

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors - Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, September 13, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Oceanlake Elementary School**  
**Lincoln City, Oregon**

**Minutes**

**PRESIDING:** Sue Ryan, Vice-Chairman

**Present:** Sue Ryan, Vice-Chairman, Jean Turner, Billie Jo Smith, Brenda Brown, Directors

**Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 45 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

**Excused:** Ron Beck, Chairman

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

Vice-Chairman Sue Ryan convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Chairman Beck was excused from the meeting.

**Taft High Student Representatives**

Taft High School student representatives Andrew Fries and Sydney Viles updated the Board on activities at Taft High, including: •Freshmen orientation was successful and included a barbecue. Middle school students also attended; •student leaders have begun a t-shirt sale campaign to help hurricane Katrina victims; •a school spirit assembly is planned for September 16; •student leaders are planning several community service activities and hope to effect community members' view of students.

Both students strongly expressed their desire to emphasize school spirit this year, and said they would like students to appreciate all the work going into their education. "We are trying to get kids engaged, and let them see school can be a place to have fun and create memories," said Viles.

**Oceanlake Update**

Oceanlake Elementary Principal Jack Nickerson welcomed the audience to the school, and acknowledged the staff members attending the meeting. "It is an honor and a privilege to be the principal here," said Nickerson. He referenced the school's improvement plan, which provides an outline of activities (among other things) for the year. He also noted the school did meet "adequate yearly progress" (AYP) requirements for 2004/05.

Superintendent Rinearson noted he had visited the school near the end of the school day. "What I saw was phenomenal," with kids moving about with smiles and a purpose, said Rinearson.

## **Communications**

Neotsu resident Christina Ramey addressed the Board regarding planned activities for the parent support group at the school. She also expressed the group's concern regarding the large class sizes at the school.

Teacher Joanie Helms stated concerns with the elimination of P.E. and music specialists at the school, and large class sizes. She also expressed her concern regarding kindergarten lunchtime, with 50 students in a room with one adult.

Lincoln City resident Richard Meehan recognized Superintendent Rinearson for his "magnificent job" in addressing the Oregon Coast Learning Institute. He also noted the need for additional resources in the District, and said many people in the north area have pledged their support of a local option effort.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Ellie Allan and the Epsilon Theta Sorority of Waldport for their generous help during registration in the south area. Members of the sorority helped each day of registration in a variety of roles.

The Superintendent recognized Newport High math teacher Brian Hanna for his receipt of a grant from Toshiba America Foundation. The grant will fund physics equipment to conduct an intersection safety experiment.

Mr. Rinearson thanked the City of Lincoln City for their support of Taft High School with a donation of \$15,000 to fund two periods of instruction. The money will pay for art and music instruction, and will therefore allow additional math instruction as well.

Superintendent Rinearson recognized INMS teacher Mary Koike, who is one of three state finalists for middle school teachers for the Presidential Award for Outstanding Mathematics and Science Teachers. The state winner will be announced in March, 2006.

Mr. Rinearson shared preliminary enrollment numbers with the Board, noting the figures will continue to change for the next few weeks. At present, the District is down from projections by 171 students. He noted student/teacher ratios vary by area, and are affected by decisions made last spring by principals in those areas. At that time FTE was assigned to regions, and principals (with community input) were asked to design a K-12 system in their regions. Vice-Chairman Ryan said the enrollment numbers by region demonstrate that closing a school helps class size numbers.

The Superintendent reported the District's first school improvement "early release Wednesday" will occur September 21<sup>st</sup>.

He also reported the Board will begin a long-range planning process with a work session September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**Motion 05/06-12**

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

- **Minutes of the 8/23/05 Regular Session;**
- **Minutes of the 8/30/05 Work Session;**
- **One Early Graduation Request, Newport High School;**
- **Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 9/13/05;**
- **Supplemental Tutoring Services Contract, Advantage Point, Inc. (Taft Elem.), not to exceed \$150,000.**

## **Approval of Policy IGD, Lincoln County Activities Association**

**Motion 05/06-13**

On motion of Director Smith, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved a revised Policy IGD, Lincoln County Activities Association. The policy change will allow the Board to adjust the academic eligibility requirements, should they so desire.

## **Update on Meth and Tsunami Awareness Projects**

Assistant County Counsel Rob Bovett described last year's MAP (Methamphetamine Awareness Project), and introduced a new TAP (Tsunami Awareness Project). Last year's MAP allowed the purchase of film making equipment at Newport High, Taft Middle, Toledo High and Waldport High which was used to produce meth awareness public service announcements (PSA's). The equipment will be used again this year to produce Tsunami Awareness PSA's and/or other short documentary films that can be used for tsunami awareness campaigns all along the west coast of the USA.

In addition, another MAP effort will take place, using the successful model in three more schools: Eddyville, Siletz Valley School, and Career Tech (all charter schools). Mr. Bovett was successful in procuring an additional meth prevention grant, which will provide funding for the film making equipment as well as a filmmaker-in-residence from the Northwest Film Center.

Director Smith thanked Mr. Bovett for his efforts and said they have had "such a positive effect." The Board expressed consensus for the projects to move forward.

## **Discussion on Writing Curriculum Guides**

Curriculum and Instruction Administrator Sandi Williams and teacher Deb Gaffney (project coordinator for the writing guides) presented K-12 writing guides for the Board's review. The guides were developed with the input of teachers from all areas of the District, and will be placed on the Internet sometime this year to make them even more helpful. The guides will return to the Board for their consideration at the next board meeting.

Director Smith said the efforts of teachers involved with the development of the guides show one of the positive effects of being part of a district, i.e., the amalgamation of the best ideas of many dedicated staff.

## **Information on Revised Field Trip Form**

Staff presented a revised form to Policy IICA-AR, Student Field Trips. The changes will provide more efficiency to the field trip approval process.

## **Financial Report**

Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni noted the financial report will be presented at the next meeting. With the change to ADP for payroll processing, the ESD was not able to update the district's general ledger. The financial report will be presented at the next board meeting.

## **Discussion on Proposed Appropriations Transfer**

Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni presented Resolution 2005/06-2, Transferring Appropriations. The resolution more properly records proceeds from the sale of the South Beach property and the proposed building of a new facility. It transfers both revenue and expenditure appropriations in the amount of \$440,000 from the General Fund to the Building Maintenance Fund. The resolution will return to the Board for their consideration at the next board meeting.

## **Discussion on Board Work Plan**

The Board began a discussion at the August 30<sup>th</sup> work session regarding the need to formulate long-range, strategic plans for the district. A work session to begin this process is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>. In conjunction with this planning, the Board will discuss goals for the district. As this school year is underway, the Board has discussed retaining the 2004-05 goals for the current year.

Director Turner noted the difficulty in scheduling an additional meeting with everyone's busy lives, and noted some board members will be taking vacation time from work to attend.

## **Other**

Director Smith congratulated Superintendent Rinearson on the way he conducted his presentation to the Oregon Coast Learning Institute.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent