

BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT 5J
2090 Fourth Street, Baker City, OR 97814
5J District Office, North Conference Room
September 22, 2009
Board of Directors Work Session 6:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Board

Damien Yervasi, Vice Chairman
Ginger Savage
Rusty Munn
Lynne Burroughs

Staff

Don Ulrey, Superintendent
Ed Hayhurst, Business Manager
Norma Nemec, Board Secretary
Dan Van Thiel, District Attorney
Weston Anderson, ASB President

Press

Chris Collins

Administrators

Deon Strommer - Absent

Patrons

District Staff

Work Session

This work session was closed to the public to hear a grievance filed by Baker Education Association. All meetings, under the BEA contract, will be in a closed session unless they decide to hold it in an open session. The grievance states that the district violated Article V, XIV, and XXIII of their current contract. The relief sought is for the district to honor the current contract and pay the association members for 191 days of service for the 2008/2009 school year instead of 186 days. The district has ten (10) days (till October 6, 2009,) to render their decision. If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level Three, or if no decision has been rendered within ten (10) days after the Level Three Conference, the Association may submit their grievance to arbitration. The Board will meet in executive session September 24, 2009, at 12:00 noon in the district office for further discussion on the grievance.

Regular Session

A. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Damien Yervasi called the regular board meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Presentations

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to:

- The Cattlemen's Association for the donation of beef to Baker County School Districts;
- Jean Dean and her staff for their dedication to the food service program;
- Technology personnel Erik McKim, Pat Montgomery and Jerry Hesseltine for their outstanding service to the staff.

C. Approve minutes

Motion by Ginger Savage, **second** by Lynne Burroughs, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of August 18, 2009, as presented.

Vote: Unanimously approved by all present.

D. Correspondence

- Letter from Chaves Consulting outlining the tasks they have completed and a list of

future projects;

- UBESD Board and Administration questions and answers regarding a voluntary merger;
- List of business manager applicants and interview committee;
- J. Michael Frasier's candidate questionnaire for the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee.

E. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

F. Discussion

F.1 - ASB Report - Weston Anderson

Projects of the Leadership Class are:

- Update the gym hallway with a fresh coat of paint and paw prints;
- Paint the "B" on the hill;
- Show support for breast cancer victims and survivors by wearing pink gloves during the LaGrande football game November 6. Everyone is being asked to wear pink. "Tough enough to wear pink".

Dates to remember:

- Pep week is October 5 through 9;
- Homecoming dance is October 10;
- Band concert is October 26 and the choir concert is October 27;
- The play "Little One" has been scheduled for November 20, 21, and 22.

F.2 - EOU High School Initiative Program - Bob Davies, EOU President

Mr. Bob Davies said, "In rural Oregon only 15% of the students continue higher education after high school." EOU wants to change that. They are working with high schools in rural areas to encourage students to go to college. Some of the programs being offered by the university are:

- A Summer Institute program for high school students;
- A program "Gear-Up" which is offered to students K-12 so they can get acquainted with the college and what it has to offer. A taste of campus life;
- They are sending professors out to teach early math, science, etc., so students are ready to enter college;
- The Oregon Writing Project;
- Dual Credit program. Students can get dual credit, if eligible, for \$40.00.

Mr. Davies concluded by saying he is very excited to be back in Eastern Oregon and looks forward to working with the staff and students in Baker. He said, "How can we work together to be partners in education?"

F.3 - Cooperative Sponsorship Application for Special District Sports (girls' golf, boys' and girls' swimming and tennis, and soccer) - Mike Sullivan

Jerry Peacock, in Mike Sullivan's absence, explained the cooperative application for special district sports. If a district does not have enough students for a sport and/or they do not offer the sport, an agreement must be entered into by both districts with the approval of Oregon Schools Athletic Association. A student from North Powder would like to play soccer at Baker because North Powder does not offer soccer. They cannot participate with approval of the school board.

F.4 - North Powder Special Education Contract - Barry Nemec

Action cannot be taken on the Special Education contract at this time. There are many questions we need answered by ODE. Lance Dixon, Superintendent at North Powder, and Barry Nemec, Special Education Director from Baker, will continue to work out the details. There are 60 new Charter schools in Oregon this year. Baker School District will proceed slowly making sure we have a good working relation with North Powder and our special education students are taken care of.

F.5 - Baker All Prep Early College Contract - Ken Humphreys

Ken said they will make the changes in the contract suggested by our Attorney Dan Van Thiel. The Board will take action during the action portion of the agenda.

F.6 - Inservice Report - Craig Woods 6-12 Writing and Nanette Lehman K-5 Math

Craig Woods reported on the 6-12 Writing Workshop held during staff inservice. Staff under the direction of Paul Hookapa learned how to use the 6 + 1 writing traits. The 6 + 1 Writing Traits provide teachers the tools needed to improve student writing by providing a common language between writers and teachers. The program provides a universal language for students and their teachers.

