



Lincoln County School District **BOARD REPORT**

A Summary of the May 10, 2005 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on May 10, 2005 at Taft Middle School with approximately 35 staff and patrons in attendance.

Taft Middle Jazz Band

Taft Middle School's jazz band, under the direction of Mr. Rich Briggs, played three pieces for the Board and audience. Approximately 100 students at the school participate in some form of band instruction.

Taft High Student Representative

Taft High School student representative Andrew Fries updated the Board on activities at Taft High School, including: • A breakfast for senior citizens was held recently; • Students honored teachers and classified employees in several ways during their respective recognition weeks; • Seniors at the school are busy planning graduation and senior field day activities; • A successful blood drive was held at the school; • The Junior/Senior Prom went well.

Mock Legislature Video- AGP

AGP teacher Barb Fowler described the Mock Legislature program and showed a short video of students taking part in related activities ("Salem day").

Communications

Chairman Billie Jo Smith reported her receipt of a written communication from Taft High student Ryan Wagner, who commended the Superintendent for meeting with students. He suggested the practice continue and include school board members.

Terry Dillman distributed the latest copy of the *Toledo Leader*, a newspaper coordinated by Mr.

Dillman on behalf of the Toledo Centennial Committee and produced by Toledo High journalism students. He reported he would like to expand his efforts next year to involve high school journalism students throughout the county in a similar project.

Taft High student James Denny expressed concerns on behalf of students at the school regarding the reduction of teachers for next year.

Yaquina View parent Fred Seavey addressed the Board regarding concerns with the proposed 2005/06 school calendar. Superintendent Rinearson urged Mr. Seavey to discuss his concerns with Len Geiger.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson summarized findings from LBL ESD representatives pursuant to ways to address the coming budgetary shortfall. The most significant recommendations from the ESD are selected school closures and a salary freeze for all employees for one year. Some of the recommendations are in process.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Trust Management, LLC for funding several grant requests, including an Artist in Residency at Yaquina View, trailers for the Waldport High Kayak Shack, and audio books for the District's Media Services Department. One other award is pending.

The Superintendent recognized International Longshore and Warehouse Workers Local #53

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for their donation of \$200 toward establishing a mini-computer lab at the Newport High Learning Center.

Mr. Rinearson also recognized Taft High's Pro-Start Culinary team for their participation in the Boyd's Coffee Student Invitational. Two teams of students competed: one for culinary arts and one in the "Knowledge Bowl."

Superintendent Rinearson thanked County Commissioner Terry Thompson for his donation of \$1,400 (representing his salary increase for the coming year). The funds will be divided among the four district high schools for science programs.

Mr. Rinearson noted Newport and Waldport High Schools were chosen as "ASPIRE" (Access to Student assistance Programs In Reach of Everyone) schools. ASPIRE uses a proactive mentoring strategy to assist students with education beyond high school. Both schools will be assigned AmeriCorps members to establish the program next year.

The Superintendent reported the first Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 7:00 p.m. at Taft High School.

He also reminded the Board of the District's commitment to mitigate changes for the coming year during days with no students present. Each affected area is developing its own plan.

Superintendent Rinearson directed the Board's attention to a fax received from Eddyville Charter School Principal Don McDonald, asking to increase the school's enrollment. He will be presenting to the Board at the next meeting.

Consent Calendar Items

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- **Minutes, 4/12/05 Regular Session;**
- **Minutes, 4/19/05 Special Session;**
- **Minutes, 4/26/05 Special Session;**

- **Minutes, 4/26/05 Work Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items:**
Resignations: Darrell Clark, WES; Victoria Glass, Teaching Asst.; William Schildbach, Toledo High.
-Licensed Temp. Hire: John Baird, NMS.
-New Licensed Hire: Heather Hensley, Speech-Language.
-Leave of Absence: Janelle Glenn, extension through 6/29/05; Novia Sharkey, extension through 6/17/05.

Approval of Three-Year Charter, Lincoln City Career Tech

The Board approved extension of the charter for Lincoln City Career Tech Charter School for three years, to June 30, 2008. In addition, the maximum enrollment was increased from 50 to 60 students. Administrators from the District and LCCTHS agreed to meet no later than September 30, 2005 to review the charter, which was developed in 2000.

Postponement of Approval of 2005/06 School Calendar

Director Len Geiger suggested postponing adoption of the proposed 2005/06 School Calendar to the next board meeting, to allow ample opportunity for comment. The calendar features eight half-days of school improvement, rather than four full days as on the last several calendars. Students will be released after lunch one Wednesday per month (the third) beginning in September. December has no school improvement day.

Approval of Oregon Coast Bank for Banking Services

The Board approved Oregon Coast Bank for district banking services, for a term of three years (through June 30, 2008).

Approval of Ken Doerfler Insurance for Agent of Record Services

The Board approved Ken Doerfler Insurance, Inc. as the district's agent of record (for other than health insurance) for the July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2010 time period.

Bills/Claims over \$5,000. No significant changes were noted.

North Area Plan to Meet Graduation Requirements

Taft High Principal David Phelps and Assistant Principal Ana Gonzalez presented the North area's plans for achieving new graduation requirements. Ms. Gonzalez displayed documents for the educational plan and profile, and described ways in which the career related learning experience could be met.

Siletz Valley School- Year End Summary

Siletz Valley School Principal Van Peters shared unofficial student assessment results, which have improved in the last two years. He also informed the Board of a movement to develop an "early college high school" comprised of grades K-13 for the 2006/07 school year. Early college high schools are small schools that blend high school and two years of college, so students graduate with diplomas and associates degrees by grade 13.

Student Fees, 2005/06

School Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented student fees for the coming year. Only one fee has increased: middle school activity cards increased from \$7 to \$10.

Financial Report

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented the cash flow report through April 30, 2005. The current projected ending fund balance stands at approximately \$2.3 million; the Superintendent cautioned that approximately half of that amount is already committed for next year. Ms. Baldwin also presented

Next Meeting: May 24, 2005 - Newport High School, 7:00 p.m.