

Canby School District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SPECIAL SESSION

September 23, 1998

The Canby School District Board of Directors held a joint Special Session with the Canby City Council and the Canby Planning Commission at 7:14 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 1998, at the Canby Adult Center.

<i>School Board Members Present:</i>	Charlie Stinson, Carol Beddow and Joe Driggers.
<i>City Council Members Present:</i>	Shirley Strong, Dennis Nolder, Barry Lucas, and Walt Daniels. Roger Harris joined the meeting in progress.
<i>Planning Commission:</i>	Terry Prince.
<i>School District Administrators:</i>	Stephen Miller, John Falkenstein, and Don Staehely.
<i>City Officials:</i>	Mayor Scott Taylor, Jason Kruckeberg and Jerry Sanounce.
<i>Others:</i>	Cam Sivesind of the Canby Herald and several community members.

Mayor Scott Taylor called the meeting to order and reviewed that approximately one year ago the three public entities started to meet on a quarterly basis to work together on overlapping issues.

Update on Enrollment and Barmack Demographic Report: Stephen Miller reported on student enrollment at the beginning of this school year. Knight is at capacity (still utilizing the two modular buildings), Eccles lacks 75 students of being at capacity, and Trost is at capacity, with the expectation that it will be over capacity by the end of the school year. Also, Canby High School has room for 200 students before capacity will be reached, and this is expected to happen within two years. Ninety-One and Carus, the outlying schools, have capacity for an additional 100-150 students. An attendance update will be done again in November. This data verifies not adding another school, even though managing capacity needs will be difficult. It would actually be easier to build another school in the large-growth area.

School Bond Briefing: The school bond will cover:

- Increased enrollment and crowded classrooms.
- Needs of professional/technical facility at Canby High School (I-wing).
- Approximately \$2.4 million to meet technology needs pertaining to infrastructure.
- Upgraded HVAC.

Mr. Miller pointed out that student counts have historically increased each year. Funds have been shifted from administration to the classrooms, which has helped, but building and maintenance needs have continued to be postponed. Even if the district put all available dollars

into physical needs, it would not be adequate. Charlie Stinson reminded the group that when the large 8th grade moves into the high school, we will experience overcrowding that much sooner. Terry Prince pointed out that the law has changed, and school districts are not allowed to include equipment, furnishings, or computers in bond requests.

School Drop Out Rate: Mayor Taylor inquired whether data is available to show that the dropout rate has decreased because of the CIM/CAM requirements. As schools become better at what they are providing, do they have a greater success rate? Joe Driggers responded that if we can't help students succeed, we will see a higher dropout rate. Mr. Taylor suggested this would be a topic to look at again in two years.

Modulars at Knight Elementary: The Planning Commission is concerned about the use of modulars at Knight Elementary. They would rather see permanent classrooms than have modulars used for a lengthy period of time. Terry Prince would like a discussion on the effect of modulars on the quality of education received. Joe Driggers suggested that a comparison of the growth experienced by students in modulars vs. traditional classrooms might be helpful. Steve Miller reminded the forum that in previous discussions with the Planning Commission, the School Board appreciated their understanding of the need to use modulars because of population bubbles.

Loitering & Smoking at the Shopping Center: The police department asked to be notified about concerns with high school students congregating and smoking at the shopping center, so things can be dealt with in a timely manner. Barry Lucas has witnessed over one hundred students congregating there and smoking. Last year an ordinance was passed by the city to deal with youth under 18 smoking. Citations were issued, students went through our local courts, and it helped solve the problem. High school administrators and the campus supervisor make regular tours of the area, and the support and help of the police department is appreciated.

Truancy/Day Time Curfew: The issue of truancy also needs to be addressed. Several cities have passed a daytime curfew ordinance that gives the police department authority to stop young people during normal school hours. The result has been a drastic reduction in their daytime crime rate. Mayor Taylor pointed out that this procedure also affects students who are home-schooled, and these parents have been strongly opposed to a day time curfew, even citing instances where harassment suits have been filed in similar situations.

Steve Miller advised that schools report attendance period by period and have an automated calling system. The high school administrators are involved in making appointments for those identified with ongoing problems. There is also a counselor to help with some of the situations (half time at the high school and half time at the middle school). The consequence of truancy is in-house suspension, out-of-school-suspension, or Saturday School. It is possible to issue citations and fine the parents of truant students; however, our district has not yet taken that action. Some parents have lost control of their students and could be victimized by that type of system.

Mayor Taylor asked that the city and school district work together to determine their legal capabilities for dealing with truancy. A discussion group will be established to include the police department, a school board member, a high school administrator, and a student representative.

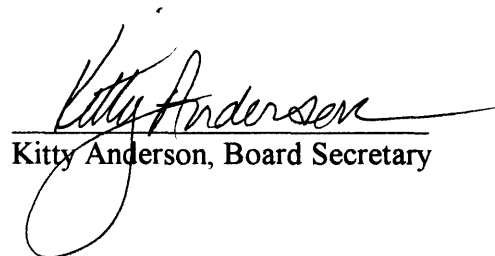
Urban Growth Boundary: Jason Kruckeberg introduced the subject of buildable land in the city. A year ago the city contracted for a study addressing population projections and yearly growth; land needs and whether or not the urban growth boundary should be moved; and the type of housing that is needed in the city. It proved to be a valuable addition to their long-term plan. The city is working to plan for the year 2020 when a population of 20,000 to 24,000 is anticipated for Canby.

The state has given four months to review and evaluate the city's current plan, and public hearings will be held to discuss the possible need to move the urban growth boundary. The school district needs to consider sites for future schools. Terry Prince added that presently the City Planning Commission is directing growth toward the north side of town, otherwise, there would be an even heavier impact on Trost Elementary.

School Bond Ballot Measure: Joe Driggers requested that the city council issue a public statement in support of the school bond, Ballot Measure 3-38 in the upcoming November election.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Kitty Anderson, Board Secretary

APPROVED:

Charles Stinson, Board Chairman

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