

Greater Albany Public School District 8J  
718 Seventh Avenue SW  
Albany, Oregon 97321-2399



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
July 21, 2008 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

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*Pat Bedore, Superintendent*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Reid called the regular meeting of the School Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Liisa Reid	Board Chair
Tom Sramek, Jr.	Board Vice Chair
Frank Bricker	Director
Don Bacher	Director
Sandi Gordon	Gave advance notice of her absence
Maria Delapoer	Superintendent
Steve Kunke	Assistant Superintendent
Randy Lary	Human Resources Director
Russell Allen	Business and Operations Director

A list of others present at the meeting is filed with the original minutes. It was noted that a quorum of the Board was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Chair Liisa Reid led attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS**

Board Chair Reid spoke of the election of officers for the coming year. She opened the floor for nominations. Director Bricker moved to nominate Don Bacher as Board Chair for the coming school year. There were no other nominations.

Action: Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board Chair Bacher opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Director Bricker moved to nominate Sandi Gordon as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

Action: Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board Chair Bacher thanked Director Reid and Director Sramek for their service as Chair and Vice Chair.

**COMMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Board Chair Bacher welcomed Superintendent Maria Delapoer and Human Resources Director Randy Lary to their new responsibilities.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**AGENDA CHANGE**

Board Chair Bacher said that he would move the Initiative Petitions from the Reports Agenda to the Legislative Liaison Report.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) Minutes from June 23, 2008 Regular Board Meeting
- 2) Personnel (with Addendum)
- 3) Financial Report
- 4) Board Policies
  - *BG, Board-Staff Communications*
  - *CCB, Line and Staff Relations*
  - *GBD, Board-Staff Communications*

Director Sramek asked to be exempted from voting on the minutes of the June 23, 2008 Board meeting because he did not attend the session. Director Reid moved to accept the minutes. Directors Reid and Bricker and Board Chair Bacher voted to approve. Director Sramek abstained. Motion APPROVED by MAJORITY.

Board Chair Bacher said that if there were no objections to remainder of the Consent Agenda, the Board would approve the documents. Board Chair Bacher DECLARED THE ACTION DECIDED by unanimous consent.

**BOARD REPORTS**

Board Chair Bacher spoke as the Board's Legislative Liaison and discussed three resolutions before the Board.

Board Chair Bacher said that Resolution 08/09-14 would support HJR 15 which refers a constitutional amendment proposal to Oregon voters that would modify a portion of the double-majority requirement, restoring simple majority voting. He said that the proposal would restore the simple majority voting requirement for local bonds and levy measures on all November and May ballots. He encouraged the Board's support of the proposed resolution

Board Chair Bacher said that Resolution 08/09-15 would oppose Initiative Resolution 3 which proposes to increase the amount of federal income taxes that may be deducted from an individual taxpayer's Oregon taxable income from a limit of about \$5,500 to the entire amount of federal taxes paid. He said that the Oregon Legislative Revenue Office estimated the proposed changes would result in a \$1.244 billion loss of state revenue in the 2009-11 biennium and a \$2.268 billion reduction in the 2011-13 biennium. He said that the Revenue Office estimated that the reduction of state revenues would likely

result in a direct reduction in revenues for public education. Board members discussed several edits suggested by Director Bricker.

Board Chair Bacher reported that Resolution 08/09-16 would oppose Initiative Resolution 19 which would establish a statewide policy that English is the “language of opportunity” and mandate that non-English speaking students be immersed in English so that students could be mainstreamed as quickly as possible. He said that the petition proposed to place non-English speaking students in English immersion classes for state-specified limited time periods based upon grade levels. Board Chair Bacher said that educators believe the initiative would severely reduce the district’s authority and ability to meet the unique needs of students who must learn English while also learning academic skills. Board members agreed upon several edits.

Board members agreed to reconsider the resolutions at the September 8, 2008 Board meeting.

Board Chair Bacher said that he attended the Oregon School Boards Association Summer Board conference during July 12 and 13, 2008. He summarized the seminars he attended and distributed handouts he received at the event.

