

CENTRAL CURRY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of the Work Session Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 23, 2015

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION

A work session meeting was held on Thursday, July 23, 2015, in the Gold Beach High School library.

Board members present and comprising a quorum were Scott McNair, Brandon McGinnis, Ryan Ringer and Andy Wright. Staff members present were Superintendent Roy Durfee, Business Manager Kristal Carpenter and Administrative Assistant Theresa Hendrix.

CALLED TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Chair Scott McNair at 6:07 p.m. Chair Scott McNair led the Pledge of Allegiance and read Central Curry School District #1 mission statement.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Strategic Plan history was presented by Chair Scott McNair, Aimee Fletcher and Barbara Gaston. They explained the plan was built over a two year period and Chair McNair explained the group came up with 6 core areas. Each area was prioritized by highest priority first. Each of the six areas were discussed with the Board. The 2014-15 Board had decided to focus on the Areas 1 and 2 as important areas. Barbara Gaston did agree the group would continue to operate and had a 5 year plan. The Strategic Plan is working on by-laws to become a 501 (3)(c) corporation and be a Stand Alone foundation and be outside of the school. The name will be Wild Rogue Youth Foundation and would supplement the school's budget and target all youth in Gold Beach not just students attending the district schools. Chair McNair stated the focus currently is on developing the by-laws for the foundation. Board Ringer asked Superintendent Durfee if he was familiar with contacting with Grant writers. Superintendent Durfee responded the state grant funds are sent directly to school. The foundation may be able to receive funds and not be tied to the funding formula. The foundation could be a benefit for the school.

Board Wright mention receiving a list of grants that are available. There was a discussion of funding a grant writer and the possibility of commission. Jodi Hack was mentioned as a possible grant writer.

Chair McNair stated the foundation would have to be established first. Chair McNair asked Superintendent Durfee where do we start? Superintendent Durfee responded to hold events and activities for the community to interact such as a fall activity. Superintendent Durfee shared he would like to work on mending fences and wants to bring in a positive attitude.

Board Ringer stated he was concerned the Strategic Plan was mostly directed to staff and not student based. Barbara Gaston stated a culture of trust needed to be created and Aimee Fischer also stated a culture of trust was needed inside as well as outside of the school. Chair McNair shared he had heard criticism before regarding the Strategic Plan was focused on staff and not the students. There should be an outline for Superintendent Durfee to follow.

Board Ringer stated there should be a cohesive for the staff as educational leadership. Barbara Gaston and Aimee Fletcher both shared they wanted to identify a culture of trust and have open discussions regarding the plan. Superintendent Durfee stated this was a living document and would work on the objectives to set the ground work for the new superintendent and to establish a tone for the first meeting with the staff.

Chair McNair asked What are the priorities to the Board? Board Wright responded Trust & Morale of the staff affects the foundation. Board Ringer stated he wanted to have the focus on the inside of the school before the community. Need to focus on the children and school facilities as the school facilities are in a rundown condition such as the exterior of the building.

Chair McNair stated the state had passed 1.2 million dollars for the Seismic Rehabilitation Program Grant.

Board Ringer shared the culture of the school had changed from the previous years he remember when he attended school in the district. Superintendent Durfee shared the culture of schools has changed state wide. Superintendent Durfee stated he had meet students in the district and they are great, positive kids. Board Ringer stated that positive expectations start from the top. Chair McNair also agreed the culture starts at the top.

Superintendent Durfee discussed the AdvancEd Accreditation report. The Board requested to receive a copy of the report. Aimee Fletcher stated the school did not score well. Superintendent Durfee stated the school is on a plan of assistance and is currently working on the recommendations.

GEAR UP GRANT PRESENTATION

Gear Up Grant coordinator Dee Ragsdale presented and explained the program to the Board.

Ms. Ragsdale presented a pamphlet to the board explaining the 5 "R"s. The grant is \$294,000.00 for over a 7 year period. \$42,000.00 per year is funded through a federal grant through OSU. The grant focuses on early age of students, career, college readiness and focus on school. OSU has set 5 priorities targeting 7th grade and up. The 5 "R"s for student achievement are as follows:

1. Reaching Higher
2. Rigor
3. Relevance - (Education all kinds)
4. Relationships (Respect)
5. Raising Awareness

These are measurable objectives. Ms. Ragsdale would like to have a career fair in Gold Beach which would be funded through the grant. The 5 "R"s are the model for Gear Up and it is set on a 1 year plan from 9/1 to 10/1 for their work plan and evaluate the program. Examples of success would be pursuing higher education and bringing parents awareness of the program. Ms. Ragsdale shared there will be a field trip to OSU on August 11th with 24 students from grades 7th - 9th grade to attend. The last school year there was a contest at both schools called Door Wars where staff at the schools decorated their doors showing which colleges they attended. Ms. Ragsdale also stated she wants to align the goals of the Strategic Plan with Gear Up. She

wants the staff to work together to create a team effort. Ms. Ragsdale also shared she would like a board member and Superintendent Durfee to team up with Gear Up.