K-5 teachers' inservice centered around Math. Tay Mohr and Nanette Lehman told the Board that teachers learned the five steps to a balanced math program - Math Facts, Mental Math, Problem Solving, Conceptual Understanding and Assessment.

F.7 - Maintenance Report - Ron Stoaks

- The Café floor at the middle school will be installed this week;
- The band/choir room has been completed;
- There is still some sound proofing needed in the Kindergarten rooms, and they are looking at moving some playground equipment from South Baker;
- The BMS wood shop class will continue classes in the Central building until Christmas.

F.8 - Food Service Report - Jean Dean

Food Service has served approximately a thousand meals and snacks since the beginning of school. They have used a lot of local food and numbers are up. Jean has purchased two warmers. She was able to move the dishwasher from Central to South Baker. Ron Stoaks and Wayne Paxton are going to Boise to look at a van for Bruce Bowers to transport food and supplies.

F.9 - OSBA Fall Regional Meeting October 6, 2009 - Norma Nemec

Don, Lynne, Ginger, Rusty, and Damien will be going to the OSBA Fall Regional meeting in LaGrande. The meeting will be held at The Place Conference Center in Island City.

F.10 - Financial Report - Ed Hayhurst

The cash on hand is \$1.3 million. Ed will be applying for the stimulus money October 1. The end of October and first of November could be tight. The supplemental budget reflects the increased funding from the governor. Ed was able to put back the ten (10) days that were cut for the original budget; Put \$150,000 back in the contingency fund; \$300,000 to the Web Academy; Add back 2.5 teachers. The Board will vote on the Supplemental Budget during the action portion of the agenda. We will upload our ADM

to ODE October 10. We could be overpaid if we go by that ADM count. Ed said, "If you look at the average ADM in January, it will be pretty close to our average for the year."

F.11 - Enrollment Report - Don Ulrey

The district has a total enrollment of 1779.5 students. Also, beginning this month, Jean Dean will give a food service participation report. This month Brooklyn has 71%, South Baker 70%, BMS 60%, Haines 60% and BHS 25% participation.

F.12 - Superintendent's Report

(Printout may be obtained at the district office)

F.13 - Principals' Report

Betty Palmer Principal at South Baker, reported:

- Open houses were last week at South Baker and Brooklyn. Kindergartens' open house is September 29. Haines' open house is October 1, 2009;
- Chelsea Hurliman will teach the after school program at South Baker which started this week;
- Joan George will teach the after school program at Brooklyn starting next week;
- Parent Involvement meetings will start October 1. Susan Yen is the facilitator.

G. - Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

H. Action

H.1 - Cooperative Sponsorship for Special District Sports

Motion by Ginger Savage, **second** by Rusty Munn, to approve the Cooperative Sponsorship application for girls' soccer, girls' golf, boys' and girls' swimming and tennis.

Vote: Unanimously approved by all present.

H.2 - Extra Duty Report

Motion by Rusty Munn, **second** by Lynne Burroughs, to approve the extra duty new/rehires and resignation as presented.

Vote: Unanimously approved by all present.

H.3 - North Powder Special Education Contract

No action was taken.

H.4 - Baker All Prep Early College Contract

Motion by Ginger Savage, **second** by Rusty Munn, to accept the Baker All Prep Early College Contract with the incorporation of the changes requested by the district's Attorney, Dan Van Thiel, as outlined in his letter to Baker School District Superintendent, dated September 8, 2009.

Vote: Unanimously approved by all present.

H.5 - Alternative Education Services Contract

Motion by Ginger Savage, **second** by Lynne Burroughs, to accept the Alternative Education Services Contract as presented.

Vote: Unanimously approved by all present.

H.6- Blue Mountain Community College and Baker School District Expanded College Options Education Services

Motion by Lynne Burroughs, **second** by Rusty Munn, to accept the agreement between Blue Mountain Community College and Baker School District for expanded college options educational services.

Vote: Unanimously approved by all present.

H.7 - Classified, District Office Staff and Administrators' Agreement

Motion by Lynne Burroughs, **second** by Rusty Munn, to accept the agreements of the classified, district office and administrators' agreements to roll over their current contract/agreements and salaries until March 1, 2010.

Vote: Unanimously approved by all present.

H.8 - Resolution 10-6 Supplemental Budget

Motion by Lynne Burroughs, **second** by Ginger Savage, to adopt the Supplemental Budget in the sum of \$1,297,963 as presented.

Vote: Unanimously approved by all present.

I. Future Agenda Items

1. Boardsmanship Workshop
2. November OSBA Conference
3. Enrollment
4. Supplemental Budget
5. Special Education Report

J. Adjourn

There being no further business for the regular board meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Board Chairman Date

Superintendent Date