

School Board Minutes

Banks School District 13

June 22, 2009

Minutes are official after Board approval

Board Members Present:

Will Moore, Vice Chair
Doug Nordholm
Kathy Edison

Others Present:

Patrons

Administrators Present

Jim Foster, BHS Principal

Marv Ott, Superintendent

Simon Levear, Business Manager

5:30 Executive Session – District Conference Room

The Board met in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(a)

Employment of Public Officers, Employees and Agents in order to discuss goals and expectations of the superintendent candidate.

6:30 Board Work Session – District Conference Room

Agenda

Retirement Proposal

Mr. Ott said that two weeks ago he presented Gary Hartman's retirement proposal to the Board, and was directed by the Board to work something out with Mr. Hartman with a savings to both Mr. Hartman and the District. He said that he came to an agreement with Mr. Hartman that he would receive the PERS savings benefit; would not receive the medical savings, but would receive the medical cap stipend. He said this was result in about \$20,000. He said that Mr. Hartman would formally retire as of June 30. Kathy Edison said that the original cost was \$31,800. Mr. Nordholm said the instruction to the superintendent was to come up with a savings of half, and this was not quite there. He asked why the District feels it needs to give the opt out benefit. Mr. Ott said that it would save the district money in the long run, and would like some reward for Mr. Hartman for his years of service to the District. Mr. Foster was asked his opinion. Mr. Foster said that this has been discussed with him, and he feels there is benefit to both Mr. Hartman and the District. Mr. Foster said Mr. Hartman will have a great deal of work to do. He said that training a new person will be during the last six months he is here. Mr. Ott said that there is an education piece to the position that is not normally part of a technology position. Mr. Ott said that due to the cutback in expenditures for 2009-10, Mr. Hartman said that he felt he could handle the position for the first six months of the year by himself. Mr. Foster said he was concerned that Mr. Hartman would be handling computers that were five years old, and may require more repair than new computers. He said he was not sure one person could handle the job. The Board asked that Mr. Ott discuss having Mr. Hartman accept the PERS savings piece, which would amount to approximately \$16,000. Mr. Ott left the meeting and went to discuss this with Mr. Hartman. Mr. Ott returned and said that Mr. Hartman agreed to accept the \$16,000 PERS savings, and would retire effective June 30, 2009.

The board discussed the posting of the open board position. Consensus was to post the opening on the web, and request interested persons to send a resume/letter of interest.

7:00 Regular Session

CALL TO ORDER-FLAG SALUTE

Vice Chairman 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.

RECESS INTO BUDGET HEARING

Will Moore declared the official public hearing of the 2009-2010 budget was open. He asked if anyone present would like to make comment regarding the 2009-10 proposed budget. There were no comments. Mr. Moore declared the budget hearing closed, and reconvened back into the regular board meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Doug Nordholm made the following motion: "Be it resolved the Banks School District Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented." Kathy Edison seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

There were no presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Routine Personnel Matters

Hiring

Beginning of School Year 2009-2010
Bethany Exline, .62FTE Kindergarten Teacher
Shannon Staley, .5FTE 3rd Grade Job Share Teacher

Extra Duty Contracts

Extended School Year Contracts 2008-09 SY

Lori Martin, ESY Teacher
Sheri Rue, ESY Aide
Cheryl White, ESY Aide
Bobby Tabb, Title I Jump Start Teacher
Christa Rogers, Title I Jump Start Teacher
Sue Harsin, Title I Jump Start Teacher
Rachel Kelly, Title I Jump Start Teacher
Cindy West, Title I Jump Start Teacher
Sena Wilmoth, Title I Jump Start Teacher
Shannon Staley, Title I Jump Start Teacher
Cami Henderson, Title I Jump Start Teacher
Tim Hardie, Summer School Teacher

Retirements

Gary Hartman, Technology Director, effective July 1, 2009

Reduction in Force

Becky Gosselin, .49375FTE Playground Supervisor effective end of 2008-09SY
Sharon Meeuwesen, .45FTE Inst. Asst. effective end of 2008-09 SY

