

School Board Minutes

Banks School District 13

April 13, 2009

Minutes are official after Board approval

Board Members Present:

Duane Lundsten, Chairman
Angi Duyck
Kathy Edison
Will Moore
Doug Nordholm

Others Present:

Lance Heggem, Sodexo Food Service Manger
Parents, Students, Staff Members, Patrons

Administrators Present

Shelley Mitchell, Student Services Director
Jim Foster, BHS Principal
Jim Smith, BHS Asst. Principal
Mark Everett, BJHS Principal

Marv Ott, Superintendent
Bob Huston, BES Principal
Simon Levear, Business Manager
Gary Hartman, Technology/Assessment Director

7:00 Regular Session

CALL TO ORDER-FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Duane Lundsten called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the flag salute. Mr. Lundsten said that there is time at the end of the meeting for audience comment.

PUBLIC WELCOME/RECOGNITION/COMMENTS

Mr. Ott reported that Heather Anderson, a new high school math teacher, is unable to attend the meeting tonight.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was an addition to the agenda: Consent Agenda item 5.3 resignation: Norm Ballou, Banks High School Varsity Boys Basketball coach, effective the end of the 2008-09 season. Doug Nordholm made the following motion: "Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors approve the agenda as amended." Will Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Ben Buchanan, Banks High School Social Studies Teacher, presented on the 7-day trip through Education First to Italy over spring vacation. He said that the district had 17 students and 7 adults that joined the group, which included students and chaperones from Illinois and Indiana. He presented a slideshow, and answered questions. The students present at the board meeting said they enjoyed the trip and were most impressed with the coliseum and St. Peter's. Deanna Pickar, parent, said the students represented the school well. Angi Duyck asked Mr. Buchanan, compared to last year, how this trip went. He said this was more a walking tour, there was more travel time on a bus, and the greatest differences he noted was the antiquity in Italy, and cultural differences of Italy, compared to the London and Paris tour last year.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve March 9, 2009 Work Session Minutes
Approve March 9, 2009 Executive/Board Session Minutes
Approve March 30, 2009 Special Work Session Minutes
Approve Fiscal Report
Approve Routine Personnel Matters

Resignations

Cathy Millis, .46875FTE Inst. Asst. effective March 16, 2009
Norm Ballou, BHS Varsity Boys Basketball Coach effective end of 2008-09 season

Reduction in Force

Donna Herr .487FTE Inst. Asst. effective 3/19/2009
Collette Nordstrom, .8125FTE Inst. Asst. effective 4/3/2009

Kathy Edison made the following motion: "Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors approve the consent agenda as amended." Angi Duyck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Education First trip to Costa Rica spring vacation 2009-10 school year

Pat Marlia, Banks High School Spanish Instructor, discussed the trip. He said there is a possibility of adding three days onto the trip, which would make the trip from Thursday, March 25 to Monday April 5. He said the dates can be changed to reflect the adopted 2009-2010 school calendar if necessary. Mr. Marlia said that in 2005 he took 7 students on the tour, and the students improved their Spanish speaking skills. Mr. Marlia said there are currently five students signed up. He said he would like to begin raising funds for the trip.

Doug Nordholm made the following motion: "Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors approve the Education First trip to Costa Rica, spring vacation 2009-10 school year as presented." Kathy Edison seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Appoint of Budget Committee Members

Mr. Lundsten reported after the district office checked basic local budget laws; state statute, and with OSBA, it was determined there can be no more budget committee members than board members. Will Moore nominated Norie Dimeo-Ediger. Kathy Edison asked what would happen if Ms. Dimeo-Ediger was elected to the Board. Mr. Ott said that would not effect this year's budget process. Doug Nordholm made the following motion: "Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors appoint Nori Dimeo-Ediger as Banks School District Budget Committee Member." Angi Duyck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of 2009-2010 School Year Calendar

Mr. Ott said there were two calendars for the Board's consideration, both having been presented at the March board meeting. Proposal # 1 has the student's first day as August 30, before Labor Day, and Proposal #2 has the student's first day as September 8, after Labor Day. In proposal #2, the student's last day would be June 17. Mr. Ott said that most districts in the area have their start day after Labor Day. Mr. Everett said the administrative team was concerned if snow days were added into proposal #2, the end of the school year could be much later into summer. Mr. Lundsten said traditionally the district has had an end date earlier in June than in proposal #2. Mr. Foster said that the later end date would affect summer school. Public comment was that people are used to the traditional start after Labor Day, and it would be helpful to have the calendar available as quickly as possible to the community. Angi Duyck made the following motion: "Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors approve 2009-2010 Calendar proposal #1 as presented." Kathy Edison seconded. The vote was Angi Duyck – Aye; Kathy Edison – Aye; Will Moore –Aye; Doug Nordholm – Nay. The motion passed.

Resolution 0809-06 Boundary Change

Mr. Ott reported that the information was included in the board packets. He said that Hillsboro School District completed the process and approved the boundary change at the March 2009 board meeting. Mr. Goodrich said that his family has owned the property since 1948, and as far as he knew the property was in the Banks School District, but at sometime, no one knows when or why, the property changed to the Hillsboro School District. He said he is just trying to get it back as it used to be. He said that it has been quite a process, but that Hillsboro School District has released the property with no strings attached. He said the bond debt for Hillsboro for the property has been \$730, and the amount for the Banks bond debt will be \$739, so it won't have much of a financial affect on his family. Kathy Edison made the following motion: "Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors approve Resolution 0809-06 as presented." Will Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

REPORTS

Administrator's Report

Gary Hartman had nothing to add to his written report.

Mr. Foster had nothing to add.

Mr. Everett said that Eric Summerfield participated in the National Geographic contest in Salem, and placed in the top 30% of the participants.

Mr. Smith said that track had a field day on Saturday with 550-600 athletes from 19 schools participating.

Shelley Mitchell had nothing to add.

Bob Huston said that the 4th grade completed the state writing assessment and 55% met or exceeded benchmark. He said the state average is 43%. He said the K-4 teachers are to be commended for their efforts.

Simon Levear had nothing to add.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Ott said that he had nothing to add to his written report.

AUDIENCE TIME

Public comment included asking the district to advertise the adopted calendar widely so everyone is aware of the early start date.

Comment was made that the meeting scheduled for April 27 at 7PM needs to be advertised in the community. This is the time for community input on the possible budget reduction issues facing the board and the budget committee for 2009-10. Mr. Bowden asked if there was pay to play for music or art, as in sports. Mr. Foster said that the district does not charge students to participate in regular school classes. Mrs. Edison expressed concern that if electives are dropped, there would be overloading of remaining classes. Mr. Foster said that in the area of pay to play, the marching band for example members pays a fee for cost of travel/entry at events. Comments were made about the possibility of job sharing a teacher with another district.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kathy Edison thanked the administrators for their hard work, and the presenters this evening.

Angi Duyck thanked the presenters, and welcomed the Goodrich's back to the Banks School District.

Will Moore thanked the administrators for their hard work on the budget.

Duane Lundsten echoed the comments made, and reminded everyone the next meeting is April 27 to discuss budget items.

ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled as follows:

April 27, 2009
Work Session
7:00 PM