



Lincoln County School District **BOARD REPORT**

A Summary of the February 8, 2005 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on February 8, 2005 at Taft Elementary School with approximately 35 staff and patrons in attendance.

Introductions- Taft Elementary Choir

Principal Suzanne Dalton welcomed the Board and introduced music teacher C.J. Griffith, who in turn presented the 4th and 5th grade choir. The choir now boasts a membership of 60 members (not all of whom were present). They sang a song of thanks to the Board. Fourth grade teacher Robin Rhyner assists with the choir.

Taft High Student Representative

Taft High School student representative and ASB President Jessica Snyder updated the Board on activities at Taft High School, including:

- A school carnival was held last Fall after the first home football game;
- Homecoming activities went smoothly;
- Students raised 1200 pounds of food in their annual canned food drive, a four-fold increase over last year;
- The school now has a garden with "Taft" spelled out in plants (thanks to the donations of Dan Kaufman, Blake Nursery, Drayton Trucking, and Ace Hardware);
- A senior citizens' breakfast was held recently;
- A school newspaper (the "45th Parallel") was recently begun;
- An alumni club is being formed.

Communications

Newport resident Tom Runions addressed the Board regarding his reservations about a possible local option levy, and the possibility of procuring county road department funds to help the school district.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated the Newport High cheerleaders for their first place win in state competition. Reyna Mattson and Jessica Arnsdorf are advisors for the team. Only three of the 16-member team had competed prior to the state competition.

The Superintendent also congratulated Waldport Middle teacher Debbie Kilduff for her award as "Middle School Teacher of the Year" by the Oregon Middle Level Association.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Lincoln City realtors for their donation of \$1,000 to each Lincoln City school for clothing and school supplies.

The Superintendent recognized Waldport schools for their help in feeding the hungry, based on a letter of thanks from the South Lincoln Resources. Schools at all levels have taken part in various activities to help the hungry in south county.

Mr. Rinearson noted Friday, February 11th is a school improvement day.

Consent Calendar Items

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- **Minutes, 1/11/05 Regular Session;**
- **Minutes, 1/25/05 Special Session;**
- **Minutes, 1/25/05 Work Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items:**
 - Resignations:** Bonnie Ferguson, WES; Marianne Campbell, Toledo Middle.
 - New Licensed Temporary Hires:** Kent

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Wilson, Toledo High; Theresa Boris, YVE.
-**New Classified Hires**- Sherry Dreyer,
Toledo High.
-**Leave of Absence**: Janelle Glenn,
Extension through 2/28/05.

Local Option

Chairman Billie Jo Smith reported the District recently polled LCSD employees about their support for a possible local option levy. 251 staff members responded, with 78% of those voicing their support.

The Chairman tabled a motion to consider whether or not the Board would pursue a local option levy, to allow discussion and decision by all members of the Board. She directed Superintendent/Board Secretary Laurie Urquhart to arrange a Special Session meeting to consider the question, prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting February 22nd.

Zone 2 Budget Committee Member

The Board appointed Jim Buisman to the LCSD Budget Committee, to serve until June 30, 2006. Mr. Buisman has prior experience on the Budget Committee.

Renewal of Contract with John L. Scott Realty

The Board approved renewal of a contract with John L. Scott Realty for the Rose Lodge and Delake properties. Term of the contract is one year.

Acceptance of Offer- Delake Property

The Board accepted an offer from the City of Lincoln City for the Delake property, and authorized staff to finalize the agreement (which will return to the Board for final approval).

Comprehensive School Reform- Taft Elementary

Principal Suzanne Dalton introduced teachers

Robin Rhyner, Ellen Gerl and Brandi Ward, as well as parent Elaine Placido, who shared various aspects of Comprehensive School Reform at the school. Ms. Dalton reported the slogan at the school is "Creating a learning community" with a common vision, building upon strengths, and empowerment with responsibility.

Site Councils' Recommendation- Graduation Requirements

School Operations Administrator Joe Novello updated the Board on two optional components of new state graduation requirements, "extended application through a collection of evidence," and "career related knowledge." Mr. Novello was tasked with polling site councils to determine if they would prefer the two items be optional or required. (State law directs the Board to choose whether the two are optional or required; the Board asked for site councils' recommendations).

Mr. Novello reported site councils see both components as important and positive, but would prefer they be optional so different sites may select different methods to achieve them.

Information on Discipline Referrals

School Operations Administrator Joe Novello cited the Board's goals of developing an accurate data system and fewer discipline referrals. He reported he is working with the Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD to merge the AS400 and SWIS (School Wide Information System) systems. The new data systems are more specific than in the past, to assist administration in their effort to address disciplinary issues. He distributed a handout showing referrals to date, using the two systems.

Renewal of Probationary and Permanent Licensed Staff

Director of Human Resources Len Geiger presented, per state statute, a list of licensed personnel being considered for two-year contracts, as well as a list of probationary employees con-

sidered for renewal for the 2005/06 school year. A list of temporary contracts was also presented (the non-renewals are not to be considered as an indicator of performance). The list will return to the Board for approval at the next board meeting.

Financial Report

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented the cash flow report through January 31, 2005. She also presented a list describing miscellaneous revenue, and Bills/Claims over \$5,000.

05/07 ESD Resolution Services

Every two years, the Linn/Benton/Lincoln presents a resolution to each of the 12 districts within their boundaries describing services to be provided the following two years by the ESD, and funded with "Resolution" dollars. These services are offered to districts when approved by two-thirds of the districts representing over one-half of the average daily membership of the 12 districts. The resolution will return to the Board for approval at the next board meeting.

Policy Code JHCC-AR, Communicable Diseases

Director of Student Learning and Supported Education Terri Cassidy presented revised administrative rules JHCC, Communicable Diseases. The revised rules reflect new practices in the district regarding notification to parents, as well as duties of the County Health and Human Services Department.

Curriculum and Instruction Report

Curriculum and Instruction Administrator Sue Carter updated the Board on the status of the continuous improvement planning process. She reported science curriculum guides will be presented to the Board for approval in the coming weeks. A curriculum

adoption schedule was also presented, as was a report on "Improving Student Achievement Through the Use of Data."

Next Meeting: February 22, 2005 - Newport High School, 7:00 p.m.