



BOARD MEETING DATE
April 9, 2013

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

Enclosed are the minutes for:

- March 18, 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:

(13-281) BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the following School Board meeting be and hereby are approved:

- March 18, 2013 Business Meeting

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

March 18, 2013

Board Members Present

LeeAnn Larsen, Chair
Sarah Smith, Vice Chair
Karen Cunningham
Linda Degman
Jeff Hicks
Tom Quillin
Mary VanderWeele

Staff Present

Jeff Rose	Superintendent
Carl Mead	Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
Ron Porterfield	Deputy Superintendent of Operations & Support Services
Sue Robertson	Chief Human Resource Officer
Clair Hertz	Chief Financial Officer
Steve Langford	Chief Information Officer
Maureen Wheeler	Public Communication Officer
Holly Lekas	Executive Administrator
Vicki Lukich	Executive Administrator
Brenda Lewis	Executive Administrator
Robin Kobrowski	Administrator for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Jan Martin	Administrator for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Jon Bridges	Administrator for Instructional Accountability
Dick Steinbrugge	Executive Administrator for Facilities

Visitors: 40

Media: 2

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – LeeAnn Larsen

School Board Chair LeeAnn Larsen called the Business Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Tom Quillin 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 Beaverton School District and the community:

Beaverton Christian Church for creating a supportive partnership with Fir Grove Elementary School.

Cody Grater for being named Prudential Spirit of Community Award Top Middle Level youth volunteer.

Divya Amirtharaj for winning the Portland Tribune/Comcast Regional Spelling Bee.

BOARD PROCEDURES – LeeAnn Larsen

LeeAnn Larsen asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

Tom Quillin asked that Board policy FF be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote and that a new action item be added for a resolution regarding a statement for the Voters Pamphlet.

The Board agreed to the changes and the two items were added to the action item section of the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Steve Edelman addressed the Board regarding the Open Enrollment process.
- Lynda Gordon spoke to the Board about the quality of the Cedar Park Summa program.
- Gary Haycox stated that he would like to see a memorial statue built rather than the Board naming parts of facilities, i.e. stadium or gym, after those who have died.
- Don Sanders stated that the Board is doing a reasonable job. The state is continually underfunding schools under their Quality Education Model.
- Claudia Leonard is concerned that the Summa program standards are going to be lowered.
- Linda Nezbeda thanked the Board for putting a Local Option Levy on the May 2013 ballot. She asked the Board to continue to lobby in Salem for long-term adequate funding.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

A. Individual School Board Member Comments

- Sarah Smith encouraged all community members to attend the last Report Card Community Forum on March 19, 2013 being held at Whitford Middle School at 6 p.m.
- Karen Cunningham reported that she attended meetings at OSBA over the weekend.
 - The Policy Committee discussed school funding. The movement right now is funding at \$6.55 billion. The message is getting to the right people.
 - There are 3 different compression relief bills being introduced. They are confusing and she is not sure that they will go through.
 - OSBA is sponsoring SB 754 on PERS reform.
- LeeAnn Larsen asked Karen to bring a resolution to next month's meeting.
- Jeff Hicks visited a Physics First class at Southridge High School. It is very interesting to see how the math component is threaded throughout the curriculum. He recommended that each Board member check out a Physics First class.
- Mary VanderWeele met with a Boy Scout Troop. The students are concerned about the classes and activities that they have lost. She asked for everybody to give their all to the Local Option Levy campaign.
- LeeAnn Larsen reported that she received eleven letters in one day from a 5th grade class. She went and met with them and they shared their concerns with her. They are interested in more recess, bringing back art classes, improved cafeteria food, less homework, smaller class sizes, more field trips and more sports equipment.
- Linda Degman reported that she had coffee with Senator Read. She suggested that when people are writing to their legislators not to use a form letter. Write from your heart.

B. Superintendent's Comments

- Supt. Rose reported that he has been in Salem advocating for education funding. There is a lot going on and we need to pay attention. We cannot be satisfied with a small change.
- He is leaving on Saturday for China as part of the China Exchange project. He is looking into how he might be able to communicate while he is there.

