

YAMHILL CARLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Yamhill Carlton School District Board Room
120 N. Larch Place, Yamhill, OR 97148

Monday, January 9, 2017

Regular Session- 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Board Members: Jami Egland, Tim Pfeiffer, Susan FitzGerald, and Rick Yeo. Holly Nettles absent by prior arrangement.

DO/Administration Staff: Superintendent Charan Cline, Director of Fiscal Services Tami Zigler, Board Secretary Michelle Rettke, YCES Principal Lauren Berg, YCIS Principal Michael Fisher, YCHS Principal Greg Neuman, YCHS VP/Athletic Director Matt Wiles, Special Ed Director John Horne

Also Present: T. DaSilva, N. Eskelsen, A. Berhorst, S. Shu, N. Shu, G. Niehus, D. Cooper, E. Jochim, S. Durell, J. McInnis, M. Prine, P. Manson, G. Manson, C. Padberg, J. Padberg, C. Schmeedal, B. Cable, J. Bibb, M. Bibb, W. Sims, A. Horne, K. Emry, D. Emry, K. Wright, M. Paolo, D. Cope. T. Pekkola, T. Pekkola, L. Pihhel, S. Reimann, J. Hurley, C. Tuning, E. Galyean.

Regular Session Agenda

I. Call to Order by Chair Jami Egland at 7:00pm

II. Individuals, Delegations, Recognition and Communications

1. YCHS – Yamhill Carlton Career Academy (YCCA) – Gives students the skills and opportunity to enter work force in a technical career upon graduation from high school. Three skills levels (Grey, Blue, and White) earn badges as you master skills. Can also earn certification before even graduating. Industry partners offer internships, and have even hired graduates. 28 students currently in YCCA track.

V. Review of Agenda

R. Yeo motioned to approve agenda as presented. T. Pfeiffer seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

VI. Regular Session – Consent Agenda

R. Yeo motioned to accept the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Session of December 12th, 2016. S. FitzGerald seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

R. Yeo motioned to accept the Financial Reports and List of Bills for December 2016. S. FitzGerald seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

R. Yeo motioned to accept donations as listed. S. FitzGerald seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

YCHS

The Kula Foundation (Red Robin)	\$26.08	School Climate
Bellwether Insurance	\$100	Football Fund
YC FFA Alumni	\$1,100	FFA National Account
Refund: Trask Mountain Outpost	\$100	National Art Honor Society

VII. Announcements and Reports

YCES – Enrollment 363 – see report – Working on mid-year round of Dibels testing, Oregon Coast Aquarium assembly scheduled for this week.

YCIS – Enrollment 318 – see report – All 4 Lego Robotics teams placed at regional tournament. Two teams competing in State Tournament this weekend.

YCHS – Enrollment 322 – See report – nearing the end of 1st Semester, working on helping seniors maintain momentum to end of year.

Facilities Manager – lots of little heating issues as a result of the cold weather, specifically at the high school. Thankful for no broken pipes.

Superintendent – Dealing with weather related issues. Met with relator to discuss potential sale of property. Wants to wait and see what the City of Yamhill does in regards to zoning issues that are being address in the coming months.

VIII. New Business

Open Enrollment

District is suggesting the parameters of the 2017/2018 Open Enrollment be as follows:

YCES (K-4th): Grades K-3rd Accepting 50 applications, Grade 4 not accepting any

YCIS (5th - 8th): Accepting 75 applications

YCHS (9th - 12th): Accepting 100 applications

Alliance Academy (K-8th): Accepting 75 applications

R. Yeo motioned to accept the 2017/2018 Open Enrollment Parameters as presented. S. FitzGerald seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Turf Field Discussion

Steve Reimann and Ken Wright are approaching the district to find out if they would be in support of Steve and Ken moving forward with gathering support for a turf athletic field to replace the current football field. The anticipate that they project will have a 1 million plus price tag and feel that they will have enough support and expertise to fund the project. Jim Reimann has done multiple turf field projects in the Salem area so is familiar with the process and funding issues.

Board is in support of this endeavor and appreciates the time and money being donated.

Reconsideration Committee Appointment

Charan has received 2 completed Reconsideration forms from parents regarding the book Eleanor & Park which is being read in the 8th grade. A Reconsideration Committee will be formed which will be made up of 9 members (1 teacher, 1 librarian, 1 administrator, 1 student and 5 community members). Rene McKinney (teacher), Lauren Berg (Administrator) and the WESD Librarian have all agreed to serve on the committee. Charan has also asked each building to submit names of other parents and he would like the Board to narrow down the list so that he can make phone calls and confirm that people are interested in serving on the committee.

There were several community members in attendance who wanted to comment on the use of the book and following is a list of their names and a summary of their comments:

Chris Scheidel – Sited the student handbook which prohibits foul language and outlines the consequences for such use. Questioned the use of the book that uses so much foul language and how that relates to the student handbook. Also expressed concern about the male teacher reading the book aloud in class

Joe Padberg – Has concerns that the book will be finished before the Reconsideration committee has had a chance to review and rule. Also expressed issues with how the students who had requested an alternative book (or redacted copy) were being segregated in class.

Glen & Patricia Manson – feel that the book is pornographic and read various passage including various section that included vulgar language

Kelly Emry – Wants to create unity not a heated and devise discussion. Has concerns regarding protocol for reconsideration of book and whether or not it is a neutral committee. Suggested that other book options be available for students with removal from class.

Steve Durrell – Feels this is not the first time there has been an issue with a book that was presented for reading at YCIS. Questions the process for how materials are approved. Feels that the reconsideration committee is biased in its formation. Why aren't appropriate alternatives presented.

Crystal Tuning – Feels like the communication with parents was not handled properly in this case. Has serious concerns about teacher reading the book aloud in class. If parents have the option to opt their kids out of sex ed why is that same option not presented in this case.

Debbie Cooper – Feels that the reading aloud and discussion in class makes students uncomfortable and they don't have a way to express that.

Amber Horne – Feels that trust has been broken. If it is a district requirement that a permission slip be returned to watch a PG-13 movie why does that same requirement not apply to a book that appears to be X rated in nature based on the use of obscene language and explicit scenes that are sexual in nature.

Mark Prine – requesting the school board take action to handle situation now. Feels that it is “objectively inappropriate”

Charan stated that from the district perspective they felt that they book did a great job of addressing relationships, passive racism and how children survive in adverse circumstances. These disenfranchised youth are able to find a champion.

Wade Sims – Feels the #1 priority of the district should be for kids to feel safe while they learn. What about the students who are experiencing abuse and relive it at school as a result of this book

Jack Bibb – Request that the Board put a stop to the book tonight pending the outcome of the reconsideration committee

Jennifer Hurley –Did not feel the book was appropriate for 8th Grade. Feels it is important to prepare kids for “real world”. The content is more appropriate for the 10th grade level. Agrees that it is important to engage kids in literature that is appropriate for their age.

The Board then entered into discussion:

T. Pfeiffer does not feel the book is appropriate and wishes to have it pulled now and not have the reconsideration committee review.

R. Yeo expressed frustration at the lack of involvement in the process and lack of attendance at board meetings. Feels that there should be a correlation between the expectation of students and the material that is taught in class. He would like to see the book pulled and look at the standards that would support the use.

S. FitzGearld feels that the book speaks to current and relative issues today. Would recommend pulling the book and moving forward with the reconsideration committee

Board members express that going forward there should be a better defined alternative and permission slip process and well as consideration as to how the student handbook relates to teaching and instruction in the policy committee. Also be more proactive in formation of Policy committee at the beginning of school year before an issue regarding a specific book comes up in order to seem unbiased towards a specific situation.

T. Pfeiffer motioned that the book Eleanor & Park be removed for use and that the reconsideration committee not move forward. R. Yeo seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Meeting Time Discussion regarding Bond Issues

The Citizen Oversight Committee will be adjusting their meetings to fall on the Thursday prior to the Board Meetings so that any action that needs to be taken by the Board can happen in a timely and efficient fashion.

Board has also requested a formal presentation from the Design Team during a regular or work session

Make-up Snow Day(s)

The District has taken 3 snow days so far and anticipate that we will likely have more before the winter season is over. We need to have 990 instructional hours at the high school.

Charan is recommending that the last day for students be moved to the 16th of June. This would also include making the last day for staff the 19th and we would get creative with space for staff from YCES and YCIS to work. He is also recommending that the Board consider having students come to school on May 19th (Senior Portfolio Day).

The Board was in support of adding a day to the end of the calendar but would like some other options if any additional days need to be made up.

R. Yeo motioned to move the last day for students to June 16th and staff June 19th. T. Pfeiffer seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Project Manager Update

See Report. As we near the end of the Design phase of the project would like to have architect present to the Board. There has been a lot of work done on the balancing the budget and Mike's report includes the most recent list of items that will likely be removed in order to balance the budget.

Approval of Architect Contract

R. Yeo motioned to approve the Architect Contract as presented. T. Pfeiffer seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Construction Manager/General Contractor Recommendation

Citizen Oversight Committee has recommended Turner Construction be awarded the Construction Manager/General Contractor contract. Project Manager, Mike Marino is working with Turner Construction to finalize the contract and he has negotiated it to within budget.

Citizen Oversight Committee Report

Will not be meeting again till February, nothing to discussing January. Will also be working to move the meetings to fall on the Thursday prior to the Board meeting to allow the board to take action on necessary items in a timelier manner.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm

Minutes by: Michelle Rettke, Board Secretary