Chair McNair stated the Gear Up program was great and he did not want it to fail.

Ms. Ragsdale asked if the district would share in the cost for the bus and had until August 31st. It was mentioned this would be researched. Chair McNair stated a Career Fair would be a great way to encourage students. Ms. Ragsdale shared there was a Career Fair last school year in Brookings. Board Ringer stated he would implement a Career Fair at our district. Ms. Ragsdale also shared the funds from the Gear Up Grant funds received last school year funded computers at Riley Creek, tutoring services and college campus visits. Board Ringer told Ms. Ragsdale he appreciated her enthusiasm. Ms. Ragsdale stated she just wants to help the students and assist the teachers. The Board thanked Ms. Ragsdale.

REVIEW HISTORICAL SCHOOL BOARD GOALS

Chair McNair stated there were 6 board goals. Board Wright read the board goals out loud to the audience.

- #1 Accomplish goals
- #2 State Standard tests - Smarter Balance
- #3 New Club/community - (Musical experiences)
- #4 Implement school pride - (hard to measure)
- #5 Stakeholder awareness - (positive information to community)
- #6 Complete Board policy revisions - (Will be completed by September for finalization)

Board discussed goals are very important and to identify specific goals. Superintendent Durfee has a year to accomplish the goals. The Board will focus on the Strategic Plan goals #1 & #2.

Barbara Burke discussed the math curriculum and the math common core goals. She held a parent meeting with Mrs. Jodi Litterell at Riley Creek last school year and had 100% attendance from parents. The meeting discussed the state testing of OAKS to Common Core testing for math.

Board Ringer, Chair McNair and Superintendent Durfee discussed students need computer skills and have access to computers for assist in state testing. Also discussed budgeting money for the PA system and adding classes for high school students. Superintendent Durfee discussed adding music classes will help with additional offerings for students. The group also discussed Odyssey on-line classes offered in the library for additional offerings. Superintendent Durfee stated it was important to have staff oversee the Odyssey computers in the library. Board Ringer wanted to explore the possibility of having a SWOCC teacher available to teach classes to allow students the opportunity to earn SWOCC credit as well as a high school credit. Superintendent Durfee also wanted to explore the opportunity of vocational classes. The Board wanted to research the partnership with colleges for classes to be able to receive college credit as well as high school credit. Chair McNair expressed the desire to increase class opportunities.

Superintendent Durfee stated he is currently reviewing the Student Handbook for the high school. He had the opportunity to go see the high school woodshop and metal shop and they are very nice facilities. The Board

also discussed the class Senior Seminar and job shadowing opportunities for students. The Board briefly discussed the 7th & 8th grade students coming over to the high school which would allow availability of more classes. This is the trend of schools located on the South coast.

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS FOR 2015-16

The Board discussed the main goals for the 2015-16 school year

- #1 To complete the review and rewrite Board Policies from last school year
- #2 Maintenance for the buildings - Identify problems, focus on safety & security of buildings:
 - a) Complete projects such as doors, PA System - time line by January 1st
 - b) Make Long term goals
 - c) Prepare a building facility list of repairs needed
 - d) Review budget in March/April for funds to address identified repairs

- #3 Combine the 7th & 8th grades with high school.

The goals discussed will be discussed at the August meeting and with the Lighthouse Project.

FACILITY USE PROCESS

The Board discussed the wear and tear of the facilities from outside sources in the community. The Board reviewed the Facility Use Agreement form provided. The Board discussed possible changes to the form and to research other schools facilities policies and fees in the community such as Brookings. The Board discussed receiving possible deposits from groups before the use of the facilities. The Board plans to discuss further at the August meeting.

SITE COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Superintendent Durfee shared with the Board that both schools, Riley Creek and Gold Beach High School have site councils. However the site councils established at the schools do not follow the organization rules established in 1997. Our groups are a committee within the staff to improve schools. Riley Creek focused on Tsunami awareness and GBHS focused on students success in meeting graduation requirements this past school year. Superintendent Durfee stated it was important to maintain committees and knew there would be challenges. Communication was very important. The committees should bring ideas to the Board. Superintendent Durfee stated as his role as building principal for GBHS he plans to work on positive changes.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Scott McNair
Board Chair

Theresa Hendrix
Administrative Assistant