

Notes from the Board Meeting

Time and Location: The February 27, 2008, School Board Meeting was held in the Professional Development Center, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent:
Lee E. Paterson

School Board:
Denny Austin, Chair
Theresa Lundy, Vice-Chair
Nancy Cook
Rodney Cotton
Dan Huff
Charles Lee
Paul Meyer

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Paterson reported that building principals are in the process of training staff on the requirements of reporting child abuse. He is impressed with the way that they are making sure that all staff members receive this mandatory training. He reported that due to the district's need to delay the school start times by 2 hours on several days for inclement weather, several parent and building principals have expressed concern for the loss of required instructional hours for AM kindergarten students. After meeting with building principals to review calendar days, a proposal was made to allow AM kindergarten students to attend school on the early release days scheduled for April 16 and May 7. This change will bring the instructional time for AM kindergarten students more in balance with the PM classes. The consensus of the school board was to proceed with this recommendation. He also reported that following a suggestion from Director Dan Huff, coaches and some athletes from the wrestling and the swimming team will be invited to attend the March 12, 2008, school board meeting to give the Board an opportunity to recognize these athletes and their accomplishments.

Recognitions:

At each board meeting the School Board awards Certificates of Accomplishment to students of the month in the Roseburg School District. Students receiving the awards were: Ian Mignola/Green, Samantha Sanderson/Rose and Mariela Renquist/Jo Lane.

The Board honored Gwen Bartlett, Social Science teacher at Roseburg High School with the "Crystal Apple Award." This award is presented to teachers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to the school and the education of students in Roseburg Public Schools.

Long-Range Facilities Report:

Members of the Community Advisory Committee presented the board with a summary of the Long-Range Facilities Report. Committee members met over the past year to help determine future facilities needs of the Roseburg School District. The board will discuss specific recommendations at their regularly scheduled board meeting on March 12, 2008.

Action Items:

The Board adopted Policy IB: Freedom of Expression; IGBA: Students with Disabilities and IGBAG: Special Education Procedural Safeguards. Policies IGBAJ: Special Education - Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE); IGBAK: Special Education - Public Availability of State Application and JGDA/JGEA: Discipline of Disabled Students were approved at first reading, and these policies will be considered for adoption at a board meeting in April. The Board also approved Resolution 07-08-12: Classified Employee Week and Conditions of Employment for Administrative and Confidential Employees.

RHS Student Representative Report:

Danielle Nelson, RHS Student Representative, reported that the high school hosted a Chess Tournament last weekend with 250 participants. Celebration of Literacy Week was February 18 - 22, 2008, and the high school conducted several activities for students and staff centered around literature throughout the week, culminating with an assembly and guest speaker on Friday. Club Nocturnal will be held on Saturday, March 1st, and Leadership class created a video which was submitted for a contest sponsored by Oregon Department of Education. If the Leadership class wins the ODE contest, they will receive a Smart Board for their classroom. Danielle played the submitted video for the school board.

Committee Reports:

The Building and Sites Committee met on February 21, 2008, and discussed summer roofing projects and heard updates on the HVAC replacement at Melrose, the installation of security cameras at both middle schools, and the remodel of the SRC classroom at Jo Lane. They also discussed a proposed interchange project in the Winchester area and a request from Umpqua Basin Water Association to utilize 2.5 acres of the district's second high school site property for the placement of a water impoundment.

Next Board Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the School Board will be held on March 12, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Board Room.