

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors - Regular Session
Tuesday, October 11, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.
Toledo High School
Toledo, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

Present: Ron Beck, Chairman; Jean Turner, Billie Jo Smith, Brenda Brown, Directors

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Supt./Board Secretary; approx. 15 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

Excused: Vice-Chairman Sue Ryan

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Ron Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:06 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Ryan was excused from the meeting.

Toledo High Student Representative

Toledo High student representative Heather McKinley shared ongoing activities at Toledo High with the Board, including: •Student council met recently in a retreat during which they planned Homecoming events; •Powder-puff football will take place this year; •The volleyball team beat NHS; •There are several new clubs at the school this year, including Japanese, debate, and dance team; •Student behavior at the school has improved; •Mrs. Priest, the new principal, is doing a good job.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Tom Rinearson asked student Heather McKinley, who aspires to be a superintendent, to give his report. Ms. McKinley recognized Resource Development Specialist Lee Stuart and Safety Coordinator Sue Graves for their stellar work in procuring the "Emergency Response Crisis Management" grant. The grant will continue safety efforts begun over the past several years.

Ms. McKinley thanked Cohen and Park Photography for providing identification badges for every district employee. The company not only set up special photo shoots in each area, but provided all the materials for the badges as well. Maria McQuaw of Cohen and Park extended extraordinary efforts to make this happen.

Let There Be Arts and Lee Freed will provide band equipment for the sixth grade beginning bands at Oceanlake and Taft Elementary. The donation will include music stands, storage cabinets, a drum set, a bass drum, amplifier, reeds, etc. for each school.

Matthew Fraser of Taft High and Nicholas Sanchez of Newport High were named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program. The students will learn in February, 2006 if they are finalists, at which point they may be considered for scholarships ranging from \$2500 to the full cost of college.

Superintendent Rinearson reported Friday, October 14th is the statewide inservice day, a non-contract day (no school for students).

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 05/06-16

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

- **Minutes of the 9/22/05 Work Session;**
- **Minutes of the 9/27/05 Regular Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items and Personnel Addendum dated 10/11/05;**
- **Continuous Improvement Plan Goals;**
- **Personal Services Agreement, Margot Helphand.**

Toledo High Learning Lab

Principal Paula Priest summarized education in America since its inception, saying many requirements have been added to schools through the years. The addition of these added duties demands that schools do things differently; distance education provides one tool to help. This year, Toledo High has added a pilot "learning lab," providing the availability of distance education each period for 30 students.

Students Jared Devillier, Kayla McCord and Jason Dettrey shared their experiences with the new lab, and demonstrated how they access classes. Mr. Dettrey (also Captain of the Speech and Debate team), explained he learned of the lab during registration this year. Short on elective credits, he learned he could not only gain these classes, but could also access college level classes to gain a head start on college credits. He said this learning situation will only be successful for students motivated to learn.

Approximately 100 students at Toledo High are enrolled in a variety of Internet classes, including credit recovery, college credit, languages, EMT training, sign language and small engine repair. Staff and students gave kudos to Mark Moore, Computer Learning Tech, for his contributions to the program's success.

Discussion on Tobacco Free Environment Policies

LCSD currently has three policies dealing with smoking, one in the student section of the policy book, one in the personnel section, and one in the community section. OSBA suggests combining the three into one policy; the new policy also incorporates changes to Oregon Revised Statutes. The policies will return to the Board for their consideration at the next meeting.

Director Brown asked if OCCC allows smoking on campus; Mr. Novello will investigate. She also asked about the availability of cessation programs. Mr. Novello explained the District has worked with Lincoln County Health and Human Services to provide them in the past; he will determine the present situation pursuant to cessation programs.

Director Smith noted a portion of the policy stating “District acceptance of gifts or funds from the tobacco industry is similarly prohibited,” and asked if this would prohibit using free antismoking resources from tobacco companies. Mr. Novello said he will investigate.

Discussion on Policy GBL, Personnel Records and Policy GBLA, Disclosure of Information

The passage of Senate Bill 755 in the last legislative session requires changes to several policies, including Policy GBL, Personnel Records. The revised policy brings the District into compliance with changes in the law, including the release of employee disciplinary actions to anyone requesting them for persons convicted of certain crimes. Policy GBLA, Disclosure of Information is a new policy.

The policies will return to the Board for their consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Policy JHFE and JHFE-AR, Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse

Senate Bill 755 also affects Policy JHFE, Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse. District staff are now required to report suspected child abuse to the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent, in addition to law enforcement and/or DHS. This policy will also return to the Board for its consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Mileage Rate

Each year the Board examines its mileage reimbursement rate, comparing it to the federal IRS rate. The rate was raised to \$.405 July 1st. This year, the IRS raised their reimbursement rate mid-year, to \$.485 for September through December, 2005. The Board asked staff to determine the budgetary effect if LCSD raised its rate mid-year to mirror the IRS rate.

This topic will return to the Board at the next meeting.

Discussion on Long Range Planning/Draft Work Plan

Superintendent Rinearson distributed preliminary documents beginning the long range planning process. Staff is currently working on several components of the profile of the district, including a survey to determine how people feel about the district. In addition, a draft planning calendar was distributed. The Superintendent noted the completion of the profile may steer the long-range planning effort once it is complete.

The Board asked to receive information by degrees, rather than all at once. Mr. Rinearson agreed, and asked the Board to advise staff of other items to be added to the calendar.

Other

Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni gave kudos to Lee Stuart and Sue Graves for their hard work on the Emergency Response Crisis Management grant.

Director Billie Jo Smith reported Rep. Darlene Hooley had contacted her and the district in 2004 to learn the district’s recommended changes to the No Child Left Behind Act. She worked with then-director

Terri Cassify to formulate a response. Based on LCSD's response (the "Lincoln County memo"), a new bill was developed which will be introduced in the next few weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent