LANE ESD BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Tuesday – October 23, 2007

1. Regular Meeting Call to Order	1	Chairperson Joel Robe called the regular board meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, October 23, 2007, in accordance with the agenda and public notice of the meeting. Board Members present were: Joe Berney, Sherry Duerst-Higgins, Michelle Holman, Carol Horne Dennis, Tom Lininger, and Joel Robe. Administrative staff members present were Superintendent Debbie Egan, Carol Knobbe, Dave Standridge, Michelle Mantel, Sue Mathisen, and Barbara McBurnett, recording secretary. Others attending were: Robert Young, Jeri Ingallinero, John Lovdokken, and Connie Eastburn
2. Budget Hearing	2	Chair Robe opened the budget hearing on the supplemental budget for PERS Debt Service Fund. An outline of the budget was included in the agenda packet and is attached to the official copy of the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the budget hearing was published as required by law in the Register Guard newspaper. The chair invited comments on the supplemental budget. There were none. Chair Robe declared the supplemental budget hearing closed.
3. Recognition and Introductions	3	There was no staff or public recognition.
4. Public Participation	4	There was no public participation.
5. Agenda Review	5	There were no changes or additions to the agenda.
6. Action Items	6A	The following action items were included in the Consent Agenda approval: (1) Approve Board Minutes of September 25, 2007 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of Lane ESD approves the minutes of its meeting September 25, 2007, as submitted. (2) Accept Monthly Human Resources Report and Approve Personnel Recommendations **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of Lane ESD accepts the Monthly Human Resources Report dated October 16, 2007. (3) Approve Grants/Contracts Awarded and Authorize Receipt of Funds **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of Lane ESD approves the grants/contracts awarded report dated October 2007, and authorizes receipt of funds. (4) Approve Board Member Attendance at OSBA Convention Joe Berney, Sherry Duerst-Higgins, Carol Horne Dennis, and Joel Robe have indicated they will attend the OSBA Convention in Portland November 8-11, 2007. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of Lane ESD approves the attendance of Directors Berney, Duerst-Higgins, Horne Dennis, and Robe at the OSBA Annual Convention in Portland, November 8-11. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of Lane ESD adopts the consent agenda group as presented. Director Holman seconded and **the MOTION CARRIED WITH DIRECTORS BERNEY, DUERST-HIGGINS, HOLMAN, HORNE DENNIS, LININGER, and ROBE VOTING YES. (ESD Resolution # 07-012)**

6B Adopt Supplemental Budget and Appropriate Supplemental Budget
At the August 28, 2007, meeting the Lane ESD Board of Directors authorized participation in the Oregon School Boards Association pension bond program. A supplemental budget and appropriation are required to complete Lane ESD's participation. These resolutions provide the Board's authorization for Lane ESD to expend the funds. A Budget Hearing was held earlier in this meeting.
DIRECTOR DUERST-HIGGINS MOVED: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Lane ESD hereby adopts the following supplemental budget for the fiscal year 2007-08 in the sum of $8,760,000, now on file at the Office of the Superintendent. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the amounts for fiscal year 2007-08 and for the purposes shown on the attached supplemental budget are hereby appropriated and increase the total appropriation of all funds to $43,967,423. Director Horne Dennis seconded and **the MOTION CARRIED WITH DIRECTORS BERNEY, DUERST-HIGGINS, HOLMAN, HORNE DENNIS, LININGER, and ROBE VOTING YES. (ESD Resolution # 07-013)**

6C Acknowledge Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center Name Change
The Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center was initially named Court School. Students suggested that renaming the program would create a more positive image. Lane County Department of Youth Services had students in the program participate in a contest to rename the program, and Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center was chosen. The Lane County Commissioners adopted the name change on December 10, 2003. Although Lane ESD provides the education program, our agency was not involved the actual name change.

The Oregon Department of Education would like confirmation from the Lane ESD Board of Directors that the name of the program is officially the Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center for purposes of ADM reporting by Lane County districts.
DIRECTOR DUERST-HIGGINS MOVED: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Lane ESD hereby acknowledges the official name of the education program operated by Lane Education Service District at the Lane County Department of Youth Services John Serbu Youth Campus to be Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center, as adopted by the Lane County Commissioners on December 10, 2003. Director Horne Dennis seconded and **the MOTION CARRIED WITH DIRECTORS BERNEY, DUERST-HIGGINS, HOLMAN, HORNE DENNIS, LININGER, and ROBE VOTING YES. (ESD Resolution # 07-014)**

6. Discussion/ Reports

6A Advisory Board Member Report
Board advisor Chuck Forster was not present.

