

Ashland School District No. 5, Jackson County, Oregon – The Board of Directors met in regular session on Monday, November 8, 2010, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Ashland Council Chambers, 1175 East Main Street, Ashland OR 97520. Present were:

Carol Davis) Chair

Ruth Alexander)
Keith Massie)
Heidi Parker) Board Members
Eva Skuratowicz)

Juli Di Chiro, Superintendent
Jill Turner, Business Manager
Toni Knox, Certified Representative
Yeruti Estigarribia, Student Representative
Jeanne Peterson, Administrative Assistant
Media Representative

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Davis at 7:01 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Check

Roll call was taken and all members were present.

IV. Welcome Visitors and Acknowledgments

A. Ashland High School Cross Country Team

Michelle introduced representatives of the Ashland High School Cross Country Team who spoke about the team’s decision to cede its right to go to the state championship.

B. Appreciation to Candace Chapman, Volunteer

Betsy Bishop expressed her appreciation to Candace Chapman who has been a volunteer for the Drama Department for 25 years and earned the nickname, Drama Mama.

V. Consent Agenda

It was recommended that the Board approve the consent agenda as presented.

The minutes of October 11, 2010 were corrected to indicate that Carol Davis was present as the Chair and Keith Massie was present as a Director.

Director Massie moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Director Skuratowicz seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A. Approve minutes of Regular Session of October 11, 2010 and Work Session of October 25, 2010.

B. Personnel

I. Employment Recommendations

Marianne Howry was recommended as a .50 Intervention Specialist at Helman Elementary School replacing Nancy Daniels who will be working half-time beginning November 1, 2010.

II. Retirement Requests

Jody Bradley, Ashland Middle School Child Development Specialist, submitted a letter of intent to retire effective December 31, 2010. She further asked that she be allowed to complete the 2010-11 school year on a .50 1039 contract. It was recommended that her retirement be accepted and that she be allowed to finish the school year on a half-time 1039 contract as requested.

Judith Anne McBride submitted a letter of intent to retire effective December 31, 2010. In addition she asked to be allowed to complete the 2010-11 school year on a 1039 contract. It was recommended that her retirement be accepted and that she be allowed to finish the school year on a 1039 contract as requested.

III. Request for Leave of Absence

Kate Sullivan requested a .20 Leave of Absence effective December 7, 2010. It was recommended that her leave be approved as requested.

IV. Licensed Contract Renewals

Last Spring the Board adopted Resolution #2010-16 renewing all licensed staff. At that time, it was unknown that Diane Berry would be recalled from

the layoff list to serve as a part-time Child Development Specialist at Bellview Elementary with Title I funding this year. It was also unknown at that time that Patricia Dorr would be recalled to work as an elementary teacher beginning March 30, 2010, after the adoption of Resolution #2010-16.

Therefore, it was recommended that the following resolution be adopted as presented.

RESOLUTION #2010-22

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to offer employment contracts to the following staff, with the terms and conditions to be established by Board policy and the applicable collective bargaining agreement, if any:

1. Second year probationary contracts (teachers and administrators) for 2010-11:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Assign</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Job Site</u>
Berry	Diane	CDS	.25	Bellview

2. Current third-year probationary teachers and administrators to be offered initial two or three-year contract:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Assign</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Job Site</u>
Dorr	Patricia	Grade 1, 2	1.0	Helman

VI. Hear Public Requests not a part of the agenda

There were no public requests.

VII. Reports

A. Student and Staff Representative Reports

Yeruti Estigarribia, Student Representative, reported that many students are concerned about the proposed advisory program. She suggested that more information about the advisory program be provided to the students.

Toni Knox, Certified Representative, reported on sessions regarding poverty in

the schools, student parent conferences, and the issue of merit pay and the organization of the Alternative Compensation Committee.

B. Siskiyou Challenge Fundraiser

Tracy Harding of RV Farm to School Program, and Dr. Deborah Gordon, Coordinator of the Siskiyou Challenge, reported on the results of the fundraiser and how the proceeds will be used for schools.

C. Ashland Schools Foundation

Susan Bacon reported on the Monster Dash and other fall activities of the Foundation.

D. YAAL Campaign Committee

Maylee Oddo, Chair of the YAAL Campaign Committee, reported that the levy successfully passed. She expressed thanks to the Ashland community for supporting the levy and expressed appreciation to volunteers and staff for supporting the campaign.

E. Summer Maintenance Project Update

Gary Sisk reported on the maintenance projects that were completed over the summer.

F. Review of HIV, AIDS, HBV and HCV Health Education Curriculum

This item was tabled until the December regular meeting.

G. District Financial Report

Jill Turner provided the quarterly financial report as of October, 2010.

H. AHS Redesign Update

Juli Di Chiro reported on the progress of the AHS Redesign project.

I. Graduation Requirements

Juli Di Chiro reported on the upcoming graduation requirements that emphasize essential skills.

J. Superintendent Report

Juli Di Chiro discussed the proposed changes in the Mathematics cut scores that will be implemented this school year. She further discussed the activities of the Alternative Compensation Committee.

VIII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

IX. New Business

A. Appoint Budget Committee Members

The Board will consider appointing two budget committee members to serve from now through June 30, 2013. The Board received letters of interest for budget committee members from Curt Bacon and Rick Barth.

Director Alexander moved that the Board appoint Curt Bacon and Rick Barth to serve on the Budget Committee until June 30, 2013. Director Parker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Budget Calendar

The calendar for the development of the 2011-12 budget was recommended for approval. Director Parker moved that the Board approve the 2011-12 Budget Calendar as recommended. Director Skuratowicz seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Sponsoring Chinese High School Students

Juli Di Chiro reported on a proposal to sponsor 20 Chinese High School Students in a boarding school setting to attend Ashland High School. She asked the Board to provide questions and input before a final proposal is developed.

X. Board Report

Board members reported on the Water Polo teams, parent-teacher conferences, the work session at Walker School regarding its programs and goals, the recent successful levy, the Waiting for Superman documentary, the OSBA Fall Regional meeting, the Alternative Compensation Committee, the Girls Engineering Club at Science Works, the Siskiyou Challenge, the AHS Health Center 20th anniversary, and the Monster Dash.

XI. Announcements and Appointments

- A. Board Members will attend the annual Oregon School Boards Association convention in Portland on November 12 & 13, 2010.
- B. The Board will hold a Community Meeting on November 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ashland High School English Lecture Hall to discuss zero-based budgeting, focusing on elementary schools. The meeting to focus on the middle school level will be held on December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ashland Middle School. The meeting to focus on the high school level will be held in January.
- C. A Board Work Session will be held on Monday, November 29, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Board Room to meet with the Budget Committee to review the economic forecast from the state and to review current budget projections.
- D. The next regular session will be held on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ashland Council Chambers.

XII. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Peterson, Administrative Assistant.

Board Chair

Clerk