

**JUNCTION CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

June 6, 2016

**MINUTES**

<u>Board of Directors</u>		<u>District Office Staff</u>	<u>Administrators</u>
Denise Pratt, Chair	<del>Tina Nash</del>	Stephanie White	Kathleen Rodden-Nord, Superintendent Alison Covey, Business Manager <del>Katie Bradford, Special Programs Director</del> Tom Endersby, Special Projects Director Brian Young, Oaklea Principal Nadira Rizkallah, Laurel Principal Dina Marschall, Territorial Principal Malcom McRae, High School Principal <del>Steve Jones, High School Assistant Principal</del>
Wendy Waddell	<del>Jacque Gerdes</del>		
Dan Allred	Scott Gibson		
Judy Croce			
<u>Staff</u>	<u>Staff &amp; Others</u>	<u>Others</u>	
Ronda Wheadon		Judy Kazmierkoski	
Craig Rothenberger			
Chris Meyer			

I. **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and those in attendance said the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Approve Resolution 2015-16 #17 – A Resolution of Junction City School District No. 69, Lane County, Oregon, authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of general obligation bonds; designating an authorized representative, bond counsel, underwriter or placement agent; delegating the negotiation and approval of financial documents and related matters.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR GIBSON, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR ALLRED, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-16 #17 – A RESOLUTION OF JUNCTION CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69, LANE COUNTY, OREGON, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, BOND COUNSEL, UNDERWRITER OR PLACEMENT AGENT; DELEGATING THE NEGOTIATION AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS AND RELATED MATTERS, AS PRESENTED. The motion was APPROVED unanimously by those board members present.

B. **Approve Official Election Abstract**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR CROCE, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR WADDELL, TO APPROVE THE OFFICIAL ELECTION ABSTRACT, AS PRESENTED. The motion was APPROVED unanimously by those board members present.

C. **Approve the voluntary transfer of Courtney Madsen from 1.0 FTE counselor at Laurel Elementary School to 1.0 FTE counselor at Junction City High School effective the 2016-17 school year. – Superintendent Rodden-Nord** – The budget committee approved an increase from .58 FTE to 1.0 FTE in the second counselor position at JCHS and Courtney applied for and was selected to fill the spot. This was Courtney’s first year as a counselor at Laurel and her background is such that really her passion was to work with high school students so when the opportunity presented itself for the high school to open up that position, she was more than happy to avail herself. **Malcom McRae** – She is really skilled with the age group. She is going to work this summer to get her acclimated to the high school student information system and master schedule and roll over and all those good things. She has been an intake screener for DHS; they are understaffed and so she has offered to help them this summer, so we will see if we can get little bits of her time in between her commitment to them. She has worked in a number of the agencies that support kids that we work with and brings the right mindset for working with high school kids.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR GIBSON, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR WADDELL, TO APPROVE THE VOLUNTARY TRANSFER OF COURTNEY MADSEN FROM 1.0 FTE COUNSELOR AT LAUREL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO 1.0 FTE COUNSELOR AT JUNCTION CITY HIGH SCHOOL EFFECTIVE THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED. The motion was APPROVED unanimously by those board members present.

D. **Approve resignation of Kenna Feakin, 1.0 FTE elementary teacher at Laurel Elementary School effective immediately.** – Kenna’s hiring was approved at the May board meeting and she has since, due to personal reasons, decided to decline the position. Because the board approved her hiring, a resignation must be approved, as well.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR WADDELL, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR GIBSON, TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF KENNA FEAKIN, 1.0 FTE ELEMENTARY TEACHER AT LAUREL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AS PRESENTED. The motion was APPROVED unanimously by those board members present.

- E. **Approve the resignation of Lori Kelley, .20 FTE music teacher at Territorial Elementary School effective the end of the 2015-16 school year.** – Lori has been combining her time between our district and Bethel and Bethel offered her more FTE for next year, so she has to resign her position in Junction City.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR WADDELL, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR GIBSON, TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF LORI KELLEY, .20 FTE MUSIC TEACHER AT TERRITORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE THE END OF THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED. The motion was APPROVED unanimously by those board members present.

### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Special Recognition – Chair Pratt and Superintendent Rodden-Nord** recognized Judy Kazmierkoski (PAC Chair) and Ronda Wheadon (technology guru) for their hard work and countless hours of volunteer service to help pass the bond measure.

- A. **Bond Next Steps – Superintendent Rodden-Nord** – We have already had one meeting with Scott Rose with DLR to start mapping out with Chris and Alison and Stephanie and Myself, some next steps. We have had a couple of conference calls with Carol Samuels who is the financier for the bond and also with Ann Sherman, who is going to be our bond counsel. We have already started doing some of the planning work and investigatory steps for the play shelter at Territorial. Scott Rose, Chris Meyer, and Dina Marschall will be going out to Elmira Elementary tomorrow to see the play shelter that they are currently constructing to get an idea of what it will look like. From there, we would expect to be able to move forward pretty quickly with placing an order for the materials and starting to issue a bid for the site work, etc. This is one of those projects that we are able to do before we get the bond funded because it's small enough that we have money in the special maintenance fund that then you all passed a resolution a few meetings ago that will allow the district to be able to reimburse expenses such as this out of the bond proceeds when we get them. The nice thing is, it is going to give us something really tangible to start with and for people to see the immediate impact of the bond passing. We have another meeting with Scott Rose tomorrow to map out next steps. In a couple of weeks, we have some work that we will be doing with Carol Samuels to help us develop a portfolio of our district so we can make the best possible case to Moody's (bond rating agency), we will be expecting that we present ourselves really well so we get a high bond rating. We will also get the benefit of the State of Oregon's bond rating, which is really high. From there, we will have an actual conference call with that bond rating agency, after they have reviewed all of those documents that we will be submitting and they will give us our bond rating. That is in anticipation of us going up to Portland on July 14<sup>th</sup> to have the actual bond sale. We will be in Piper Jaffrey's office and they will be on the phone, selling our bonds to the market. We are in the second position to go out and sell our bond (out of 13 districts in Oregon who passed bonds this May). After that happens, we will go back to Portland and sign the pre-closing documents on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and then the funding will happen and the bond proceeds will be transferred to US Bank. We are going to have a dedicated space on our website so people can keep informed on the process. Also, there was some discussion about trying to do the driveway improvements at Territorial at the same time as the play shelter, but given the need for access while the play shelter is being constructed, it just did not seem to be wise to do that. So, the driveway improvements will be put off until next summer. At the end of the month, we will have some more things for the board to consider, as far as appointing a couple of people to serve as members of a Citizens Advisory Committee. **Scott Gibson** – Is there a reason for US Bank? **Superintendent Rodden-Nord** – They are already set up for this type of bond process. **Dan Allred** – Is there a forecasted completion for the bond work? **Superintendent Rodden-Nord** – We have a spreadsheet that DLR worked up for the contractor's meeting they had in April. I will make a note to get an electronic copy of that to everyone. That is best guess at this point. That might be something to post on our website. The draft that Scott laid out for the contractors would have completion of the high school addition occurring January of 2018. **Alison Covey** – There are some requirements in bonds, in general that you have to expend 85% of the funds within three years of selling the bonds. **Dan Allred** – What about the capital matching grant? Does this all have to get funded and then that falls in? When does that play in? **Alison** – I received the documents the end of last week and have not had a chance to review them yet. My understanding of the way the program works is they work side by side, so we can sell our bonds and we can

claim that funding along the way. It kind of depends on what we decide to do with that money. **Superintendent Rodden-Nord** – Our understanding from bond counsel is that the funds have to be used in a way that is consistent with the language in the bond. One of the things that the board may want to consider is a work session maybe early August or possibly one of the early months in the fall to sit down and talk about a process for how to get input and brainstorm about those matching funds, and then we will have to test whether those kinds of uses are consistent with what the bond language was.

**B. SPARK (TEAM) / Nike School Consideration – Malcom McRae / Craig Rothenberger**

**Nike School Consideration – Craig Rothenberger** – On more than one occasion, I have visited with Nike about being a Nike School, and I have never followed up because I have never thought that their offer was really worth consideration. As I watched what went on in Eugene schools, and Bethel, and Springfield, I decided I would look again. So, I visited with the Nike rep again and found out that we would, as a 4A school, get the same deal that was given to the 5A's and the 6A's in Eugene. Which for us is a better deal because we have fewer kids and money goes further with fewer kids. We don't get the same exact deal as the Eugene School District because when you are in a multi-high school district, they also have a buy-one get-one free program that they give to those people. So, until we build an additional high school, we aren't going to get that option. I have run this by Malcom and then I ran it by the coaching staff and I will give you a quick overview of what came out of that. If you are interested, the sooner we act on it, the sooner we get the funds. The funds are \$15,000 per year, for five years to purchase Nike uniforms. We have to wear Nike uniforms in all of our sports with the exception of wrestling and cheer. Anything that an athlete buys on their own, they can buy whatever they want. But the bottom line is if they show us on KEZI in a contest, they expect to see us in Nike uniforms. This is for varsity only. What that amounts to in actual dollars, is \$10,000 per year because that is retail and we would pay retail. The other thing that we get out of it is if we buy a stock uniform, we get 45% off the cost of those. If we buy custom uniforms, we get 35% off. The other part that is kind of nice is that our middle school, or JCA, anybody who has athletics in Junction City will get those same discounts if they buy Nike. I polled the coaches and we have had quite a bit of email exchange; the tally is coaches of 13 sports are in favor and three are opposed. **Scott** – How far does that \$10,000 go? **Craig** – I penciled it out, part of the contract states that within three years, you have to have all of your varsity teams outfitted, which I don't think is an issue. We probably can get everybody a new set of uniforms in 5 years. We can easily get everyone outfitted within three years. **Wendy** – What were some of the opposing reasons? **Craig** – Two of them use a vendor now who is not a certified Nike seller; allegiance. Another one philosophically didn't like the idea. Football doesn't currently use Nike now because they went with a cheaper brand. **Chair Pratt** – If we were a Nike School, does that make us more attractive if we were to apply for grants with them? **Craig** – I believe we would be more attractive to them. Part of this agreement is that a Nike representative will be in our building for 2 hours once per week during the school year to be available to coaches. If you buy a team shoe, we have to buy Nike. We don't do that right now, so that doesn't matter. If the board were to approve this, the money we raise from fundraising for uniforms could go back into the programs for other things.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR WADDELL, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR GIBSON, TO MOVE NIKE SCHOOL CONSIDERATION TO AN ACTION ITEM. The motion was APPROVED unanimously by those board members present.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR ALLRED, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR WADDELL, TO APPROVE THE NIKE SCHOOL AGREEMENT, AS PRESENTED. The motion was APPROVED unanimously by those board members present.

**SPARK (TEAM) – Malcom McRae** invited the board to sit around the laptop to watch a video on Spark.

**C. Oregon Rising – Superintendent Rodden-Nord** shared a couple of videos with the board regarding the Oregon Rising project. Board members are encouraged to watch the remaining videos and take the survey.

**IV. ADJOURN**

**Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

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*Superintendent/Clerk*

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*Chair, Board of Directors*