

Ashland School District No. 5, Jackson County, Oregon – The Board of Directors met in regular session Monday, May 9, 2011, 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  
Eileen Hushbeck, Human Resources Director  
Katherine Sisk, Executive Assistant  
Toni Knox, Certified Representative  
Samuel Bogdanove, Student Services Director  
Don Valentini, Ashland High School Vice-Principal  
Community Members  
Media Representative

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair, Carol Davis.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Check

All Board members were present.

IV. Welcome Visitors and Acknowledgments

A. Vision and Mission Statement

Director Massie read the Vision and Mission Statement.

V. Consent Agenda

It was recommended that the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Parker suggested amending the April 11, 2011 Regular Session minutes. Under agenda item VII., (subsection E., paragraph 3, regarding community member comments), she requested providing more description on the topic areas for future

reference. Director Massie requested a correction of the April 11, 2001 Executive Session minutes to reflect he was in attendance of that meeting.

**Director Parker moved that the Board approve the consent agenda as amended. Director Skuratowicz seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).**

A. Approve minutes from Executive Session 4/11/2011, Regular Session 4/11/2011, Executive Session 4/13/2011, Executive Session 4/25/2011 and Work Session 4/25/2011.

B. Personnel

Eileen Hushbeck, Human Resources Director, presented personnel changes. It was recommended to accept the resignation of Ashland High School teacher, Cecily Verloop and the retirement request of Lynn Kunstman, Ashland Middle School teacher.

VI. Hear Public Requests ( not a part of the agenda )

Members of the Ashland High School Speech and Debate Team were present and recognized for their success in becoming the State of Oregon 2010-2011 Speech and Debate Champions and scoring higher than the top 6A Team. Members in attendance included:

- Dante Toppo, Taylor Brown, Grace St. Claire-Bates, Maddie Honingford and Grady Killeen

Mat Marr, Assistant Coach and Team Captain, Dante Toppo, spoke on behalf of the group expressing appreciation for the school and community support they receive. Five members will be competing in the National Debate and Speech Championship in Dallas, Texas. Students participating in the event will include:

- Dante Toppo, Tenaya Kenner, Nathan Ostovar, Alexander Barnes and Maureen Page

The National Competition is not a school funded event. Students from the Speech and Debate Team will be participating in fund raising activities to earn money not only for the upcoming competition but for scholarships to provide funding for members to attend Debate Camp. Two planned fundraising events are listed below:

- Speech and Poetry Event at the Standing Stone May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Car wash at Les Schwab May 15th.

## VII. Reports

### A. Student and Staff Representative Reports

Yeruti Estigarribia and Hannah Ewing were not available to provide the student report.

Certified representative, Toni Knox, reported on the following:

- Certified Staff is participating in Collective Bargaining
- The “Day of the Child” multi-cultural celebration was hosted at Walker Elementary in partnership with Southern Oregon University

### B. Ashland Schools Foundation Report

Susan Bacon provided information on the Ashland Schools Foundation Fund Drive.

- Recognition of sponsors and volunteers
- As of May 9, 2011, \$221,356.00 in donations and pledges have been received
- \$49,325.00 in new donations
- Currently funding is at \$80.00 per student
- Public relations and fundraising events
  - a) Perk Up (Fall event) – sponsored by the local coffee shops
  - b) Monster Dash, October 29, 2011– 10k, 5k and one mile fun run
- The Foundation is currently interviewing for new Board Members

### C. Ashland High School Commencement Activities

Vice Principal, Don Valentini, provided updated information to the Board regarding commencement activities.

- 1) The Commencement will be held at Lithia Park on June 3, 2011
- 2) There will be a new start time this year of 6:30 p.m.
- 3) Reserved seating for parents this year
- 4) Each family will receive two tickets for seating either at the park or in the gym, depending on weather conditions (tickets will be mailed on 5/20/2011)
- 5) A photographer and videographer will be providing services for graduate photographs and ceremony video that will be available on-line

- 6) Shuttles for the Senior All Night Party will start at 10:00 p.m. and return students at 4:00 a.m. for parent pick up

#### D. Oregon Department of Education 2010 District Graduation and Drop Out Report

Superintendent, Juli Di Chiro, Vice Principal, Don Valentini and Student Services Supervisor, Samuel Bogdanove provided an overview of the 2010 District Graduation Rate and Drop Out Report as provided by the Oregon Department of Education. The superintendent complimented the High School on their success for a decreased drop-out rate to 1.21% for the 2009-2010 school year and a 95.26% four year graduation rate. Ms. Di Chiro reviewed the statistical data with the Board as categorized in the report:

- Overall combined totals
- Limited English Proficient totals
- Gender totals
- Students with disabilities totals
- Economically disadvantaged totals

#### E. Special Education Review / Report Card

Samuel Bogdanove and Don Valentini provided a summary of the 2009-2010 Special Education Report Card for Ashland Public Schools. Information provided to the Board included district percentages as compared to state designated targets for the following areas:

- Students graduating with IEPs – 88.5%
- Drop-out rates for students with IEPs – 2.5%
- Students that met the timeline for eligibility – 100.0%
- Least restrictive environment statistics
- Academic achievement in English and Math as categorized:
  - 1) District students with IEPs that meet or exceed standards
  - 2) Oregon students with IEPs that meet or exceed standards
  - 3) District students with IEPs that meet or exceed alternate standards
  - 4) Oregon students with IEPs that meet or exceed alternate standards
- Participation by students with IEPs
- Adequate yearly progress
- Parent survey results
- Students receiving special education services
- Suspension and expulsion data

## F. District Human Resources Report

Human Resources Director, Eileen Hushbeck, reported on the current hiring process and employment postings for the district. In April, five certified positions were posted in-district and three staff members applied. Administrators are currently interviewing candidates and then the district will post to fill any positions resulting from in-district staff movement.

