

# Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting

## The Board of Trustees

## Brookings-Harbor School District 17C

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A Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Brookings-Harbor School District 17C was held Wednesday, February 15, 2017, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Kalmiopsis School Library.

Those in attendance:

Board Members: Bruce Raleigh, Sue Gold, Alice Farmer, Sue Chambers, Katherine Johnson (by phone),

District Employees: Sean Gallagher, Dede Corpening, Dawn Bennett, Christina Lamb, Carol Leonard, Ria Shannon, Krista Connelly, Helena Chirinian, Baron Guido, Buell Gonzales, Alex Merritt, Lisa Dion, Kathy McKee, Nicole Medrano, Kristi Oliphant, Matt Craig, Nicole Heath

Members of the Public: Gerald Klaas, Gordon Clay

Student Representative: Steve Kleespies

Media Representative: Brendan Yu

### 1. Call Meeting To Order

Presenter: Bruce Raleigh

**Bruce Raleigh called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.**

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

**The pledge was recited in unison, led by Alice Farmer.**

**Bruce Raleigh** made a couple of adjustments with the agenda. Item 2: Citizen Input moved to after Item 3: Early Items as they were inadvertently placed out of order, as well as the approval of resignation from Krista Connelly added to the consent agenda. Under the board action items the month of March is classified employee week and the board will adopt a resolution as provided from OSBA. This will be considered item is 6e.

**Sue Chambers made a motion to approve the changes to the agenda, seconded by Alice Farmer.**

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Pass Unanimously**

### 3. Early Items

#### **a. Student Representative Report**

Presenter: Steve Kleespies

**Steve Kleespies** reported on events at the high school including Sea Breeze performing Valentunes, the upcoming Disneyland trip for choir students, and 4 students participating in All Northwest Choir. The talent show will be March 16<sup>th</sup>. Abby Farmer broke the records for points

in a single season. This is the last week for the build season for robotics. The Sadie Hawkins dance went well, 2 wrestlers going to state, knowledge bowl recently won their last tournament and the coffee cave is opening next week.

**b. Celebrate Student Success**

**1. Battle of the Books**

**Helena Chirinian** directed the board to review the bulletin board outside the library. Helena Chirinian explained to the board the Battle of the Books program.

**c. Presentations** (presented after the citizen input)

**1.15/16 Audit Review**

**Stuart Parmalee**, audit partner with KDP, presented the board with an unmodified opinion of the district which is the highest level a district can receive. There were no instances of non compliance. There was a finding with annual certifications being past a deadline in the child nutrition but the issue has already been addressed and corrected. There was also a finding with Budget Compliance. This involved a resolution that was not done between appropriated funds. This would have required a supplemental budget. Stuart Parmalee drew the boards' attention to some adjustments that were made. OPEB and OPERS are estimates based on statistical information. Both of the numbers are really large this year. Stuart Parmalee added the district made a smart move a few years ago so the district's PERS rates are lower than other districts, although with the new rates the district will be seeing a significant increase in payments.

**4. Citizen Input**

**Dawn Bennett**, Brookings Harbor Association President, stated the association is interested and concerned with open and transparent communication with the school board. Dawn asked the school board how it would be best for the school board and association to communicate. She added that other districts have invited school board members to their leadership meetings, and/or the school board has invited the association to some of their executive sessions. Email would work as well. Dawn Bennett then expressed the decision to not allow the district to take the exceptions for instructional time at the elementary school has caused poor working conditions for staff. She added that teachers are falling ill and looking for employment elsewhere. In summary the BHEA is looking for more transparent and open communications and improved working conditions.

**Gordon Clay**, [citizenswhocare.org](http://citizenswhocare.org), asked the board how many know what choking game is. Gordon gave statistics from a recent Pride Survey on numerous items including alcohol and drug use, suicide attempts and sexual behavior to name a few. He stated that Curry County leads in most categories in the survey. Gordon Clay spoke of guests Eva and Gerald Klaas and their recent comments at a previous board meeting. Gordon Clay expressed great news on the graduation rate.

**5. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approve Minutes**

**1. January 16 2017 Regular Board Meeting**

**2. February 2 2017 Special Board Meeting**

**b. Approve Bills**

**c. Approve New Hire Recommendation**

**1.17/18 Azalea Middle School PE Teacher Erin Stewart**

**d. Approve Resignation BHHS Math Teacher Patrick Douglas**

**e. Approve Open Enrollment Transfer Limits**

**f. Approve Ausland Contract for Seismic Project**

**g. Approve Recommendations for Licensed and Administrative Staff Renewals**

**h. Approve Resignation Kschool VP Krista Connelly**

**Sue Gold made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Katherine Johnson.**

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Pass Unanimously**

**5. District Reports and Information**

**a. Comments from the Superintendent**

Presenter: Sean Gallagher

**Sean Gallagher** highlighted the graduation rate, Kschool Character Education Program and at AMS 95% of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders are on track. He also highlighted athletics and instructional time. The middle school athletes have lost very minimal instruction time due to the way the scheduling for contests has been done this year. Sean Gallagher commented the seismic is onto the second design plan which is a normal part of the process.