Director Sramek said that he attended the June promotion ceremony for Memorial Middle School eighth graders. He suggested that a Board member participate in each eighth grade promotion ceremony in June 2009. The directors agreed to participate in the events.

### **BUSINESS**

#### ***ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS***

Business and Operations Director Russ Allen summarized the annual resolutions. He recommended approval of the documents.

Action: Director Sramek moved to approve the annual resolutions. Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

#### ***WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE***

Business and Operations Director Russell Allen presented the 2008-09 Worker’s Compensation insurance proposal received through the district’s Agent of Record, Wilson Heirgood Associates. He explained the term “experience modifier” and notified that the coming year premium would be substantially lower than during the previous year. Mr. Allen recommended contracting with Special Districts Association of Oregon as the district carrier for 2008-09 in the amount of \$292,029.

Action: Director Reid moved to approve the proposed contract for Workers Compensation insurance. Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### ***PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE***

Business and Operations Director Russell Allen said that Property and Casualty Coverage for Education (Special Districts Association of Oregon) was the only property and liability insurance carrier offering coverage for K-12 school districts. He presented the 2008-09 Property and Casualty insurance proposal received through the district’s Agent of Record, Wilson Heirgood Associates.

He explained that the proposal reflected an increase in the value of district property by 12 percent to \$171,456,075 to better reflect actual value. He said that the proposal included a proposed policy liability coverage increase from \$5 million per occurrence to \$10 million with a \$20 million aggregate. He added that the liability deductible would be reduced from \$100,000 to \$50,000. He explained that the deductible for property related claims was already at \$50,000. He reported that the improvements to the policy caused the premium to increase by \$12,485.

Mr. Allen recommended contracting with Property and Casualty Coverage for Education (Special Districts Association of Oregon) as district's carrier for 2008-09 in the amount of \$235,829.

Action: Director Reid moved to accept staff's recommendation for property and liability insurance with Property and Casualty Coverage for Education (Special Districts Association of Oregon). Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

### ***CONSTRUCTION BIDS***

Business and Operations Director Russ Allen noted that the Board members had at their places, an addendum to the construction bids. He explained that the addendum did not change the data provided in the Board packet, but provided greater detail.

Mr. Allen said that he would begin with a discussion of the change order for construction and renovations to West Albany High School. He recalled that at the June 23 Board meeting the directors approved a change order in the amount of \$700,000 to permit work to proceed until the July 21 Board meeting. He requested an additional change order for the remaining work to be performed. He invited project manager Ed Fitz-Patrick to the lectern to further describe the project.

Mr. Fitz-Patrick described the separate projects included in the renovation of West Albany High School. He spoke of the extension to "C" hallway, renovations to the library and distance learning center, the addition of two classrooms, electrical service upgrades and the renovations of the locker rooms. He said that the projects were over budget by approximately \$88,000. He explained the adjustments that caused the increased costs.

Director Reid asked which of the projects would be completed before schools open. Mr. Fitz-Patrick replied that all of the projects except the library renovation would be completed before schools open in September. He estimated that the work on the library would continue through October.

Action: Director Sramek moved to approve a change order with T. Gerding Construction in the amount of \$1,106,884. Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fitz-Patrick said that the bids for the bus loops at Calapooia Middle and Periwinkle Elementary Schools came in at approximately \$46,000 over budget because the City of Albany directed that the district install storm water retention systems at both schools. He said that the City of Albany had approved the project for Calapooia School, but the City planned to first hold a public hearing on the project at Periwinkle School. He said that he had met with the City officials and expected the City to approve the Periwinkle project.

Board Chair Bacher asked about the time to complete each project. Mr. Fitz-Patrick estimated that each project would require four weeks of work.

Action: Director Bricker moved to approve a contract with R.J. Armstrong & Associates in the amount of \$297,218.50. Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fitz-Patrick discussed the project to construct a four-classroom technology addition to South Albany High School. Mr. Fitz-Patrick said that the project was slightly over budget, partly because the City directed that the project include ADA restrooms.

