

School Board Minutes

Banks School District 13

August 10, 2009

Minutes are official after Board approval

Board Members Present:

Will Moore, Chair
Kathy Edison
Richard Bowden
Norie Dimeo-Ediger

Others Present:

Schann Nelson, Independent
Laurie Schlegel

Administrators Present

Jim Foster, Superintendent
Jim Smith, BHS Principal
Mark Everett, BJHS Principal
Simon Levear Business Manager

5:30 Board Work Session – District Conference Room Agenda

Board Calendar

Discussion included changing the date for appointment of the budget committee member. Mr. Levear said that budgeting really does not begin until March due to the budget estimates released by the state. Mr. Moore said that if new members were appointed prior to the scheduled election in March they could receive monthly financial statements to make them aware of the current situation in the district. There are three open positions to be appointed for this budget cycle. Kathy Edison said that the first year a new member is just learning what is going on with the budget, and is learning new ground. Mr. Foster said that there will be a new ballot measure for January 2010, and that will affect what will happen. Mr. Moore, Norie Dimeo-Ediger and Mrs. Edison stressed the need for communication. The superintendent search process and the timeframe for the search was discussed. Mr. Moore asked if the board should go through the process of the goal setting for the district, and if so, when. he said that fall has been historically less busy, and goal setting should be discussed early in the year. Mr. Bowden asked if all the current goals are active, and what is in place already. Mr. Moore said that work sessions are where district goal setting should occur. He said the goals set the status and expectations for the year. Mr. Moore said the would like to set time in the calendar for goal setting; said that he would like to schedule time and not drag the process out. He suggested an initial meeting to discuss the current goals, and review expectations. He said he would like to have the next work session to discuss the current goals. Mr. Foster said that he would like to work on fine-tuning the long range goals. Mr. Moore said in his opinion long range goals should reflect a perfect world scenario, a vision to shoot for. Laurie Schlegel said that she would like the District not to be reactionary, and have goals in place. Kathy Edison said a major goal would be to replace the lost positions. Mr. Bowden said that goals have defined outcomes, versus a mission statement or vision. Mr. Moore said that he thinks there needs to be defined success even in visions. He said that the return of programs is a priority. Mrs. Edison said that it is important to communicate the goals of the district to the community.

Site Review

Mr. Foster said that the softball group would like to replace the building that burned down, and the district has put off both the softball and the baseball groups on proposed additions to the grounds – the baseball and softball groups have donations to add batting cages. He said the original cost from DLR was \$5000 to \$7000 to complete the site plan for the district. Mrs. Edison said that the district should proceed with the plan. Mr. Moore said that the board at that time decided not to spend the money on this plan, but the district was running into logistics issues. Mr. Bowden said that if something happens, without a site plan, how would the district proceed with a replacement. Norie Dimeo-Ediger asked where the money would come from for the site plan. Mr. Levear said the money would come from the Buxton funds. He said that most of the money has been used- the property the district purchased last year was paid for with these funds, and repair work to the grandstands has to be completed prior to school, and the current estimate is several thousand dollars. Consensus of the board was to proceed with the site plan.

OSAA

Mr. Foster reported that currently OSAA is waiting for numbers from the schools. He said that it will be a district decision if they decide to petition to play up. Lori Schlegel asked what the coaches think. Mr. Foster said that he will ask Wymon and Jim Smith to attend the September work session and to poll the coaches as to their thoughts. Kathy Edison said it is important to involve the community in the decision also. Mr. Foster said that the proposed number for the break is 409; currently the number is 392. He said that the proposed changes will reduce the number of teams in the playoffs. Mr. Bowden said that this relates to the transparency issue with the community. Mr. Foster said that Wymon and Jim Smith could work on having community forums to discuss the proposed changes. He said he would let the Board know at the next session on the progress of community meetings.

