



Lincoln County School District **BOARD REPORT**

A Summary of the September 13, 2005 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on September 13, 2005 at Oceanlake Elementary School with approximately 45 staff and patrons in attendance.

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.

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.

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 outlined activities for the parent support group at Oceanlake. She also expressed the group's concern regarding 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.

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.

The Board Report is a summary of the minutes from the latest meeting of the Lincoln County School District Board of Directors. For additional information you may contact Laurie Urquhart, Superintendent/ Board Secretary, or Tom Rinearson, Superintendent, at the District Office 265-4403.

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.

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

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

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- **Minutes of the 8/23/05 Regular Session;**
- **Minutes of the 8/30/05 Work Session;**
- **Early Graduation Request, NHS;**
- **Regular Personnel Items-**
Resignations: Pamela Cole, Teaching Asst.; Erik Green, NHS; Judy Self, Taft Middle; Cynthia Steele, Newport Middle.

Licensed Hires: Michael Baker, Taft Elem. .50; Molly Brooks, Taft Elem.; Sally Clayton, Speech; America Ford, ESOL North Area; Kathleen Munro, Toledo High; Elizabeth Sager, Arcadia .50; Lucinda Shirley, Kindergarten LEAP; Leala Sears, Waldport Elem. .50; Jaime Thompson, Taft Elem., Melody Wagener, Toledo Middle; Jori Wilson, Taft Elem.

Classified Hires: Violet Brown, Toledo High; Scott Pipher, Taft Middle.

Temp. Licensed Hires: Heather Welburn, Taft High; Susan Fowler, YVE .38.

Temp. Classified Hire: Cody Rosenthal, Taft Elem.

Leave of Absence: Wren Clark, 2/3/06-2/18/06; Yolanda Scheib, 9/7/05-12/31/05; LeLani Nussbaumer, 10/05/05-10/14/05; Chelsea Guyer, 10/10-05-11/28/05.

Coaches: James Knox, Soccer, NHS; Jill Morse, Cross Country, WHS; Eric Trego, Asst. Football, WHS; Katy Wilson, Head Volleyball, WHS.

· **Supplemental Tutoring Services Contract, Advantage Point, Inc. (Taft Elem.)**

Decision on Policy IGD, Lincoln County Activities Association

The Board 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 the 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.

Discussion on Writing Curriculum Guides

Curriculum and Instruction Administrator Sandi Williams and teacher Deb Gaffney 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. The guides will return to the Board for their consideration at the next board meeting.

Information on Revised Field Trip Form

Staff presented a revised form to Policy IICAR, 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, 2005 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, 2005. 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.

***Next Meeting: September 27, 2005 –
Newport High School, 7:00 p.m.***