



# Lincoln County School District **BOARD REPORT**

A Summary of the March 14, 2005 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on March 14, 2005 at Waldport High School with approximately 35 staff and patrons in attendance.

## **Introductions- Debbie Kilduff**

The meeting was recessed in order to recognize Waldport Middle School teacher Debbie Kilduff, who was recently awarded the John Pence/David Putnam Award by the Oregon Middle Level Association. Chairman Billie Jo Smith presented her with a plaque; cake and punch were served.

## **Waldport High Student Representative**

Waldport High School student representative Stephanie Poff updated the Board on activities at Waldport High School, including: •The school is working hard at CIM testing; •Social Studies teacher/Athletic Director Mick Bittick was chosen "Coach of the Year" in the Tri-Co League; •Girls and Boys Basketball teams went to state playoffs; •Wrestler Paul Corwin placed 5<sup>th</sup> in state competition; and •Science classes at the school are doing water testing, sampling and restoration at Drift Creek.

## **Communications**

Chairman Billie Jo Smith noted receipt of written communications from Carol Miley's fifth grade class at Oceanlake regarding the importance of Physical Education. She also noted a written communication from Jim Vickers regarding ideas to reduce the budget.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated the Newport High Boys Swim team for placing second in state competition.

Paul Collins, Newport High wrestler, took first place in state competition in the 215 pound class.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution fund for their

donation of \$1200 to Waldport Elementary School. Teacher Ruth McDonald was instrumental in procuring the funds, which will be used for elementary science education.

The Superintendent recognized Oletta Lewis, Susan Anderson and Donna Mazzeo, Special Education Assistants at Newport Middle School, for saving the life of Learning Specialist Dave Edwards. Mr. Edwards suffered a heart attack and subsequently had open-heart surgery. The three assistants noticed Mr. Edwards was not well, and Ms. Lewis took him immediately to the hospital.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Colin Park of Cohen and Park Photography, for producing one-sheet picture packets for nearly 80 Waldport Middle School families who could not afford to purchase school pictures.

The Superintendent reported he visited all four high school student councils/leadership teams, then brought student representatives together for a combined meeting. Students shared their ideas about the ideal high school, what is not working in their respective schools, and ideas to address the coming shortfall next year.

## **Consent Calendar Items**

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- **Minutes, 2/8/05 Regular Session;**
- **Minutes, 2/10/05 Special Session;**
- **Minutes, 2/22/05 Special Session;**
- **Minutes, 2/22/05 Work Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items:**  
-**Resignations:** Melissa Butler, LOA; Jackie Quetschke, LOA; Rudy De la Rosa, Taft High; Michael Smith, LOA; Debra Rariden, LOA;

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Ann Cook, LOA; Donald McDonald, LOA.  
-**New Licensed Temporary Hires:** Larry Ulrich, Taft High.  
-**New Classified Hires:** Violet Brown, Toledo High.  
-**Leave of Absence:** Novia Sharkey, 2/28/05-3/14/05; R. Patrick Saunders, 2/28/05-3/17/05; Jann Glenn, Extend thru 4/30/05;  
-**New Coach Hire:** Timothy Hamlin.

### **Approval of the Revised CDIP**

Director of Student Learning/Supported Education Terri Cassidy presented a revised Consolidated District Improvement Plan, which the Board approved. The plan was necessitated by the District's second year of not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and its "improvement" status as a result.

### **Superintendent's Contract**

The Board approved an amendment to Superintendent Rinearson's contract by adding one year, to expire June 30, 2008 (the longest state law will allow). The Board also increased the Superintendent's pay by 3.3%, and awarded him a one-time performance merit bonus.

The Superintendent thanked the Board for their generosity and said he struggled with accepting a percentage increase and bonus in a time of cutting budgets. All Board members responded by insisting he accept the offer, and thanking him for a job well done.

### **Classified Employee Week**

The Board approved a resolution declaring the week of March 14-18 as "Classified Employee Week." Chairman Smith read the resolution to the audience and included those who are not LCSD employees, but who provide important services to students (bus drivers, custodians, and food service employees)

### **South Area- Entrepreneur Class**

Waldport High Principal Von Taylor updated the Board on the Entrepreneur class at the school, made possible by obtaining grant funds. Students enrolled in the class are learning about writing business plans and the intricacies of running a business.

### **South Area Plan to Meet New Grad Requirements**

Principal Von Taylor presented Waldport High School's plan to meet new graduation requirements, including education plans and demonstrating extended application through a collection of evidence.

### **Approval of NHS Early Grad Request**

The Board approved an Early Graduation Request from Kelsey Blackwood of Newport High, who plans to graduate in June, 2006.

### **Financial Report**

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented the cash flow report through February 28, 2005. She also presented a list describing miscellaneous revenue, and Bills/Claims over \$5,000. The estimated ending fund balance for the year is now projected at \$1 million.

### **Draft Central Restructuring Plan**

Superintendent Rinearson presented a draft central restructuring plan. He emphasized the unfinished nature of the plan, and said representatives of the Linn-Benton-Lincoln are also formulating recommendations.

The Superintendent's current plan has central administrators reduced by one position and one building administrator. He is considering moving forward with a Director of Business and Support Services, and an Assistant Superintendent. Three other central administrative positions would lead Special Education, Curriculum & Instruction, and Federal Programs. In addition, this plan has a reduction of .5 Classified personnel and 2.5 licensed personnel (which will likely go up).

Superintendent Rinearson also reported the projected budget shortfall for the coming year now stands at a deficit of \$5.4 million (down from \$7.5 million). The change is due to a projected higher level of state funding for next year than originally planned, a reduced PERS rate, and a tentative settlement with the LCEA (teachers' union).

**Next Meeting: March 29, 2005 - Newport High School, 7:00 p.m.**