

Board of Directors Meeting
School District 4J, Lane County
200 North Monroe Street
Wednesday, November 18, 2009

TO: Board of Directors

**FROM: George Russell
Superintendent of Schools**

RE: Reports and Recommendations

6:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Under provisions of ORS 192.610 – 192.690, Open Meeting Laws, the Board of Directors will conduct an Executive Session for the following purpose:

To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (d).

7:00 p.m. REGULAR BOARD MEETING

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Receive an Update on the District's After School Activities (Staff: Sharon Tabor)

The Best and ACE after school programs are funded by 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants. These grant-funded programs partner with the school district, Title 1, USDA food program, City of Eugene, LIFE Physical Education grant, Family Resource Coordinators, and Arts Umbrella to provide targeted academic assistance and enrichment to over 500 students in eight of the district's highest poverty schools. Data collected shows that these programs are helping to close the district's achievement gap by increasing academic skills in reading. Data is also being collected this year on math and writing achievement. Programs have been offered in the Best schools since 2000 and ACE schools since 2005, through a combination of grant and general fund dollars. Schools, parents, and students report a high level of satisfaction with the program's goals and outcomes.

Staff will provide additional information about the programs and will be available to answer questions from the board.

2. Presentation of "The Principal Story" DVD

Superintendent Russell will present "*The Principal Story*" which provides a portrait of the challenges facing America's public schools and the difference a dedicated principal can make.

VIII. CONSENT GROUP - ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Approve Grant Application: 4J Technology Rich Classrooms-Adams (Staff: Carl Hermanns)

Staff from the Instruction Department submitted a grant application to the Oregon Department of Education for \$267,782 over a two year period. The district and its partners at the University of Oregon seek to create four model Technology-Rich Classrooms (TRC) at Adams Elementary School. Key components include: Extensive technology access for students and 21st century teaching stations; technology training and 1:1 teacher support by an experienced technology coach; and ten days intensive ongoing professional development per year (5 days from ODE and 5 days from 4J).

The superintendent recommends approval of the grant application. A copy of the grant description form is included in the board packet.

2. Approve Grant Application: IPod Literacy Project (Staff: Carl Hermanns)

Staff from the Instruction Department submitted a grant application to the Qwest Foundation for \$8,104. The IPod Literacy Project extends the current IPod Intervention Project from three middle schools to all eight middle schools in the district. The project has three goals: Improve student reading comprehension strategy use; increase student and teacher access to technology that supports reading comprehension strategy use; and increase teacher knowledge and skill in incorporating digital technology in their classroom.

The superintendent recommends approval of the grant application. A copy of the grant description form is included in the board packet.

3. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

The superintendent recommends approval of the minutes from the October 21, 2009 and November 4, 2009 work sessions and regular board meetings. Copies of the minutes are included in the board packet.

IX. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

1. Vote on Oregon School Boards Association Officers and Resolutions (Staff: Barb Bellamy)

The 2010 Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) Board-Elect nominated the following candidates for the open officer positions:

- Secretary/Treasurer – Kris Howatt
- Vice President – Randy Tweten
- President-Elect – Bobbie Regan

Officers will be elected by member boards with each board casting one vote for each office. Larger sized districts have more than one vote under the governance model for votes on resolutions, legislative policies and priorities, constitutional amendments and officers. School District 4J has two votes based on the weighted formula. Officers

serve one-year terms. President and past-president positions are filled automatically by the current president-elect and president respectively.

The OSBA Board and Legislative Policy Committee have referred the following four resolutions to member boards for voting:

- **Resolution 1** amends the OSBA constitution to establish that when a member district, education service district or community college boundary spans more than one OSBA region, that member board must declare in which region it intends to vote and vote only in that region.
- **Resolution 2** establishes a finance committee in the OSBA constitution to monitor, review and recommend investments, investment policy and the financial practices of the association.
- **Resolution 3** amends the OSBA constitution to allow the OSBA board to select its officers and discontinue the practice of referring a slate of officers to the membership for ratification.
- **Resolution 4** amends the OSBA constitution to add two OSBA board of director positions to represent the regions of the immediate past president and president, respectively, during their terms in those offices when those officers come from regions that have only one representative.

Voting in the 2009 OSBA Officer and Resolution Election will open on November 16, 2009 and run through December 15, 2009.

OSBA has mailed copies of the Voter's Pamphlet to all board members. If you need another copy, please let us know and copies will be provided at the November 18 board meeting. The board will vote on the OSBA officers and resolutions at the December 2 board meeting.

X. Comments and Committee Reports by Individual Board Members

XI. Adjourn

CALENDAR FOR BOARD MEMBERS

November 12 – 15	OSBA Annual Convention in Portland	
Monday, November 16	Budget Committee Meeting	7 pm
Wednesday, November 18	Executive Session Regular Board Meeting	6:30 pm 7 pm
Wednesday, December 2	Regular Board Meeting	7 pm
Monday, December 14	Budget Committee Meeting	7 pm
Wednesday, December 16	Work Session – Graduation Requirements Regular Board Meeting	5:30 pm 7 pm
Wednesday, January 6	Regular Board Meeting	7 pm
Wednesday, January 20	Regular Board Meeting	7 pm
Friday, January 22	Board Retreat	Noon - 5 pm
Saturday, January 23	Board Retreat	8 am - Noon