REPORTS

A. Updates from School Board Standing Committees – Board Members

Policy Committee – Mary VanderWeele stated that there were 3 additional resolutions to consider at our next meeting; dating privacy, gun control and TAG funding.

Community Engagement Committee – Mary encouraged the Board to visit and support their school’s CEC’s.

B. Financial Report – Claire Hertz

Claire reported that the fund balance for the General Fund is holding steady at 2.6% and is projected to hold through June 30.

She is working with a PERS Employer Group. A concern that they have identified is some of the reform plans recommend moving 1.9% into the next biennium. This is not a long-term fix. We need to continue to look for responsible long-term reforms for PERS.

C. Community Conversations Update – Jeff Rose

Jeff Rose reported that the Community Conversations have been very engaging and informative. The groups are talking about how to expand the ‘we’ concept, what should excellence, collaboration, equity and innovation look like in our schools and what behaviors they would want from students, parents and guardians, teachers and staff, businesses, etc.

We have had great attendance, 90 students, 80 educators, 70 parents, 20 higher education participants and 70 Hispanic parents along with 40 of 50 one-on-one interviews.

Nike supplied a \$20,000 grant for a video project.

D. Local Option Levy – LeeAnn Larsen

LeeAnn stated that the Local Option Levy will be filed on Wednesday, March 20. She asked the Board members to contact their PTOs for help and support. The committee is frantically raising funds. They are looking for donations from every School Board member and administrators. She encouraged the Board to make phone calls asking for donations. Each school is recruiting a captain to lead the school volunteers for door-to-door campaigning.

E. Summa Report/Open Enrollment – Carl Mead, Ron Porterfield, Holly Lekas

Ron Porterfield explained the District’s Open Enrollment Policy JECC and Administrative Regulation JE-AR – Attendance. He stated that figuring capacity for schools is an annual event based on available capacity within walls of schools as well as portables. The District works with Portland State University on demographics and they track trends over multiple years.

Policy JECC directs the process to the Superintendent.

Carl Mead and Holly Lekas explained that change is always a challenge. The Teaching and Learning Department has increased support to all 5 Summa Programs this year. There is no thought or discussion on lowering the standards of the Summa Program.

Questions and comments from the Board:

- The support for the Summa Program from Teaching and Learning is appreciated. Does acceleration continue to be a priority?
 - Absolutely, we are not fans of sending 6, 7 or 8th graders into classes with 17 year olds so we have been working on incorporating higher math opportunities at Summa.
- How is the Summa Program going to be held accountable?
 - The teacher collaboration between teachers both face-to-face and electronically has been a great support. Two new Summa Programs have been added this year.
- Consistency across the District is very important.

Carl Mead further explained that they are exploring ways to match the population of the District in the Summa Program. There is not much they can do right now because of the funding. All students are tested; if a student qualifies for Summa they are contacted.

- How do we measure success?

- Can you describe the changing population in Summa?
- What did we learn in our communication of the new Summa Programs?
 - We need to start sooner.
- The Board would like to see information for the year ahead on programs and options.

Jeff Rose addressed the question of quality in the Summa Programs. If we want and strive for excellence at each program and parents are reporting otherwise, we need to address that and report that out to the Board.

F. Standards Based Learning – Carl Mead, Robin Kobrowski, Jan Martin

Jan Martin reported that the elementary focus has been on writing this year. Next year the focus will be on math. This work will begin this spring and continue through next year.

There are four elementary content area articulation teams working together on learning targets, assessments and rubric development.

Robin Kobrowski reported on the secondary level. They have been focusing on articulation in math, English language arts, science and social studies. The Teams are working on assessment and creating rubrics to support the assessments.

The professional development facilitators come together to learn and plan and then take the information back to the schools. This summer there will be a focus on professional development in math, science and English language arts for all teachers.

- Can you explain more about the writing targets in elementary schools?
 - The Elementary Advisory Committee, comprised of 6 teacher leaders and 6 principals, meet every other week. They are essentially the steering committee. The articulation teams then look at the standards and determine the long-term targets. The professional development facilitators look at the targets and determine how they are different from current practice and decide how this translates to the classroom.
- State standards tend to devalue narrative writing. Is Beaverton able to include a strong narrative writing target?
 - Narrative writing is one of the three “types” of writing described in the Common Core State Standards. We will focus on narrative as well as the other two.
- Do you see a point when this work will be done? Or, is this continuous on-going work?
 - The math, writing and science targets are complete and we are working on language arts. These learning targets are being translated into practice in the classroom. There is always some work that continues as things change.

BREAK – A break was called from 8:10-8:20 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Arco Iris Charter Renewal **(13-263)**

Carl Mead reported that Arco Iris Spanish Immersion Charter School has met all criteria.

Sarah Smith moved to renew the Charter of Arco Iris Spanish Immersion School for a period of three years.

Linda Degman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board asked for a report on what Arco Iris is doing well; things that the Beaverton School District can incorporate into other schools.

B. **Strong Schools – Strong State Resolution (13-264)**

Karen Cunningham reported that the Strong Schools, Strong State campaign is a unified effort by the Oregon School Boards Association, Oregon PTA, Oregon School Employees Association, Oregon Small Schools Association, Confederation of School Administrators, Oregon Education Association, Oregon Association of Education Service Districts and Oregon Association of School Business Officials. Its focus is to urge state policy-makers to prioritize education in our state investments by supporting adequate and stable funding at a level that provides for a full academic year, staffing levels necessary to operate and provide the instruction needed for students to meet state goals and standards, and a varied curriculum that meets the needs of Oregon's students.

Karen Cunningham moved to approve support of the Strong Schools – Strong State Resolution 13-264.

Tom Quillin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

C. **School Boards United for Excellence (13-265)**

LeeAnn Larsen stated that she and Supt. Jeff Rose joined other School Board members and Superintendents throughout Washington County in January to meet with local legislators to advocate for adequate and stable funding for K-12 schools. Jim Green, Deputy Executive Director of OSBA also attended and offered advice on some of the proposed legislation that will have a direct impact on schools and funding.

Karen Cunningham moved to approve support of the School Boards United for Excellence Resolution 13-265.

Sarah Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

D. **School Board statement for the Voters Pamphlet (13-271)**

Tom Quillin stated that the Board should place a statement in the Voters Pamphlet in support of the Local Option Levy. The Board would be responsible for all costs of the statement submittal.

Tom Quillin moved that pursuant to its action last month referring a levy to the voters for improved school funding, the Beaverton School Board resolves to demonstrate its support for the levy in the official Washington County voters pamphlet with a statement in favor of the levy. The Chair is authorized to prepare or delegate preparation of the statement on behalf of the Board.

Jeff Hicks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

E. **Policy FF – Naming Facilities/Memorializing, Second Reading (12-272)**

The Board requested that FF-AR come before the Board for review prior to approval.

Karen Cunningham moved to approve the changes to School Board Policy FF.

Sarah Smith seconded and the motion passed with a vote of 6 – 1 with Tom Quillin opposing.

F. **Consent Agenda**

Karen Cunningham moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Jeff Hicks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

1. **Personnel (13-266)**

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. **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (13-267)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the following School Board meeting be and hereby are

approved:

February 25, 2013 Business Meeting

3. Minutes from Community Engagement Committees **(13-268)**

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

4. 2013-2014 District Calendar **(13-269)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed 2013-2014 District Calendar is hereby approved.

5. Second Reading of School Board Policies **(13-270)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board adopted changes to the following School Board Policies:

IGBC – Title I Parental Involvement

JFCF – Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing/Cyberbullying/Teen Dating

Violence - Students

CLOSING COMMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

Jeff Rose asked the Board members if any of them had served on the Board during a time of restoration. Three responded that they had. He stated the budget process this year will have to be very different.

LeeAnn Larsen stated that they were embarking on a very busy spring with the budget process, Local Option Levy and Board elections. There is a lot of hope in our community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Marshall, Recording Secretary

LeeAnn Larsen, School Board Chair