



BOARD MEETING DATE
October 28, 2013

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

Enclosed are the minutes for:

- September 23, 2013 – Business Meeting

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Minutes of the School Board's Business Meetings, Study Sessions, Work Sessions, Public Hearing and Special Sessions (executive and regular) are presented to the Board for approval at School Board Business Meetings.

RECOMMENDATION:

(13-340) BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the above School Board meetings be and hereby are approved.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.



Business Meeting

September 23, 2013

Board Members Present

Mary VanderWeele, Chair
Jeff Hicks, Vice-Chair
LeeAnn Larsen
Linda Degman
Anne Bryan
Donny Tyner
Susan Greenberg

Staff Present

Jeff Rose	Superintendent
Carl Mead	Deputy Superintendent of Teaching & Learning
Ron Porterfield	Deputy Superintendent of Operations & Support Services
Sue Robertson	Chief Human Resource Officer
Claire Hertz	Chief Financial Officer
Steve Langford	Chief Information Officer
Maureen Wheeler	Public Communication Officer
Maureen Callahan	Chief Academic Officer
Brenda Lewis	Executive Administrator
Barbara Evans	Executive Administrator
Vicki Lukich	Executive Administrator
Robin Kobrowski	Administrator for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Jon Bridges	Administrator for Instructional Accountability
Danielle Sheldrake	Administrator for Student Services

Visitors: 50

Media: 1

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mary VanderWeele

School Board Chair Mary VanderWeele called the Business Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Bradford Hill and his children led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY

The Board recognized the following individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the School District and the community:

Susan Holveck and Bradford Hill led the district's implementation of a new science sequence at all high schools during last year and laid the foundation for the articulated Science sequence and set the standard of rigor for all students.

Debra Nicolai and Ronda Haun partnered to become Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) focus schools. They have built an innovative program for success for all students in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and beyond.

BOARD PROCEDURES – Mary VanderWeele

Mary VanderWeele asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Two changes were noted:

1. Susan Greenberg asked to add an item to the Action Items: Legislative Special Session Support, letter drafted by the funding sub-committee advocating for increased education revenue and PERS reform during the Special Session.
2. Delete line item Race To The Top listed in Grant Proposals from the Consent Agenda. (NOTE: this item was pulled from the Grant Proposals prior to the School Board Meeting)

SPECIAL GUEST – Rep. Suzanne Bonamici

Representative Suzanne Bonamici represents the first district, which equals one-fifth of the state. She spends a lot of time on education issues and has been visiting schools recently. There are many positive things happening in schools and she will carry on that message to Congress.

Updates were provided on federal funding for education, sequestration cuts affecting IDEA, Title I and the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. She has been working on the STEM to STEAM Caucus which focuses on the addition of the Arts to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Pam Burdett, new OSEA President. Pam introduced herself as the new president and is looking forward to working with the schools.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

A. Individual School Board Member Comments

- Donna Tyner – talked about the development in South Hillsboro. She is concerned about children's safety in sidewalk accessibility. She has talked with Washington County Commissioners and they are interested in working with BSD.
- LeeAnn Larsen – attended the Bond Committee. It was a great meeting pulling together community members and parents. She also attended the Common Core meeting. It was well planned and attended.
- Linda Degman – attended the Bond Committee also. There was a great mix of private, public and district people. They discussed the committee's purpose and role and school enrollment history and projections.
- Anne Bryan – has visited most of the schools in her zone (2). She is amazed by the positive energy in the schools. She has also received concerns/feedback from parents in the following areas: common core, report cards, music in school, equal access to technology, safe routes to school, vandalism in some buildings, celebration of events and accessible schools for all children.
- Susan Greenberg – has met with all the principals in zone 1 and the school year has started out in a positive way.
- Jeff Hicks – Jeff spoke about John Linn, who was a long time teacher and coach who recently passed away.

B. Superintendent's Comments

One of our pillars is that we expect excellence. One of the bullets under the pillars indicates that we have the best teachers. He expanded that to include staff.