Reinstatement of Staff

Molly	Goff	1.0
DD	Stillson	1.0
Grant	Zukowski	1.0
Debbie	Bogroff	1.0
Susan	Helm	.8125
Michelle	Soper	.875
Alice	Saunders	.5

2009-2010 Compensation For Administrative And Non-Bargaining Unit Employees

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

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 0809-08 Budget Resolutions

There was no discussion. Kathy Edison made the following motion: "Be it resolved that the Banks School District Board of Directors accept Resolution 0809-08 as presented" Doug Nordholm seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Assignment of bus transportation contract from Shafer's Bus Services to Mid-Columbia Bus Company effective July 1, 2009

Mr. Moore asked Mr. Levear for a summary of the discussion. Mr. Levear reported that John Shafer came to the District with the proposal to re-assign the bus transportation contract to Mid-Columbia Bus Company. Mr. Levear said that the district checked references and decided to make the recommendation to the Board to assign the existing contract to Mid-Columbia. He said that the current contract with Shafer's runs until 2013, and the intent of the District is to work out a plan with Mid-Columbia to keep costs down. Mr. Levear said he expects no problems. Tony Barnhart, CEO of Mid-Columbia and Bruce Flatt, one of the owners were present, and Mr. Moore asked for their input. Mr. Barnhart said that Mid-Columbia had worked with and known John Shafer for a number of years, and felt this was a good opportunity for both companies. He said that Mid-Columbia was founded in 1956, was still a family-owned company, and currently has 41 branches in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. He said Mid-Columbia treats buses as extensions of the classroom, and the company has never lost any bus transportation agreement to another company. Mr. Barnhart said that Mid-Columbia works to build long-term relationships with its customers.

Doug Nordholm made the following motion: "Be it resolved, the Board of Directors approve the assignment of bus transportation contract from Shafer's Bus Services to Mid-Columbia Bus Company effective July 1, 2009 as presented." Kathy Edison seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approve hiring of Interim Superintendent for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

Mr. Moore said that a few months ago the administrators had proposed making Jim Foster Interim Superintendent for the 2009-10 school year. Mr. Moore said that after several meetings he was excited and pleased to announce an agreement had been reached between the Board and Mr. Foster.

Kathy Edison made the following motion: "Be it resolved, the Board of Directors approve the hiring of Jim Foster as Interim Superintendent of the Banks School District effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010." Doug Nordholm seconded and the motion passed unanimously

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

REPORTS

There were no reports. Mr. Foster thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the District as Interim Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Ott said that he appreciated everyone who worked on the budget – from the budget committee to the administrators, the board and the community. He said this was a very difficult time, and all the input and cooperation was appreciated.

AUDIENCE TIME

Mr. Levear said this is his 4th year with the district. He said he appreciated the efforts of Mr. Nordholm, Mr. Lundsten and Mrs. Duyck. He said that Mr. Ott took a chance and hired auditor with no school business experience, and he thanked him for his support.

Richard Bowden asked if Wymon Smith's time would be reduced with the District. Mrs. Edison said some of his time will be spent in the classroom. Mr. Moore said that due to the change of structure in the high school, Wymon Smith will still have part of his job assignment as Athletic Director.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Will Moore stated that on behalf of the Board he wanted the staff of the Banks School District to know how their agreement to work with the District to help reduce costs was appreciated by the Board and the entire Banks community. He said the Board appreciates their efforts, and thanked them for the sacrifices made.

Kathy Edison thanked Mr. Ott, and the three board members that were leaving for the time and energy they have given the District, the administrators for their hard work, and thanked the administrators for next year prior to next year.

Mr. Nordholm said that he said his good bye two weeks ago.

Mr. Moore thanked everyone for all their hard work; he said it has been a hard year.

ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

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

July 13, 2009
Work Session
5:30 PM
Board Meeting
7:00 PM
District Board Room