

Notes from the September 26, 2007, School Board Meeting

Time and Location:

The September 26, 2007, School Board Meeting was held in the Administrative Office Board Room, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Paterson reported that the Board met with representatives from OSBA on September 17th in a special work session to hear their proposal regarding consultant services for a superintendent search. At the conclusion of that meeting, the consensus of the Board was to continue discussion and review of OSBA's proposal during the September 26th meeting. He also reported that "Movelocity", a county wide activity to get people moving, is being recognized as an innovative program in the area of healthy lifestyles. Several Roseburg schools have adopted the idea to enhance their school-wide PE activity. Mr. Paterson will encourage all of the Roseburg schools to promote this program. The Superintendent's cabinet will make a school visitation every Tuesday morning to interact with staff and students. Superintendent Paterson invited School Board Members to visit schools as well.

Special Presentation:

Captain Michael Firmin gave a brief presentation on the military's "March 2 Success" program. This is a national program being promoted for students who have already decided to join the military and need help with their ASVAB scoring.

Recommendations from Native American Mascot Advisory Committee:

Superintendent Paterson reported that State Superintendent, Susan Castillo, has formed a panel of individuals to review the "use of the American Indian mascots" by public schools. The special committee has conducted several private work sessions to discuss Native American Imagery and has made specific recommendations that have not yet been adopted. Superintendent Paterson received an invitation to participate in the Native American Mascot Stakeholders meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, in Salem, Oregon. He will prepare a statement to indicate the district's desire to maintain the use of Indian imagery as symbolic representation of our aspirations both on and off the field. This statement will be shared with the Native American Advisory Committee during this meeting. He reported discussing this issue with representatives of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, on a number of occasions and has been assured that the local tribe has no problem with our respectful use of Native American Imagery.

Action Items:

The School Board took action to ratify a contract with the Roseburg Education Association, pending ratification by the teachers' association. This contract agreement is a two year agreement which will include a salary increase of 2.5% in each year and an insurance cap of \$881.19 in both years. The association anticipates ratification by the teachers by the end of the week.

Reports:

John Crain, Durham School Services Area Manager, gave a preliminary report on transportation services for the current school year. He noted that transportation for the Roseburg School District's start-up had gone smoothly. He reported that there are new camera systems on buses, which has had a positive impact on the behavior of students. He commended the Roseburg School District for their partnership with Durham.

The School Board heard a report from the Administration and Personnel Committee where the Administrative and Confidential Employees Conditions of Employment were discussed. In the past several years, 20% of the district's administrative staff was eliminated due to funding shortfalls. A consensus of the committee was to prepare a proposal for a new administrative organizational structure for 2008-09 for review and further discussion.

RHS Student Representative Report:

Danielle Nelson, RHS Student Representative, reported that homecoming is taking place next week with the theme "Grease". The varsity foot ball team will be playing Bend this Friday at home, and North Medford the following Friday, for homecoming. There was a Forensics tournament last Saturday at RHS, where our team did well. The leadership class is working on welcome back activities around campus, to make everyone feel welcome. Link Crew paired with Freshmen on the first day of school to help with their orientation.

Next Board Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the School Board will be held on October 10, 2007, **in the Library at Eastwood Elementary School.**