Positive Behavior Support Program, and the high school preparing to use PowerSchool.

2. Ashland Schools Foundation Report

Susan Bacon reported on the Buy in for Books Program and the annual fundraiser.

3. School and District Report Cards

Juli Di Chiro reported that the report cards on all schools have been released by the Oregon Department of Education. All of Ashland schools are rated strong with the exception of Ashland Middle School and Helman Elementary. Ashland Middle School was rated Satisfactory because of attendance. Helman Elementary was not rated because the student body changed by more than 40% due to the influx of Briscoe students.

4. AQEM Report

Juli Di Chiro reported on the process to date and referred to the draft of the Ashland Quality Education Model. After the Board reviews the draft, Ms. Di Chiro will meet with all school Site Councils and staffs for input on the draft.

Public input was received regarding the proposed outcomes, input from community members who have read the draft, a request that the For Quality Schools group be given the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft, a desire for a work session to receive community input on the draft, a request to accommodate a middle school alternative.

Following discussion, the Board scheduled a work session for February 28 to review the draft and receive additional input.

5. Report on OSBA Annual Convention

Board members reported on the presentations they attended and what they learned.

6. Board Report

Board members reported on the COSA Law Conference, a Community Forum on Comprehensive Sex Education, Jackson County Housing Committee meeting, joint meeting between Ashland Parks and Recreation with the School Board, Cultural Diversity Commission event, Willow Wind performance, Youth Activity Levy Committee, Ashland Middle School Orchestra concert, and sports events.

7. Superintendent Report

Juli Di Chiro reported on the district's Adequate Yearly Progress Report, the grand opening of the Briscoe Art Wing, a COSA Funding Steering Committee Meeting, progress on the development of curriculum for contagious diseases, and review of Social Studies curriculum.

VII. Hear public requests not a part of the agenda

A community member gave a brief update on the Safe Schools and Playground Group. A community member spoke on the release of a book, Maricio and the Magic Suitcase, written by Briscoe first graders.

VIII. New Business

1. Adopt 2003-04 Audit

Stuart Parmalee, district auditor, reviewed the audit and responded to questions of the Board. Director Keil moved that the Board adopt the 2003-04 Audit as presented. Director Lipski seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

2. Approve English Language Learner Program Handbook

Juli Di Chiro reviewed the revised English Language Learner Program Handbook, explaining that we have approximately 71 English Language Learner students in the district. Director Keil moved that the Board approve the English Language Learner Program Handbook as presented. Director Littleton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Board Policy Revisions – First Reading

Board Policies GCBF, Break in Service, and IKGA, Certificate of Initial Mastery (CIM) Proficiency Standards, were presented to the Board for first reading. Juli Di Chiro reviewed the policies and responded to questions of the Board.

Director Keil moved that the Board approve Board Policies GCBF and IKGA for first reading as presented. Director Lipski seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business.

X. Announcements and Appointments

The next regular session will be held on January 10, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ashland Council Chambers.

A Board Retreat will be held on Friday, January 21, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 635 Weller Lane, Ashland.

A Board work session will be held on Monday, January 25, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Board Room to meet with Budget Committee Members to review the district's financial status and possible budget goals for the 2005-06 school year.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Jeanne Peterson, Executive Secretary

Chair

Clerk