**1. Budget Summary Update**

**Sean Gallagher** went through the updated slides on the budget summary that has been presented the last few board meetings. Sean Gallagher stated the co chairs came in lower than the governor's budget, although they did not include any new revenue in their budget. Overall public education took about a 3% hit. The co chairs did announce they are going to come out with a second budget once they more definite numbers. Sean Gallagher reviewed some of the potential costs the district will see increases in next year, including PERS, Roll up costs, negotiations, M98, M99, PE Mandate costs, and the Seismic Project (systemic improvements while project is going on).

**2. Athletic Redistricting**

**Buell Gonzales** presented a PowerPoint on OSAA's proposed reclassification for districts and athletics. Every 4 years they reclassify as some school get smaller while others may get larger. By doing this they are trying to create a competitive balance. At this time we are in the middle of the third years and the committee has had 4 meetings. They have 7 more meetings scheduled to create the reclassification. The proposed classifications can be seen on the OSAA website.

**3. School Closure Memo Review**

**Sean Gallagher** spoke about the district's school closure day. He stated the district is barely above the minimum, but at this time the day does not have to make up hours. He spoke of the seriousness of the decision before the district determines whether to have a school closure day.

Sean Gallagher let the board know that the classified staff did not receive pay for the loss of the day. He let the board know it will be up to them in terms of what the resolve is on the closure day.

**b. Building Reports**

**Katherine Johnson** commented on the 70% graduation rate and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders on track shows the district is making progress in the right direction. She also added she is pleased to hear the food program is operating in the black.

**c. Finance Report**

**1. PERS Report**

**Kathy McKee** talked about the UAL/PERS and the huge change from last year to the next biennium. Kathy McKee went through the next 3 biennium's estimates for the district as well as for other districts. Kathy McKee went through the workbooks in the packet and explained how she arrived at the numbers in the comparison. This year 1.5 million is spent on PERS. By 2027 it will be 4.5 million. These are huge increases. The district has a fund that was set up for PERS payments. Kathy McKee went through the possible use of the fund to help offset the increases.

**d. Enrollment Summary**

**Discussion:** None

**6. Action Items**

**a. SCESD Local Service Plan**

**Sue Chambers made a motion to approve the SCESD Service Plan, seconded by Sue Gold.**

**Discussion:** Katherine Johnson thanked Sean Gallagher and Baron Guido for the great job with working with the SCESD to advocate for more pass through dollars.

**Motion Pass Unanimously**

**b. Board Policy 2nd Reading**

- 1. BP GBA Equal Employment Opportunity**
- 2. BP GBA-AR Civil Rights Compliance Plan**
- 3. BP GBA-AR Veteran's Preference**

**Sue Gold made a motion to approve the listed Board Policies, seconded by Alice Farmer.**

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Pass Unanimously**

**c. 17/18 Draft Calendar 1st Reading**

**Sue Chambers made a motion to move forward the 17 18 draft calendar to a second reading, seconded by Sue Gold.**

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Pass Unanimously**

**d. School Closure Makeup**

**Bruce Raleigh** reviewed the school closure memo and stated the three options on the school closure day. They are: 1<sup>st</sup>: do nothing, 2<sup>nd</sup>: don't make up the instructional time, but look for a way for the classified to make up the lost pay, or 3<sup>rd</sup>: ask the superintendent to find a way to make up the instructional time day. Sue Gold stated the instructional time is the most important. Sue Chambers stated that if the district is going to pay the classified for that day she would like to see it be used for instructional time. Sean Gallagher said the classified would have projects or things to do if it was a non student contact day. He said there are always things that can be done. Dawn Bennett said in previous years the classified members did not lose pay in their paycheck for a school closure day. Some classified members would prefer to take personal business, or not work at all while others would be glad to make up the time. She added if the board is considering adding a day on, it would require the teachers to stay the weekend to come back to work on Monday for the teacher workday. Katherine Johnson said she has concerns with tacking it on to the end of the school year. The board directed Sean Gallagher to come back to the board with scenarios for each one of the options in more detail and then the board can discuss at the next meeting. Dawn Bennett stated for clarification that there were emergency days added back at the state level since the memo was written. A decision was tabled until there are more details.

**e. Classified Employee Appreciation Week Resolution**

**Sue Gold** read the resolution.

**Sue Gold made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Alice Farmer.**

**Discussion:** The board expressed appreciation of the classified employees.

**Motion Pass Unanimously**

**7. Board Functions and Comments**

**a. Superintendent Evaluation Summary**

**Bruce Raleigh** stated there will be a press release/executive summary at the next regular board meeting on the superintendent's evaluation. .

**b. Review Board Goals**

**Sue Chambers** commented that the district needs to think hard about adopting policies that are not required.

**c. January 2017 Policy Update Summary**

**Bruce Raleigh** mentioned to the board members if they have any input in regards to the up and coming policies to call the superintendent.

**8. Key Dates/Calendar Updates**

- a. Budget Town Hall Meetings Misc Dates**
- b. 2017 OSBA/COSA Legislative Day March 13, 2017**
- c. Regular Board Meeting March 15, 2017**

**9. Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.**