Board/District/Community Communications practices

The proposal is to have Kathy Edison and Will Moore meet with Mr. Foster every two weeks to discuss upcoming issues; prepare the work session and board agenda and keep communication open. Mr. Moore said the board members should take the time to talk to the principals during the year; but to also keep Jim Foster in the loop. Mrs. Edison said that when staff members send email to the board the board should make sure the superintendent and principal receive a copy. Mr. Bowden asked in what context does the communication need to be shared with the superintendent and principal – e.g. a discussion with a coach in an informal manner – is this a policy question? Mr. Moore said that as individuals the board members cannot give answers to concerns. Norie Dimeo-Ediger said the website would be a good source for communication in the community. Board consensus was to have board members attend local community meetings to further open the lines of communication. Mr. Moore said he would attend Banks fire board meetings, Kathy Edison said she could attend Banks Community Foundation meetings. Mr. Bowden said that district expectations should mirror goals of the district, and the board needs to know what is going on and have sound information in order to make decisions. Norie Dimeo-Ediger said that she would like to see the Budget Committee more active, and increase district communication with that group. Laurie Schlegel said that she would like the district to look forward rather than plugging holes as it goes along. Mr. Moore said he felt it is important to identify what needs to happen and the district needs a clear direction.

Mr. Foster discussed a book that was assigned for AP English this year. There were complaints from some parents on the choice of “Beloved” as an assigned reading. There are alternative readings available, and Mr. Foster said that there needs to be more communication to parents, with an opportunity to review the materials and the list of proposed, new books, and original assigned readings made available.

The superintendent search was discussed – Kathy Edison said that OSBA recommends starting the search in the fall. Norie Dimeo-Ediger expressed concern that, based on the projected financial revenues for the district for 2010-11, if hiring a new superintendent at this time would be the best expenditure of district resources. Board consensus was to put the item on the work session agenda and discuss the process, and the decision to move ahead with the search process discussion, with Jim Foster supplying input.

The work session adjourned at 6:52 PM.

7:00 Regular Session

CALL TO ORDER-FLAG SALUTE

Chair Will Moore called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and led the flag salute. Mr. Moore said that there is time at the end of the meeting for audience comment.

PUBLIC WELCOME/RECOGNITION/COMMENTS

There were no public recognitions.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Will Moore swore in Laurie Schlegel as board member.

PRESENTATION

There were no presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve July 6, 2009 Board Session Minutes

Approve July 15, 2009 Board Session Minutes

Approve Fiscal Report

There was no fiscal report. This item was removed from Consent Agenda.

Approve Routine Personnel Matters

Resignation

Grant Zukowski 1.0FTE High School Technoloy Teacher effective 7/22/09

Reinstatement of Staff

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| Jon | Small | 1.0 | Secondary Advanced Math Teacher |
| Kevin | Cliff | 1.0 | Secondary Advanced Math Teacher |
| Troy | Hall | 1.0 | Secondary Technology Teacher |

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

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Policy and Administrative Regulations Revisions – 1st Reading

GC-AR13 Job Description: Elementary School Physical Activity Aide (Aide II)

BBB-AR Board Elections

EFA-AR Local Wellness Program

EFAA-AR Reimbursable School Meals

Mr. Moore said this was the first reading of the proposed policies and administrative regulations.

EFA-AR – Mr. Bowden asked if this would involve actual teaching. Mr. Foster said this was not an instructional position. He said that the AR has been discussed and approved by the bargaining units of the District.

EFA-AR – wording changes were requested concerning the Staff Development paragraph on page 6.

Discussion concerning physical education being a course of study (page 3:) resulted in no recommended changes to the proposed policy.

EFAA-AR – changes reflected the current lunch prices, and HB 3199 and HB 5054 that eliminate the reduced price payment for breakfast in schools.

REPORTS

Administrator Report

Mr. Smith said he was glad to be back.

Mr. Everett said that planning for the school year is ongoing. Mr. Everett said that the first week of school is spent balancing class sizes to reasonable levels. Mr. Everett said that the state is considering changing the way of measuring AYP. He said that as a result of proposed changes, schools may rate better on the State Report Cards.

Banks School District Health and Wellness Report

Jim Smith reported that the state law mandates a report be given to the Board every three years that reflects current data regarding nutrition, eating habits, and nutrition education in the District. He said that Lance Heggem and he co-chaired the committee, with representatives from the District, parents, students and Sodexo food service. He said that all the data gathered was put together into this report. He said that the policy and administrative regulations suggested in the report were in conformance with the proposed policies and administrative regulations in the District. There was a brief discussion.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Foster said that there is only the two-day inservice at the beginning of the school year for staff. He reported there is a new grading system being implemented at the junior high and high school in 09-10.

AUDIENCE TIME

There were no comments.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kathy Edison thanked the Wellness Committee for their report, and thanked those attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.