- On August 29, the District suffered a power event in the I/T data center which brought down all data systems. Many, many employees have spent a tremendous amount of time over the last four weeks recovering the data systems. Supt. Rose will be acknowledging all of them in the next week.
- Last week the District held a Common Core meeting that many parents attended. It is a change in many ways. Beaverton will continue to educate and communicate these changes. There is a political discussion going on but Beaverton is going to take the road of education. This will take teachers and parents making sure we stay focused. He thanked Sheree Winterfeld from Errol Hassell who attended and talked about what Common Core is for her as an educator.

HIGH SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES – Vicki Lukich

Vicki gave an overview for the Student Reps this year and what they will be reporting on. The students introduced themselves and spoke about why they had accepted the position. They will be reporting in the months to come about something at their school that exemplifies one of the pillars.

DISCUSSION

A. Staffing Increases from Local Option Levy

Claire Hertz reviewed the staffing increases as a result of the Local Option Levy that was passed last May. 100% of levy proceeds were used to fund 150 positions.

- Question – What is the criteria to add on more teachers? *More concerned about the individual class size as opposed to the overall enrollment in the schools.*

B. School Board Committee Work

Four sub-committees were formed at the August 26, 2013 meeting. All four committees have met and reported the following:

- *Strategic Plan* – They reviewed the details of the current Strategic Plan. They clarified the target measurements, talked about the mandates, clarified what is key and how we react to reports and discussed how the Strategic Plan aligns with the WE initiative. They will have a discussion at the October 14th Work Session.
- *Funding* – They have started with advocacy to legislators by writing a letter in support of PERS support and stable school funding. They are looking at more clarification of the impact of PERS over the next 5 – 10 years. They will work with District staff on successful passage of the Capital Bond measure next spring, including leadership for the campaign, fundraising and communication.
- *Board Development Community/Connections* – They would like to change the name to Board Effectiveness. They are in the process of reviewing the operating agreements and performance standards. The new Operating Agreements will include new Board member orientation and more effective communication.
- *Policy* - They will be reviewing OSBA Policy Updates. They will also focus on a policy that specifically addresses equity issues and look for guidelines for administrative regulations.

C. Review Board and Superintendent Operating Agreements – Anne Bryan and Jeff Hicks

The Board Effectiveness sub-committee will be recommending revisions to Board Operating Agreements, Performance Standards, review the process for the Superintendent's evaluation and recommend a process for Board self-evaluation. The revisions will be discussed at the October 14th Work Session.

Comments:

- Under Communication, clarify the language on e-mails addressed to the Board. How are they handled?
- Noncompliance deleted under Governance
- More clarification on questions, action or complaints that are referred to the Superintendent.

D. New Budget Committee Member Selection Process – Claire Hertz

The Budget Committee has four vacancies in Zones 1, 2, 4 and 7. Zones 4 and 7 will be for a 3-year term and Zones 1 and 2 will be for a 1-year term. The District will post vacancies later this week. Board members will interview candidates and communicate with all of them prior to the December Board meeting when the appointments will be finalized.

Questions:

- Would Claire sit in on the interview? *Not in the past, but she does help with questions.*
- Is there a particular Board policy in what the Board is looking for in a candidate? *Must be a resident in your zone and a registered voter.*
- Is there a timeline for the process? *Yes, it will be available and communicated this week.*

REPORTS

A. Music Task Force – Carl Mead

The Music Task Force has been formed. Robin Kobrowski and Jan Martin will share facilitation.

Question:

- The Task Force has no representation of Special Ed or students. How will they be represented? *There will be special topics throughout the year that target specific audiences i.e., Special Ed and students, they will be invited to provide input.*

BREAK – 8:00 – 8:10 p.m.

B. Charter Schools Annual Report

Arco Iris – Jon Bridges, Arturo Lomeli, Todd Wadkins

- Enrollment is up to 186 students
- The charter has been renewed for another three years and they have moved to a new location that is more centrally located providing better access to Beaverton families
- They received a grant last year that provided technology and technology training
- Achievement data - they are meeting and exceeding with the exception of 5th grade (12 students)
- Staffing is up to 19 staff members but hiring and retaining highly qualified staff has been a challenge. They are trying to build a system to retain staff
- Professional development – PBIS and partnering with Barnes Elementary school over the summer

Questions:

1. Why are there 91 students on the waiting list? *Limited space and hiring staff has been a challenge. They may be looking at a larger space to meet the demands of the wait list.*
2. How many students in poverty? *10%*
3. Does Beaverton staff have any concerns about the charter schools' fiscal management or support? *No, if there were any red flags, Claire would be aware of them.*
4. Does Beaverton staff have any concerns about whether/how the charter school students' needs are being met? *None at this time.*

Hope Chinese – Jon Bridges, Julie Rickman and Deborah Dang

- Thanked the District for inclusion into equity and principal meetings
- Current enrollment is 96, 30 are out of district
- PBIS program started last year and will continue this year and they are looking at essential learning skills this year.