6B Local Service Plan Report – Special Education
Sue Mathisen presented information regarding progress toward the Local Service Plan goals for special education *(official attachment)*. Special education services include school psychology, Life Skills education, behavior disorders, and fee-based services such as augmentative communication, Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center, speech services, and Direction Services. Program needs continue to grow, particularly in the Life Skills program.

6C Teaching American History Grant Report
Lane ESD recently received its third three-year Teaching American History grant. The grant director and school improvement specialist Robert Young presented information about accomplishments and plans for the next three years. Springfield High School teacher John Lovdokken and Mapleton teacher Connie Eastburn were present to discuss their involvement in the grant. This year, participants in the Teaching American History grant are disseminating the local history projects they have developed. These projects range from oral histories to websites, from the creation of a traveling children's museum to the construction of a pioneer cabin. Teachers throughout the county will have access to these projects that help engage students in learning American history.

6D Audit Committee
The 2006-07 financial audit is progressing and will be presented to the Board for action at the December meeting. For the past several years, the Board has designated two of its members to meet with auditing firm representatives, the superintendent and executive director of business support, who will then report to the entire Board. Two Board member volunteers are needed to serve on the audit committee—Joel Robe and Carol Horne Dennis volunteered.

7. Superintendent's Report

7A Financial Report
Dave Standridge, executive director of business support services, reviewed the financial report for September 2007. Finances are proceeding as budgeted.

7B School Improvement Funding Update
The superintendents will have met and finalized their decisions on expenditures for the ESD SB 318 funds. Nine districts are utilizing the school improvement funds available through Lane ESD to participate in the Teaching and Learning Connection project. Districts are also using ESD school improvement funds in other areas including early childhood support, remediation and alternative learning, services to at-risk youth, programs to improve student achievement gaps, and literacy programs.

7C Diploma Implementation Project
ODE has a process for the new diploma requirements. An "Essential Skills Task Force" has been created with members from K-12 education, community colleges, higher education, Oregon Department of Education, and private sector business. The task force will review the State Board's essential skills and recommend definitions and indicates, proficiency levels aligned with postsecondary and workforce expectations, state and local assessment options, and reporting and accountability requirements.

7D Oregon Education Benefit Board (OEBB) Timelines
Lane ESD has received notification that OEBB has adopted temporary rules requiring districts whose contracts expire between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008 to go into OEBB. It was previously understood that if an agreement was reached with employee associations prior to June 30, 2008, districts could remain out of OEBB until 2010. Tim Keeley (Bethel School District) sent a letter sent to Senator Walker and Representative Edwards stating concerns about these temporary rules. Board members were asked if they would like to support this action. Board members concurred that they support this action.

8. Information from Administrative Staff

8 Superintendent Debbie Egan, assistant superintendent Carol Knobbe and executive directors Dave Standridge, Sue Mathisen, and Michelle Mantel submitted reports to the board on activities in their service areas. (official attachment)

9. Board Member Presentations and Comments

9 Michelle Holman reported that the Senate appointed a work group to review the spraying of pesticides near school grounds, and asked the Board to continue to support the work of the Oregon Toxics Alliance. Board members concurred, and a letter will be sent to Committee chairs.

Joel Robe reported that the Lane Education Foundation will soon have a brochure ready for publication. Eleven Lane County school districts do not have foundations that can utilize the LEF to receive donations.

10. Announcement/ Correspondence

10A Register Guard Article -- *Special ed staff deserves recognition*
This article appeared on the editorial page of the Register Guard in which a Lane ESD autism specialist is commended.

11. Adjournment	11	The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Lane ESD Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the ESD Center Building
12. Executive Session		Executive session called under provisions of ORS 192.660(1)(d) negotiations; and ORS 192.660(2)(b) teacher evaluation.

Minutes approved:

Joel Robe, Chairperson

(date) BJM

Debbie Egan, Superintendent-Clerk

Attachments to official minutes:

1. Supplementary Budget Outline (PERS Refinance)
2. Special Education Update
3. Superintendent Report
4. Administrative Reports