Current postings include:

- A Science teacher at Ashland Middle School
- A Kindergarten teacher at Bellview
- A Primary teacher at Willow Wind
- A 7/8 Language Arts teacher at Ashland Middle School (temporary)

The District employment process is in review for increasing our advertising options. We are currently utilizing the services of Rogue Valley Jobs, Local Newspapers, Ashland School District website and Craigslist. We have added Ed Zap, a subscription online posting service that will allow us to reach a broader pool of applicants. This summer we will also be establishing a district Facebook web page. Ms. Hushbeck assured Board Members that she will continue to focus on their desire to recruit bilingual and multi-cultural applicants.

## G. Superintendent Report

Superintendent, Juli Di Chiro, reviewed the enrollment information and discussed plans to revise the report next year to allow for comparing of data from month to month and/or year to year. The current report reflected a decrease in enrollment. In addition she informed the members there was also a decline in registration during Kindergarten Round Up. The district projected 150 students for the 2011-2012. Current registration is at 90 students.

- John Muir Elementary – 9
- Willow Wind – 18
- Bellview Elementary – 19
- Helman Elementary – 24
- Walker Elementary – 20

Ms. Di Chiro provided information on our application for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology Rich Learning and Teaching Grant. The application is due May 23<sup>rd</sup> and will provide \$250,000 in funding if

awarded. The grant focuses on grades 3 through 8 and allows the district to designate the curriculum areas. We have identified Science, Technology, Engineering and Math for our schools.

It was noted that on June 1, 2011, at the Standing Stone Restaurant, retiring staff will be recognized for their years of service with the Ashland School District.

It was reported that the Ashland High School Prom was a success with no drug or alcohol involved incidents.

## VIII. Unfinished Business

### A. Board Policy Revision - Second Reading

The Board Policy Revision IGAI on HIV, AIDS, HBV and HCV Health Education was presented for second reading. Superintendent Di Chiro provided an overview of the changes made to the policy. Director Alexander recommended two punctuation corrections and Director Parker recommended on page 21, paragraph 4, to strike the word *other* and on page 23, paragraph 1, to change the word *which* to *when*.

**Director Alexander moved that the board approve revised Board Policy IGAI as amended. Director Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).**

## IX. New Business

Per the request of Superintendent Di Chiro, the Board moved agenda item IX. New Business, sub item B., (Ashland High School Course Guide) to sub item A. to allow Mr. Valentini to present.

### A. Senate Bill 248

Superintendent Di Chiro provided an overview of the proposed Senate Bill 248 that would require school districts to offer full-day kindergarten without funding. Director Massie shared with Board members his concerns regarding legislative mandates. After open discussion it was suggested a letter be drafted on behalf of the Board addressing concerns specific to unfunded mandates and dictating what is taught in the classroom. Director Massie will draft the correspondence. No action was taken on this item at this time.

## B. Ashland High School Course Guide

Vice Principal, Don Valentini, presented the 2011 – 2012 Ashland High School Course Guide and Course Guide Edits. Mr. Valentini reviewed with the Board the course guide changes in the following areas:

- Additions/Changes to Fees
- Course Name Changes
- New Classes for 2011-2012
- Deleted/Not Offered Classes for 2011-2012

Mr. Valentini responded to Board members questions specific to the changes and course guide information.

**Director Massie moved that the Board approve the 2011-2012 Ashland Course Guide as presented. Director Skuratowicz seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0).**

## X. Board Reports

Director Alexander yielded her time to other members.

Director Skuratowicz reported on her participation in Classified Collective Bargaining and the Ashland Schools Foundation Call Night. She also noted her enthusiasm for the upcoming Elementary Track Meet at Helman Elementary.

Director Parker expressed her gratitude to the members of the Budget Committee for their service. She also reported on her participation in Certified Collective Bargaining and shared with the Board members that this was a positive experience.

Director Massie reported he was able to attend a District Playoff Tennis Match and a Baseball game this past week. He also shared he had the opportunity to speak with Representative Buckley regarding the possibility of grant funding for Ashland Middle School Athletics.

Board Chair, Carol Davis, attended the National School Board Conference in April and provided an overview of the information she received. Ms. Davis also shared she had heard positive comments on the Ashland High School Film Festival.

## XI. Announcements and Appointments

Board Chair, Carol Davis, read the following announcements:

- A. A work session will be held on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office Board Room to review the District Food Services Program.

B. Budget Committee Meetings will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, Wednesday, May 18, 2011 and Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room to present the 2011-12 proposed Budget Document.

C. The next regular session will be held on Monday, June 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ashland Council Chambers.

## XII. Adjourn

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

Submitted by:

Katherine Sisk, Executive Assistant

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Board Chair, Carol Davis

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Superintendent, Juli Di Chiro