

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors - Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, July 26, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Newport High School**  
**Newport, Oregon**

**Minutes**

**PRESIDING:** Billie Jo Smith, 04/05 Chairman; Ron Beck, 05/06 Chairman

**Present:** Billie Jo Smith, 04/05 Chairman; Ron Beck, 05/06 Chairman; Sue Ryan, Vice-Chairman; Jean Turner, Brenda Brown, Directors

**Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 10 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

**Administration of Oaths of Office**

Director Sue Ryan administered oaths of office to the other four members of the Board. Directors Beck, Smith and Turner were elected to four-year terms in the May 17, 2005 special election (to serve until June 30, 2009) in Zones 3, 4 and 5, respectively. Brenda Brown, representing Zone 2, was elected to a two-year remainder term (to expire 6/30/07).

**Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum**

04/05 Chairman Billie Jo Smith convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of five board members present. She welcomed Director Brenda Brown to the Board.

She then directed the Board's attention to changes in the agenda. Superintendent Rinearson asked to amend the Consent Calendar by removing contracts for Assistant Superintendent Len Geiger and Director of Business/Support Services Rich Belloni to correct errors in the contracts. He explained these two positions required the development of separate contracts due to the shift in job assignments and titles. As Assistant Superintendent, Len Geiger has the same rights as the Superintendent, and Director Belloni's position does not require administrative licensure. The contracts will return to the Board for consideration at the August 23, 2005 meeting.

In addition, the agenda was amended to include a decision on an offer for the Delake School property.

**Communications**

Chairman Smith reported the receipt of a letter from the City of Siletz.

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Tom Rinearson recognized Newport High graduate Zach Fairman, who received an "AeA" Technology Scholarship. This award is given to top science, math and technology students to finance their

studies in engineering or computer science at an Oregon public university this fall. Zach will be studying Engineering Physics at OSU.

The Superintendent reported principals will be returning to work August 1, and reminded the Board of their next meeting August 23<sup>rd</sup>. He noted he will be with his family on vacation during the week of that meeting, as it is the only week of the summer his family could schedule time all together; he thanked the Board for their understanding. The Board will meet in a work session August 30<sup>th</sup> with Greg McKenzie of OSBA to discuss goals and board operations.

Mr. Rinearson directed the Board's attention to a handout at their places, describing 'opening of school' activities, and said they are welcome to attend any or all events.

Twelve administrators took part in Baldrige training July 25 and 26, presented by Superintendent Rinearson. He extended an invitation to any Board member wishing to attend an upcoming similar training, to be conducted by two participants of the just completed workshop.

#### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

#### **Motion 05/06-1**

On motion of Director Ryan, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar items, as amended, including:

- **Minutes, 6/28/05 Regular Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 7/26/05;**
- **Title IB Reading First Cohort B Grant in the amount of \$178,051;**
- **Willamette ESD Contracted Services Agreement- Migrant Ed. Summer School.**

The contracts for Assistant Superintendent Len Geiger and Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni were removed from the Consent Calendar for corrections.

#### **Approval of Resolution 2005/06-1, Designation of District Officers**

#### **Motion 05/06-2**

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Ryan, the Board approved Resolution 2005/06-1, Designation of District Officers, as presented in the July 26, 2005 board folder.

This resolution is presented annually, per state law.

#### **Election of Ron Beck as Chair, 2005/06**

#### **Motion 05/06-3**

On motion of Director Ryan, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved Ron Beck as Chairman of the Board for the 2005/06 year.

#### **Election of Sue Ryan as Vice-Chair, 2005/06**

#### **Motion 05/06-4**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved Sue Ryan as Vice-Chairman of the Board for the 2005/06 year.

Chairman Beck noted he may be out of town for the next meeting August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Approval of Offer- Delake School Property**

**Motion 05/06-5**

On motion of Director Smith, seconded by Director Turner, the Board approved by a vote of four aye, one abstention (Director Ryan), the offer tendered from the City of Lincoln City/Urban Renewal, for purchase of the Delake School property as presented July 26, 2005. The agreed upon price for the property is \$1.6 million. Though the “4 C’s” (Coastal Communities Cultural Center) is involved with the project, parties to the contract will be the City of Lincoln City and LCSD. A sales contract will return for the Board’s approval by the August 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting.

Director Smith expressed her hope the transaction work out “wonderfully; they have a beautiful idea.” Director Turner echoed her sentiments, and said she and other board members hoped all along this would be the outcome.

## **Information on OCCC Agreement**

Superintendent Rinearson described an agreement between LCSD and Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) that will allow LCSD juniors and seniors meeting certain criteria early entry to OCCC. Students taking part in this program may enter the college’s associate degree program for general education, transfer or employment opportunities, making possible simultaneous high school diploma and associate degree completion. Tuition will be paid by the District, and students are responsible for the cost of textbooks and other “course fees.”

The superintendent said the college plans to have its course catalog available for LCSD’s registration, and hopes to have representatives present at registration. Chairman Beck noted OCCC offers some courses LCSD no longer can. Superintendent Rinearson noted the 05/06 budget has increased support for online learning, and said it is hoped Toledo and Taft will have a distance learning lab in place by registration time.

## **Information on Financial Report**

Superintendent Rinearson presented financial reports for 2004/05 and 2005/06 in Julie Baldwin’s absence. Year end figures for 2004/05 are expected to be finalized during the first two weeks of August. The Superintendent commented he is looking forward to using the financial report for an entire fiscal year.

## **Discussion on 2005/06 Goals**

Chairman Beck said the Board will begin formulating goals during the August 30<sup>th</sup> work session. Superintendent Rinearson said the Board has a unique opportunity over the next 18 months to set in motion some defining things, now that finances have been stabilized. These decisions can have a “huge impact” over the next ten to 15 years, he added. Administration and the Board will be looking at five to ten year revenues and expenditures, as well as facilities needs. A discussion on a possible local option effort may also take place.

## **Discussion on “Ground Rules” for 05/06 Board Operations**

Chairman Beck noted this topic will be discussed during the August 30<sup>th</sup> work session.

## **Discussion on Work Session Topics, 2005/06**

Superintendent Rinearson noted the Board has a chance to model organizational improvement, which will help the rest of the district. Topics under consideration for discussion include valedictorians, academic eligibility, mission/goals, the Superintendent's evaluation instrument, the graduation policy (including a process for optional graduation requirements and a discussion on Personal Education Plans/Early Graduation requests).

Director Smith said a discussion on a long term vision for the District and other topics may take more than one session, and said the Board will need to hear from students and staff on some of the policies. The Superintendent noted the Board sits in a leadership role for the district, and said "if you want high achievement for all, you define that in your policies."

### **Other**

Vice-Chairman Ryan said she is working with Rob Bovett on a meth presentation to court clerks in October.

Chairman Beck noted a DVD recording of the intruder exercise at Newport Middle School last March is now available.

Vice-Chairman Ryan said she emailed an article to Board Secretary Laurie Urquhart on the abuse of compressed air by children.

Director Smith said she would like to see prior year's numbers on the enrollment report.

Chairman Beck thanked Director Smith for her year as Chairman, and expressed his thanks to the Board for electing him Chair this year. He welcomed Brenda Brown, and said the Board has much work to do in the year ahead.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Superintendent