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April 23, 2012

**Special School Board Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: Patti Norris, John Lang, Rich Mires, Doug Smith, Scott Cooper  
Administrators Present: Duane Yecha, Dennis Kostelecky, Rocky Miner, Stacy Smith

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call to Establish Quorum
- 1.2 Recognition of Visitors
- 1.3 Agenda Additions, Deletions or Revisions and Agenda Approval
- 1.4 Flag Salute.

Board Chair Patti Norris called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was established, visitors were recognized, and there were no additions, deletions or revisions to the agenda.

**Doug Smith moved and Scott Cooper seconded the Board approve the agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor 5-0 as follows: Yea – Patti Norris, Rich Mires, Doug Smith, John Lang, Scott Cooper**

2.0 INSIGHT ONLINE CHARTER SCHOOL PROPOSAL

2.1 Board Discussion and Action

Board Chair Patti Norris verified all board members had reviewed the proposal. Shawn Swisher has provided a checklist as provided in OAR 581-020-0301. She asked if board members would be in agreement to use the OAR as a checklist. All agreed.

2.1.1 OAR 581-020-0301 – Public Charter School Proposal Review and Approval Process•

OAR 581-020-0301 was reviewed for the process involved in reviewing and approving or not approving the charter school. The proposal has been presented and a public hearing has been held. The board must now decide whether to accept or reject the charter school proposal.

Shawn Swisher commented regarding enrollment projections.

JD McMahon reviewed the enrollment projections. K-12 has been running a charter school since 2007 and they have five years' experience in Oregon in conjunction with North Bend SD. Insight has operated an online alternative since January 2008. Their experience has been they have doubled their enrollment each year. Peak this year was 490 students. With those two experiences, they pooled the data to come up with the enrollment projections. Enrollment of 855 is their projection for next year.

Patti Norris asked how K-12 would decide where the student would be enrolled, with CCSD or ORVA? Mr. McMahon indicated it would be the parent choice. Currently ORVA only offers a charter school through grade 10, thus no diploma opportunity.

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Dennis Kostelecky commented on the current Insight program. In the alternative program, the district has 37 CCSD kids participating in the program, for an ADM of about 20, with a total of 125 students in the program. Most are in high school. The SET team reviews each student file to make sure they are eligible as an alternative option. We have no K-5 kids; we have nine middle school students, four taking only one class, which are higher end classes not offered at the middle school.

Chair Norris asked if the district does not sponsor the charter but continued with the alternative program, could any of our K-8 kids take a class? Mr. McMahan stated they currently do not offer K-5 classes in the alternative program. This would be available in the charter school option. He added that he would not be running the charter school, but rather would continue with the alternative school. He would serve as a consultant to the charter school.

Scott Cooper commented that there are eight criteria areas to be addressed. He asked Dennis Kostelecky and Duane Yecha if they feel the proposal has met the eight criteria. Superintendent Yecha stated he feels they have met the criteria. He added that he would like to see online education as a basic service available in this district. He would also like to see full funding for athletics, elementary music, a full CTE program; however, our budget does not allow. The charter school option would be one area where we could assist students. Dennis Kostelecky agreed. He added that he feels ESD attorney, Shawn Swisher, has done a great job reviewing the proposal.

There were questions about who would be able to sign up for the charter school. Mr. McMahan indicated they would market the entire state. There has been advertising regarding K-12 throughout the state. He added that the advertising does not apply to the alternative school because as an alternative program they cannot advertise, whereas a charter school can. Many times it depends upon where the student lives as to which online charter school would fit their needs. With regards to enrollment numbers he feels that if they opened their doors with only 250 students they could manage it, and CCSD would never go into the red. He added that there is a strong demand for an online charter school and he sees no problem with starting with much larger enrollment numbers. He has received many calls from frustrated parents looking for options for their students. He sees this as an opportunity to address this problem.

There was continued discussion regarding enrollment from inside and outside the district.

There was discussion regarding the current alternative Insight program vs. the proposed charter Insight program. The alternative program creates a drain on time from district staff. The charter school would handle all the work that CCSD personnel currently spend with the alternative program.

It was pointed out that if the district does not approve the charter school proposal, Insight would have the opportunity to apply directly to ODE for approval. Shawn Swisher stated that ODE would look at the impact on the district as criteria to reject the charter. There does not appear to be enough information to project an adverse affect on the district; therefore, it would probably not rise to the level that ODE would reject the proposal.

Patti Norris added that we have a history with the approved PBCCS, and we are reasonably pleased with how that is working.

Doug Smith commented that he believes there are Crook County students currently not attending CCSD schools but would be interested in the charter school option. Plus, he feels we have students attending CCSD schools who could benefit from this option.

Dennis Kostelecky stated that the district has only two home school students in the Insight Alternative program out of 163 registered home school students. If we did a better job of marketing we could pull some of these students in.

John Lang stated he has reviewed the proposal many times and is very concerned with the enrollment projections and what we might do to mitigate this. He presented a proposal that would guarantee the school district would not lose money with the charter school. The proposal indicates the district would

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receive 20% of the state funding for K-8 and 5% of the state funding for 9-12. John Lange would like to increase that percentage to guarantee the district would not lose dollars.

Attorney Shawn Swisher pointed out that the district is bound by the statute that states 5% and 20%. Anything more than that and the district would be bringing in more than would be allowed by the state.

John Lang then presented a second approach, calling it a blended school, whereby we could offer students a variety of formats for their education. It would be a combination of attending an actual CCSD school combined with some home schooling and also the opportunity for online classes. He would like to offer students the opportunity to take more classes than they would be able to in the brick and mortar school.

Scott Cooper agreed, but stated we already have that arrangement with some home school kids taking coursework in our school district and some CCSD students taking online classes. Michelle Jonas added they we cannot ask for state funding that would be more than a 1.0 FTE. We would be offering classes for which we would receive no additional funding beyond 1.0 FTE.

Doug Smith added that a home school student today cannot get a diploma. By creating a charter school this would be a value added option, which could lead to a diploma. Dennis Kostelecky added that home school students are also able to attend classes at the high school.

Patti Norris added that by providing the charter school option students who wish to take a class not offered at the high school, such as Chinese, could do so through the charter school option.

### 2.1.2 Proposal

**Doug Smith moved and Rich Mires seconded the Board approve the Insight School of Oregon – Charter Option proposal contingent upon successful negotiation of a charter contract found acceptable by the District. The vote was unanimous in favor 5-0 as follows: Yea – Patti Norris, Rich Mires, Doug Smith, John Lang, Scott Cooper.**

### 3.0 BOARD POLICY AND AR REIVEW AND APPROVAL

#### 3.1 1<sup>st</sup> Reading **New and Revised** Board Policies & ARs:

The following policies were reviewed with comments:

##### 3.1.1 EBB – Integrated Pest Management

**Scott Cooper moved and Doug Smith seconded the Board approve Policy EBB – Integrated Pest Management as adjusted. The vote was unanimous in favor 5-0 as follows: Yea – Patti Norris, Rich Mires, Doug Smith, John Lang, Scott Cooper.**

##### 3.1.2 JGD – Suspension & 3.1.3 JGE – Expulsion

There was a question why much of the language was being cut from the policy. Superintendent Yecha commented that in the late 90's it was OSBA's intent to include due process language in student handbooks, not necessarily in an AR. The schools go by past practice or handbook language. The language needs to be cut and pasted into handbook language, rather than in board policy.

Superintendent Yecha added that the district has ordered the OSBA model student handbook and plan to initiate our current school handbooks into the model handbook, which would then include all the necessary language required by statute.

After further discussion, Superintendent Yecha suggested we leave the due process in policy language until we get the new student handbooks ready.

Scott Cooper recommended that JGD and JGE be pulled out and brought back at a later date when the language is included in student handbooks. The board was in agreement.

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3.1.4 JHFE – Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse

**Doug Smith moved and Rich Mires seconded the Board approve Policy JHFE – Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor 5-0 as follows: Yea – Patti Norris, Rich Mires, Doug Smith, John Lang, Scott Cooper.**

3.1.5 JHFE-AR – Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse

The board reviewed the AR.

3.1.6 IKH – Credit For Proficiency

Superintendent Yecha indicated he feels this policy regarding credit for proficiency needs to be implemented for CCSD to be competitive. This policy speaks to projects and programs outside the regular classroom. Later the district can talk about credit for proficiency within the school day. This speaks to our ability to offer credit for proficiency to make us more competitive.

After a lengthy discussion the board decided to table this policy until further work is done on the language in the policy.

3.1.7 KBA – Public Records

**Scott Cooper moved and Rich Mires seconded the Board approve Policy KBA – Public Records as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor 5-0 as follows: Yea – Patti Norris, Rich Mires, Doug Smith, John Lang, Scott Cooper.**

3.1.8 LBE – Public Charter Schools

**Doug Smith moved and Scott Cooper seconded the Board approve Policy LBE-Public Charter Schools as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor 5-0 as follows: Yea – Patti Norris, Rich Mires, Doug Smith, John Lang, Scott Cooper.**

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Patti Norris, Board Chair

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Jan Martin, Board Secretary

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**May 14, 2012**  
Date Minutes Approved