



Lincoln County School District **BOARD REPORT**

A Summary of the October 25, 2005 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on October 25, 2005 at Newport High School with approximately 20 staff and patrons in attendance.

Introductions- Claudia Webster

Chairman Claudia Webster of the Friends of the Newport Aquatic Center described an effort by the group to fund a feasibility study pursuant to a new pool in Newport. City Councilman Jeff Bertuleit and Newport Parks and Recreation Director Jim Protiva joined her in addressing the Board and asking for support of any kind for their effort.

Communications

Newport News Times reporter Terry Dillman described a new program on which the paper is embarking, "Class Acts" to highlight activities at district schools. In addition, he is working on a youth page where students have an opportunity to be published.

Teacher John Harrington expressed his opposition to the Certificate of Initial Mastery (CIM).

Staff Recognition: Jo Rauch- Oregon PE Teacher of the Year

Curriculum & Instruction Administrator Sandi Williams and Principal Tom Zandoli congratulated Sam Case P.E. teacher Jo Rauch for her designation as Oregon P.E. Teacher of the year. Ms. Williams presented her with a plaque, gift certificate and a signed soccer ball on behalf of the LCSD Board and Superintendent.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Tom Rinearson recognized

Kent Hanrahan of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) for his contributions to the District. Mr. Hanrahan is working with educators in LCSD's north area to increase students' exposure to business ideas and education.

The Superintendent also recognized Toledo Middle School students for raising funds for victims of Hurricane Katrina. The students raised approximately \$491 in a penny drive, which will be donated to the Red Cross.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Altrusa International for all of their efforts in "Project School Bell." The project includes gathering and distributing school supplies, clothing and prescriptions. Altrusa has assisted students in this manner for over 12 years.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked the Behrens Foundation for the purchase of books, quizzes and computer hardware as part of "Renaissance Place Accelerated Reader" at Taft Middle School.

The Superintendent reminded the Board of parent/teacher conferences this week, and said conference schedules are different around the District. For more definitive schedules, please contact schools directly.

Mr. Rinearson thanked South area principals and staff for the smooth school evacuations during both the inadvertant tsunami warning by NOAA and the planned exercise October 21st.

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.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar item:

- **Minutes of the 10/11/05 Reg. Session.**

Approval of Tobacco Free Environment Policies

The Board approved Policies GBK/JFCG/KGC, Tobacco Free Environment. LCSD previously had 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 suggested combining the three into one policy; the new policy also incorporates changes to Oregon Revised Statutes.

Approval of Policy GBL, Personnel Records and Policy GBLA, Disclosure of Information

The Board approved Policies GBL, Personnel Records and GBLA, Disclosure of Information. The revised and new policies bring the District into compliance with changes in the law (SB 755), including the release of employee disciplinary actions for persons convicted of certain crimes to anyone requesting them.

Approval of Policy JHFE, Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse

The Board approved Policy JHFE, Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse. Senate Bill 755 also affects this policy. District staff are now required to report suspected child abuse to the building principal, in addition to law enforcement and/or DHS.

Approval of Resolution 2005/06-3, American Indian Heritage Month

The Board approved a resolution declaring the month of November as "American Indian Heritage Month." This event is celebrated nationally; a copy of the resolution will be distributed to all schools for posting.

Approval of Attitude Survey

The Board approved the conduction of a survey to determine how community members, staff and students feel about LCSD. The survey is part of a long-range planning effort begun by the Board this fall. The survey will take place in the coming weeks, with a hoped for completion date of late November or early December.

Approval of Resolution 2005/06-4, Delake School Property Title

The Board approved a resolution to expedite procuring title insurance for the Delake School property. The property was vested in the school board's name; the resolution states the district recognizes it is selling the property as successors in interest to the school board.

Information on Tsunami Preparedness

Safety Coordinator Sue Graves showed a student produced video about preparing for and responding to a tsunami. Students from Newport Middle, Waldport Middle and Waldport High produced the video, under the direction of AGP teacher Teresa Atwill. Ms. Graves also distributed new "tsunami flyers," produced for each area of the county.

Discussion on Science Curriculum Guides

Curriculum & Instruction Administrator Sandi Williams presented new science standards guides for all levels. Webwatchers SciGuides, web-based tool kits with links to about 100 web sites screened and evaluated to complement science lessons, was also shared. Waldport 5th grade teacher Ruth McDonald and Newport Middle science teacher Jim Harshfield are the lead science teachers in this effort. Principal Jack Nickerson is the lead principal. The guides may be accessed through the District's web site, and will return to the Board for their consideration at the next board meeting.

Discussion on Mileage Rate

The Board began a discussion at the last meeting regarding the mileage reimbursement rate to determine if the Board wished to raise the district rate to mirror that of the IRS. After considering the issue, the Board reached consensus to leave the rate as is.

Discussion on 2006/07 Budget Calendar

Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni presented a draft 2006-07 Budget Calendar. As presented, the first Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2006, with the budget for the coming year scheduled for adoption June 27, 2006.

Information on Financial Reports

Director Belloni presented the final financial report for the 04/05 year as well as the year-to-date information for this school year. The district's ending fund balance for 04/05 was approximately \$1.9 million, with a projected ending fund balance for the current year of just over \$1 million. Because the district does not have a large enough cash carryover, funds (Tax Anticipation Notes) were borrowed to cover the October payroll.

Information on State Report Card, AYP

Federal Programs Administrator Cathy Russell and Curriculum & Instruction Administrator Sandi Williams presented the 2004-05 state report card and AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress, required by the No Child Left Behind Act). Across the district, one school (Isaac Newton Magnet School) rated "exceptional." Twelve schools were rated "satisfactory" and two schools (Taft High and Toledo High) were rated "low." Five schools were not rated (the three charter schools, Mary Harrison and the Newport Early Childhood Center). The charter schools need four years of data in order to be rated; Mary Harrison and the ECC were not rated as those schools did not have a benchmark testing grade.

Discussion on 2005/06 Goals/Long Range Planning

Superintendent Rinearson continued the Board's long range planning by presenting notebooks containing various pieces of the district profile now being developed. ADM projections demonstrate the district could have significantly fewer students in the next five years.

If projections for this year hold true, the district could face a shortfall of at least \$250,000. The Superintendent will soon be meeting with union leadership to review the district's financial status.

***Next Meeting: November 8, 2005 –
Waldport High School, 7:00 p.m.***