

## **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION**

Enclosed are the minutes for:

- March 16, 2015 – Business Meeting

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**(15-526)** BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the above School Board meetings be and hereby are approved.

**District Goal:** All students will show continuous progress toward their personal learning goals, developed in collaboration with teachers and parents, and will be prepared for post-secondary education and career success.

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 16, 2015

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Jeff Rose	Superintendent
Carl Mead	Deputy Superintendent
Ron Porterfield	Deputy Superintendent
Sue Robertson	Chief Human Resource Officer
Maureen Wheeler	Chief Information Officer
Claire Hertz	Chief Financial Officer
Jon Bridges	Administrator for Instructional Accountability
Robin Kobrowski	Administrator for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Ginny Hansmann	Administrator for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Mike Chamberlain	Executive Administrator
Matt Casteel	Executive Administrator
Barbara Evans	Executive Administrator
Brenda Lewis	Executive Administrator
Carolyn Miller	Executive Administrator
Danielle Sheldrake	Administrator for Student Services
Sho Shigeoka	Administrator for Equity and Inclusion
Richard Steinbrugge	Executive Administrator for Facilities

**Visitors:** 35

**Media:** 1

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Mary VanderWeele

School Board Chair Mary VanderWeele called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Apoorva Somayazulu led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

**RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY**

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

- Bethany Elementary for exemplifying the WE Expect Excellence Pillar for being named one of 50 Best American Public Elementary Schools.
- Aloha High School for exemplifying the WE Collaborate Pillar for their Automotive Technology Program.

## **BOARD PROCEDURES – Mary VanderWeele**

Mary VanderWeele asked for changes to the agenda; there were no changes.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Mitzie Sandman addressed the Board regarding the need for certified teacher librarians in all schools.
- Leon Lim stated his concerns regarding the proposed changes to transportation services in the Arbor Heights neighborhood.

## **BOARD COMMUNICATION**

### **A. Individual School Board Member Comments**

- Susan Greenberg reported that she enjoyed reading to students at Raleigh Hills K-8 celebrating their Read Across America event. She also attended Anne Erwin's Coffee at Beaverton High School, where she learned more information about their Health Careers track.
- LeeAnn Larsen attended the OSBA Board meeting. They are beginning the process of updating their Strategic Plan.
- Jeff Hicks attended ACMA's theater production *Pride and Prejudice*. Zones 4 & 6 hosted a Listening Session on March 9, 2015. Jeff reported that he has been recruiting for the Board positions that will be up for election in May. He attended the Restorative Justice Workshop at Health Science High School. He encouraged Board members to attend future workshops.
- Mary VanderWeele reported that the Beaverton School District will be the largest recipient of the NIKE School Innovation Fund.

### **B. Superintendent's Comments – Jeff Rose**

Supt. Rose had the following comments:

- Jeff was proud of the students at Sunset High School that were involved in the public service announcements.
- He visited the Automotive Technology Program at Aloha High School.
- He visited the great Little Wildcats preschool program at Westview High School.
- He was very proud of how students conducted themselves at the Southridge High School vs. West Linn boys basketball game even though the game didn't go our way.
- Jeff thanked staff and the community for their advocacy. They are a loud voice and are being heard. Keep it up!
- Jeff is discouraged by what is happening in Oregon. We are in a bad place and facing more reductions. The debate of whether 7.235 is enough is interesting, but in the end is a smokescreen. Dollars for extra programs or initiatives do not settle or offset our budget. The erosion has a cumulative effect. We have become desensitized. Our expectations are low, yet some are willing to settle for a budget that takes a step backwards. Is education in Oregon the frog in the boiling kettle of water? He is asking the Legislature for three things:
  1. Keep talking about the K-12 Education Budget. Wait for upcoming economic forecasts and weigh all of our options before deciding on something as important as our education budget.
  2. Short-term: Like deciding between cutting a teacher or a counselor, PE or music, make difficult decisions in other areas on behalf of K-12 education.
  3. Long-term: If there is not enough money to fund everything Oregon needs, bravely pursue a way to generate revenue and don't make our kids in our schools wait for this to happen.

## REPORTS

### A. Beaverton Student Advisory Committee

Apoorva Somayazulu, Beaverton Student Advisory Committee Chair, thanked the Board for opportunities to engage with the community through the facilitation of Listening Sessions.

### B. Active Student Task Force

The Active Student Task Force (ASTF) has completed Phase I. Phase I focused on developing potential school-based efforts to not only meet the requirements of HB 3141 but to increase the level of student activity levels, K-12. These potential school-based efforts would then become elements within a proposed set of pilot programs for the 2015-2016 school year.

The ASTF created four subcommittees, each developing recommendations within their area of focus and identifying activities which should be part of a Pilot Proposal. The subcommittees included:

- House Bill 3141
- High School Sports
- Before and after school sports
- Movement throughout the school day

A Pilot Proposal was submitted to the BSD Internal Budget Committee in February 2015 and is currently being processed by the committee. The proposal will involve three elementary schools, one middle school and K-12 grants to encourage increased student activity levels.

Assuming the proposed pilot programs receive funding through the 2014-2015 budget process, a progress monitoring system would be developed to analyze the impact of the pilots. This information will be used to develop a culture of greater movement throughout the day. Second, the ASTF would begin to study the long-range needs across the BSD to support the needed increases in student activity within the school day. They are asking that schools start the day with 10 minutes of movement, and take brain-breaks throughout the day.

Complying with the HB3141 requirement of 150 minutes will be a struggle for facilities and school schedules.

Questions and comments from the Board:

- Thank you for your hard work on the Task Force.
- Thank you to Mary VanderWeele for serving on the Task Force.
- This is a great proposal; physical activity will decrease discipline issues.
- What is the amount that you are requesting from the Internal Budget Committee? *\$87,000 for next year.*
- Thank you for including freshman sports.
- I am impatient, the scope of the pilots seems a little small. I would like you to go for more.
- How will the schools be chosen for the pilots? *The Executive Administrators will sit down with the Task Force and will select schools, space and keep diversity in mind.*
- I applaud your leadership on this House Bill. Beaverton will be a leader in the state; no other districts are working on this yet.
- I encourage you to be more aggressive, meet the law in at least one pilot.

### C. Beaverton School Based Health Center & Merlo Station Health Center

The Beaverton School District has two School Based Health Centers, one located at Merlo Station High School and the other on the Beaverton High School campus. The Merlo Station High School Health Center, operated in partnership with Oregon Health & Science University, has provided services for over 15 years. The Beaverton School Based Health Center, in partnership with the Virginia Garcia Health System, opened in December 2014 on the Beaverton High School Campus.

School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) are medical clinics that offer primary care services either within or on the grounds of a school. SBHCs provide a full range of physical, mental and preventive health services to all students, regardless of their ability to pay.

Each SBHC is staffed by a primary care provider (i.e., doctor, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant), other medical, mental, or dental health professionals and support staff such as a receptionist.

Questions and comments from the Board:

- Do you get to treat the CEYP babies as well as the parents? *Yes.*
- How does the word spread about the center? *Word of mouth, trust goes a long way with students.*

Anne Erwin reported that Beaverton High School opened their Health Center doors in December and she looks forward to the time that they are as busy and successful as Merlo.

Beaverton High School had zero students excluded on vaccination exclusion day due to the great work at the clinic. Teachers or counselors are able to walk students right over to the clinic for services if they detect a need. After spring break, the Beaverton High School Center will be open to the entire District.

Questions and comments from the Board:

- Do you have dental practitioners on site? *We partner with Northwest Medical Teams International and they provide a Dental Van at no cost 3 times a year.*
- How are mental health services handled? *Merlo Station now has a full time mental health specialist on site, so students can get plugged in quickly. Beaverton is building their mental health services.*
- Health Centers need to be proactive not reactive.

#### **D. School Board Committee Update**

- **Legislative Advocacy**

Linda Degman reported that 4 Board members went to Salem to talk with our Legislators. They had meetings with Margaret Doherty, Tobias Read, Ken Helm and Jeff Barker. They had drop-in meetings with Mitch Greenlick and Mark Hass.

LeeAnn Larsen stated it was interesting to be on their turf. The Board members were able to stay focused and give a clear message.

Next steps for Advocacy: We need to continue to ask for \$7.875 billion as the first step on a trajectory to reach the Quality Education Commission's recommended funding level of about \$9.2 billion – which happens to be the investment level needed for Oregon schools to reach the national average for instructional time and class size. We also need to ask our Legislators to wait for more information before they vote.

- **Strategic Plan/Board Effectiveness**

Anne Bryan reported the committee finished the policy updates and have moved them to the Policy Sub-Committee. She was pleased with the input from the Listening Session.

She reminded everyone that on April 8, 2015 they will be meeting with the Beaverton Student Advisory Committee for input from students.

## **E. Financial Update – Claire Hertz**

Chief Financial Officer Claire Hertz reported that the projected General Fund balance continues to move up. It is projected to be 8.0% on June 30, 2015 and the Local Option Levy fund balance is 1.5%.

She just received the Health Insurance renewal rates and they will be flat for next year. The PERS Bonds closed, we will have an additional .7% reduction this year and will carry over for additional savings next year.

Wednesday, March 18, 2015, there will be another Budget Listening Session. This one will be in Spanish.

## **BREAK – 7:50 – 8:10**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. English Language Arts Project Team Update**

At the September 29, 2014 School Board Meeting, the Board charged the Superintendent to form the English Language Arts (ELA) Project Team for the 2014-15 ELA curriculum review. Since the formation of the Project Team, three documents have been completed and approved by the Team. These documents are: BSD English Language Arts Literacy Position Paper, K-12 English Language Arts Learning Targets and English Language Arts Best Practice.

Professional Development will be key and will start this summer.

Question and comments from the Board:

- Jeff Hicks stated that he read the report with much gusto. He is excited about the Best Practice document, especially the writing instruction. Time allotted for clear writing instruction is vital.
- The Common Core has pushed this work. Professional Development will be critical to the work.
- Language Arts is vital for College and Career Readiness.
- I am very happy to see the priority of writing instruction. How will it fit in the school schedule? *We are working with Principals on scheduling, but we are serious about 90 minutes of reading and 45 minutes of consistent writing per day at the elementary level.*
- Parent communication is important, right now it seems confusing. How are you going to help with that? *We rely on feedback especially from teachers.*
- How do you keep students joyful through the process? *Choice is the key, kids can enjoy what they read and write if they have good choices.*
- How we communicate standards to parents is very important. They must be able to understand.

### **B. First Reading of School Board Policies – Mary VanderWeele**

- **EEA** – Student Transportation Services  
The Board discussed paragraph two and decided it needed more work. This policy will return for another first reading in April.
- **EEACA** – School Bus Driver Selection and Training  
The Board agreed to remove the second sentence. Policy EEACA will return for a second reading.
- **IIBGA** – Electronic Communications System  
There is a redundant sentence in paragraph 3 and 4. That will be corrected and the policy will return for a second reading in April.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Strategic Plan Approval Process (15-511)**

There were no additional questions or comments.

LeeAnn Larsen moved to approve the Strategic Plan process.

Susan Greenberg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**B. Second Reading of II/IIA – Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials (15-512)**

The Board discussed the proposed changes. The word ‘abilities’ was lined out and should be kept in the sentence. There is also a need for the word ‘on’ after based in the same sentence. The last paragraph is confusing and needs revamping. With these changes, the policy will return for a second reading in April.

**C. Hope Chinese Charter Renewal (15-513)**

Jon Bridges reported that the Hope Chinese Charter School students in grades 1 – 2 currently receive 65% of their instruction in Chinese and 35% in English. The Charter states that 75% of instruction will be in Chinese and 25% will be in English.

Based on the evidence, staff recommended renewal of the charter.

LeeAnn Larsen moved to approve the renewal of the Charter for Hope Chinese Charter School to June 30, 2018 and directs staff to negotiate a new charter contract.

Donna Tyner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**D. Consent Agenda – Mary VanderWeele**

LeeAnn Larsen moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Susan Greenberg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**1. Personnel – (15-514)**

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 (15-515)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes listed below be and hereby are approved for:

- February 17, 2015 – Business Meeting

**3. Public Contracts (15-516)**

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

**4. 2015-2018 District Calendars (3 yrs) (15-517)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Beaverton School Board approved the 2015-2016 District Calendar Option 2; the 2016-2017 District Calendar Option 2; and the 2017-2018 District Calendar Option 3 with the understanding that budgetary and contractual decisions may impact the implementation of final calendars.

**5. Substitute Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement (15-518)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the terms of the Substitute Collective Bargaining Agreement between the School Board and the Beaverton Education Association, for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019, be ratified by the School Board of the Beaverton School District.

**6. Grant Report – (15-519)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant Report be and hereby is approved as submitted.

**7. Request for Approval to Postpone Selection and Use of Adopted Instructional Materials (15-520)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board approved the request for a postponement of the selection and use of adopted instructional materials.

**8. 2015-2016 Inter-District Transfer Process (15-521)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Beaverton School District School Board approve the inter-district transfer process for the 2015-2016 school year.

**9. Second Reading of School Board Policies (15-522)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the changes to the following policies have been and hereby are approved:

- GBE – Staff Health and Safety
- GBNA – Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing – Staff
- GBN/JBA – Sexual Harassment
- JFCEB – Personal Communication Devices and Social Media - Students

**CLOSING COMMENTS – Mary VanderWeele and Jeff Rose**

Mary VanderWeele thanked everyone for their attention and hard work. The next School Board meeting will be a Work Session on April 13, 2015 at Sunset High School starting at 9:00 a.m.

Jeff Rose thanked the Board and staff for their push to get people to advocate for school funding.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Marshall

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Mary VanderWeele, School Board Chair