Director Reid noted that the three projects discussed that evening were each over budget. She asked of the costs of other summer projects. Mr. Fitz-Patrick replied that work at other sites was going well and predicted that some projects would be under budget.

Action: Director Sramek moved to approve a contract to TomCor Construction in the amount of \$1,250,350. Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### ***RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING 2008/2009 BUDGET (REVISED)***

Business and Operations Director Russ Allen spoke of a discrepancy between the 2008-2009 budget approved by the Board at its June 23, 2008 meeting and the resolution appropriating the 2008-2009 budget approved on the same date. He said that the discrepancy was in the manner in which the Community Services and Contingency funds were reflected in the Insurance Reserve Fund. He stressed that the total amount of the funds would not change. Mr. Allen recommended that the Board approve a revised resolution appropriating the 2008-2009 budget.

Action: Director Reid moved to approve the revised resolution appropriating the 2008-09 budget. Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **REPORTS**

##### ***CONSTRUCTION UPDATE***

Business and Operations Director Russ Allen noted that the Board packets contained the Bond Master Progress List as well as a summary of the bond fund investments. He invited project manager Ed Fitz-Patrick to the lectern.

Mr. Fitz-Patrick discussed construction of the new campus, Timber Ridge School. He said that the first concrete pour was completed on July 17. He said that a second pour was scheduled for July 24 and that framing would begin on July 25. He said that construction of the sewer line to the site began on July 7. He said that the project was going well.

He spoke of a City requirement for a 10-foot wide public utility easement on both sides of the access road. He said that the requirement would not impact the district's use of the property. He said that approval of the easement from the neighboring property owner was obtained but he needed Board approval for the easement on the school side of the road.

Director Sramek moved to approve the public utility easement as requested. Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fitz-Patrick summarized other bond work throughout the district, including North Albany Middle and Periwinkle Elementary Schools. He also reported on the work at South Albany and West Albany High Schools. He stated that asbestos floor tile had been removed from the main corridors of each of the middle schools and replacement tile was being installed. He added that he planned to remove underground fuel storage tanks from ten sites this summer.

Director Sramek referred to the fire escapes at Central Elementary School. He asked if the fire escapes had been renovated. Mr. Fitz-Patrick said that no work was completed to date, but money was budgeted for the work.

***BOARD POLICY: FACILITIES***

Assistant Superintendent Steve Kunke said that donations are frequently made to the district and occasionally the donations come with some considerations for their use. He discussed revisions to a proposed new Board Policy *FFA, Commemorative Donations* to address donations in honor of persons or organizations which may have special significance to the students, the district or the community. He said that there were further revisions at Board member places.

Director Sramek asked if the proposed policy was consistent with Board Policy *FF, Naming Facilities*. Mr. Kunke said that he would review both directives.

***ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS: STUDENTS***

Assistant Superintendent Steve Kunke invited Student Services Coordinator Wayne Goates to the lecturn.

Mr. Goates said that revisions to Administrative Regulation *JFCI-AR, Substance/Drug Abuse* were approved by the Board at the June 9 meeting. He said that he was proposing two additional amendments to clarify what is to be accomplished at district expense and what is to be paid for by the parents or guardians.

Mr. Kunke said that if the Board had no objections, he would ask the superintendent to approve the recommended revisions to the document.

***OTHER BUSINESS***

Board Chair Bacher asked of the date of the Bond Oversight Committee meeting. Mr. Allen replied that the meeting would be August 5, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the district office. Director Sramek said that he would participate in the meeting.

Board Chair Bacher stated that the next regular Board meeting would be August 11, 2008. He added that the Board Advance would be August 13 at 3:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's home.

***ADJOURNMENT***

Board Chair Bacher adjourned the Board meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Maria Delapoer, Superintendent

(Recorded by Jim Haggart)

Business and Report Items - Document Reference (filed with original minutes)

Copies of documents presented for action and report purposes are located in the district audit folder prepared for permanent record.