Questions:

1. Is it difficult to enroll students from inside the District? *It is more difficult for in-district students to start after first/second grade have been completed because of the language.*

ACTION ITEMS

A. School Board Goals (13-325) – Mary VanderWeele

LeeAnn Larsen made a motion to approve the BSD School Board Goals 2013 – 2014 as stated. Linda Degman seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

B. Consent Agenda

Anne Bryan moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Susan Greenberg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

1. Personnel (13-326)

BE IT RESOLVED that the employee(s) who are recommended herein for administrator and teacher elections, leaves of absence, and resignations/terminations are accepted by the School Board as submitted at this meeting.

2. Public Contracts (13-327)

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board authorized the Superintendent or a designee to obligate the District for the public contract items as submitted at this meeting.

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (13-328)

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the School Board meetings be and hereby are approved for: *August 26, 2013 – Business Meeting.*

4. Grant Report (13-329)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant Report and Proposals are approved as submitted at this meeting.

5. CEC Minutes (13-330)

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board and administrative staff receive the Community Engagement Committee minutes as an information item.

C. Race To The Top Grant Application (RTTT) (13-331) – Maureen Callahan, Vicki Lukich and Robin Kobrowski

Beaverton is part of a consortium with Eugene, Salem-Keizer and Portland Public Schools applying for a Race To The Top grant with a focus on personalized learning, standards-based learning systems, inclusive environments and Learning Teams. The grant is for \$6.5M over a four year term.

Questions/Comments:

- Part of the application includes identifying community support and partnerships – could you elaborate. *Community focus groups and conversations from last spring have evolved into the four pillars that are being aligned with our Strategic Plan. We will also use our current partnerships; PCC, TRIO, Early College, providing dual credit in working with colleges and universities to ensure our students are ready when they get to the college level.*
- How much time would be dedicated to the new assessments, and is there a plan to reduce some existing assessments in order to preserve instructional time? *The assessment tool from EPIC may not be one that we opt to use. We have a lot of good assessments in place already. They would look at the ones offered and be strategic about any that would be added on.*
- Are we competitive to win the grant? *Yes.*
- What are the time constraints? *Unable to answer at this time.*
- One coach for 2000 students – how does that work? What are additional burdens to staff? *Five teams of 2000 students are supported by this grant. Each district will appoint a College and Career Readiness coordinator. Five innovation and technology coaches will also work with students. In addition, 15 teacher leaders will receive training. Additional work will be funded by the grant. Summer time and release time during the year will be used to collaborate work to support students and teachers.*
- What is the target population? *First generation students of poverty.*
- What is the biggest challenge? *How to involve more students in the program. 2000 students only captures half of our current population. Workload is always a potential barrier.*

BREAK – 9:10 – 9:20

The RTTT MOU that was sent right before the Board meeting was reviewed during the break. LeeAnn Larsen made the motion to authorize the chair to sign the MOU to pursue the RTTT grant if we decide to move forward.

Linda Degman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D. Legislative Special Session Support – (13-332)

Mary VanderWeele made the motion to approve a letter that was submitted by Susan Greenberg to send to legislators supporting a special legislative session and PERS reform. Donna Tyner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CLOSING COMMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

Mary VanderWeele asked that suggestions for the October 14th Work Session be sent to her and reminded her colleagues to sign up for BEF fundraising.

Supt. Rose commented on the positive energy in the schools. He is impressed with the School Board goals and committees. He acknowledged the new staff evaluation process. He thanked the Bond committee for their hard work now and ahead of them. He encouraged everyone to download our new App, Beaverton SD.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Hawkins.

Mary VanderWeele, School Board Chair