



Lincoln County School District **BOARD REPORT**

A Summary of the September 27, 2005 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on September 27, 2005 at Newport High School with approximately 15 staff and patrons in attendance.

Communications

Newport resident Heather Stout expressed her appreciation for the good job west area teachers are doing, given large class sizes in some classes. 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.

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

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- **Minutes of the 9/13/05 Regular Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items-**
Resignations: Gail Hoeft, Yaquina View; Nancy Cross, Taft High.
Leaves of Absence: Teresa Law, 10/23/05-11/10/05; Ann Edmondson, 12/5/05-12/16/05; Sharon Drews, 9/21/05-10/24/05.
- **Resolution 2005/06-02, Transferring Appropriations, General Fund to Building Maintenance Fund (Sale of South Beach Property)**

Approval of Writing Curriculum Guides

The Board approved K-12 writing guides, which were presented at the September 13th 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 new buildings

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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.

Board members and administrators are examining the 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 less 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.

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. Transitions in the two areas that closed buildings (east and south) went well.

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 that 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. Staff have drafted two goals as part of the plan. The first goal 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 recent revisions to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Next Meeting: October 11, 2005 - Toledo High School, 7:00 p.m.