

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors - Regular Session
Tuesday, September 27, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

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

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary, approximately 15 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m., with a quorum of all five board members present.

Communications

Newport resident Heather Stout expressed her appreciation for the good job west area teachers are doing given large class sizes in some classes, and noted occupancy limits may be at capacity or over in some rooms. She asked the Board and Superintendent to help relieve those classes with 40 or 50 students, and noted her concern with the lack of resources in general.

Board Reports

Director Billie Jo Smith reported E3 (Employers for Education excellence) will be presenting at the Newport Chamber of Commerce luncheon October 21st at the Agate Beach Best Western. One of E3's goals is discussing how employers can help support student achievement. Ms. Smith noted this presentation is related to previous discussions concerning local employers and an effort to have them request a Certificate of Initial Mastery (CIM) as a preference for hiring students.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked KBCH Radio and the Tanger Outlet Center for their sponsorship of the "Stuff the Bus" school supply fundraiser. The effort raised over \$10,000 in cash and school supplies this year.

The Superintendent also recognized "Emma's Project" for their efforts gathering and distributing school supplies in backpacks to all schools. This project was begun to honor a former LCSD student, Emma Haft, who passed away.

Superintendent Rinearson reported all students at Toledo Middle School helped with the Toledo Centennial Mural over the course of two days. The students cleaned and laid mosaic tile, under the direction of the artist.

The Superintendent reported Newport High student council members served ice cream at the school's open house September 19th.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 05/06-14

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

- **Minutes of the 9/13/05 Regular Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 9/27/05;**
- **Resolution 2005/06-02, Transferring Appropriations, General Fund to Building Maintenance Fund (Sale of South Beach Property)**

Approval of Writing Curriculum Guides

Motion 05/06-15

On motion of Director Smith, seconded by Director Ryan, the Board unanimously approved K-12 writing guides as presented at the September 13, 2005 meeting. The guides were developed by teachers from all areas of the District under the leadership of teacher Deb Gaffney. Staff hopes to have the guides available on-line some time this year.

Information on Proposed Buildings, Burgess Site

Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni distributed a draft drawing of two proposed buildings to be located on the "Burgess" site in Toledo. With the sale of the property in South Beach, staff plans to take down the current Burgess building, and place the new buildings to house Facilities/Maintenance, Food, Custodial and Transportation Services. Mr. Belloni stressed the draft nature of the drawings.

Information on High School Graduation Policy Code IKF-AR

As state requirements for graduation have changed, staff revised administrative rules for the graduation policy. Effective with the class of 2009, required credits of mathematics will increase from two to three, with the number of elective credits decreasing from ten to nine; total number of credits required to graduate remains at 24. Beginning with students graduating in 2006, language pursuant to students' education plan and profile was added. Also, for graduates of 2007 and after, requirements of career related learning and a collection of evidence were added.

Director Smith suggested requiring students seeking Honors diplomas to obtain a CIM as well; students graduating in 2007 and after will have this requirement.

Mr. Novello distributed a district course catalog, as well as information regarding numbers of students enrolled in extended options (through OCCC) and e-learning. He reported students wishing to enroll in the OCCC program had to take an "asset test" to take part in the program; approximately 40% of students who took the test passed it the first time. Director Turner asked if administrators had

considered having all students take the asset test; Mr. Novello responded it is being discussed, but there is a cost associated with taking it. Board members and administrators are examining the graduation policy for other more sweeping changes, to be enacted at a future date.

Opening of Schools Discussion

Superintendent Tom Rinearson and Assistant Superintendent Len Geiger reported district enrollment stands at 5615.5. The budget for the current year was built using 5622 students (6.5 more than actual). The difference in the number of students, along with a slightly lower amount of revenue per student from the state, will mean a “tight” budget for the year. The Superintendent reported Director Belloni is measuring classes for fire marshal requirements; some classrooms may need to be relocated to other rooms in the same school. Additional desks are being delivered.

Mr. Rinearson explained that larger than normal class sizes at Newport Middle and High Schools resulted from a decision made last year by west area principals to maintain class size at the grade school level. In the north area, principals decided to equalize class sizes across all levels, hence the larger class sizes at Oceanlake. In addition, there are no ‘blended’ classes at Oceanlake. The Superintendent reported north area administrators suggested having only two administrators between the middle and high school levels, which he is now considering. He explained there is no “new” money to address problems; any additions in one area would mean reductions in another.

Transitions in the two areas that closed buildings (east and south) went well. Director Turner said the south area went beautifully; Director Ryan attributed the smooth transition there to the involvement of staff, students and community members. Director Smith said “Arcadia is just flying, and doing so well.” She noted teachers were very pleased with changes to the building made by Facilities and Maintenance staff, and said things are going well at the middle and high schools.

Director Ryan reported the north area seems to be doing well, other than large classes at Oceanlake. Director Brown visited all areas of the district as part of her ‘new board member’ training, and said the tour had proven valuable.

Director Smith noted the “huge classes” are not supportive of learning “as we’d like it to be,” and said we need to recognize that “we want to get beyond this.” Director Brown agreed “everyone is coping.”

Financial Report

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin reported the projected beginning fund balance was decreased to \$2 million to accommodate an adjustment ODE will make for ‘local revenue’ in 04-05.

Superintendent Rinearson noted that state Rep. Alan Brown commented K-12 education funding increased 8% this year. While this statement is true, K-12 funding is still below levels from two legislative sessions (four years) ago.

Ms. Baldwin stated the conversion to ADP for payroll processing is progressing, and thanked staff in the Business Office and Human Resources for their extraordinary efforts.

Discussion on Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP)

Curriculum and Instruction Administrator Sandi Williams and Federal Programs Administrator Cathy Russell presented the District's "Continuous Improvement Plan" (CIP), as required by state law. The plan incorporates data from all across the district in key areas, including but not limited to: Division 22 standards, continuous growth in all academic areas, high school graduation rate, post-high school plans, Safe and Drug Free Schools, highly qualified teachers, academic targets, English proficiency for ELL, and closing the achievement gap. In addition, district administrators analyzed the district's status pursuant to standards for meeting success, including: curriculum/instruction, district and school culture/norms, family and community engagement, and integrated systems and structures. "Needs and deficits became apparent," said Williams.

Staff has drafted two goals as part of the plan. The first one deals with principal and leader capacity, while the second addresses procedures and resources to enable principals to apply their skills. The CIP will return to the Board for approval at the next board meeting.

Information on Policy Code JFC-AR, Student Code of Conduct

Administrative rules to the Student Code of Conduct (JFC-AR) were revised to bring the district into compliance with recent revisions to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent