

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors - Work Session**  
**Tuesday, November 29, 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

**Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum**

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

**Information on AIDS/HIV Education**

Cheryl Connell with Lincoln County Health and Human Services stated she manages HIV services, and said the presentation at the board meeting was the culmination of many years of effort to bring an HIV positive speaker to all Lincoln County high schools. She noted state requirements of presenting AIDS and Hepatitis C information to all high school students each year. Dan Beck of Coastal AIDS Network was instrumental in bringing the speaker, Guy Johnson, to the district; that organization sponsored Mr. Johnson. Ms. Connell introduced Dan Beck, Sherry Owen (also with Lincoln County HHS), and the speaker, Mr. Johnson.

Guy Johnson described his method of talking to students, either in assemblies or in a classroom setting. He said he speaks openly and honestly about choices he's made in his life, and their consequences. "I use some coarse language, and am very direct and honest," said Johnson. He tested positive for HIV at age 21, and has been sharing his experience for the last ten years. "I did not receive direct information about where my choices could lead," he said. "The things I was doing at age 15 lead to where I ended up."

He stated his message is abstinence, and said he uses humor. "My main purpose is to help students who are already doing these things." He said the assembly was "kind of rough" at Taft High, and added Newport High changed their presentation from an assembly to presentation in the health classes.

Director Smith noted she heard positive feedback from the presentation at Toledo High.

## **Update on Newport Middle Slide**

Superintendent Rinearson reported three test holes at the top of the hill have been drilled, and said a device to measure water is in one of them. Four holes on the slope were dug with an excavator. The company doing the testing will examine the results and develop a plan to address the slide. Rich Belloni will share their recommendation when he receives it.

Chairman Beck said he still questions the source of all the water.

## **Presentation of District Profile-Long Range Plan**

Superintendent Rinearson presented additional material for the profile on the District, pursuant to the long-range plan.

**Splitting the District.** Dividing the district can only be done by legislative action. Union contracts would cease to exist and would have to be negotiated in each new district.

- **Bonded Indebtedness and Real Property.** This would need to be dealt with in a plan that would be developed, and would likely need to be part of the new law.
- **Contractual Retirement Issues (not PERS).** Retirement rights are vested and employees would not lose them. How the cost is distributed among the new district would have to be determined in the plan.
- **New money:** Yet to be determined.

The Superintendent opined if one area of the district split, the others should follow suit. This would divide the costs more equally.

Chairman Beck noted Directors Smith, Brown and he attended a meeting at Newport High concerning a grant opportunity from E3 that could generate \$500,000 over four years for a new small high school. He asked if the Board would have to consider such a request. The Superintendent replied neither the Board nor the superintendent has to approve the grant application.

**Five-Year Financial Projections.** Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented projected estimated revenue and expenditures for the next five years. Based on historical data, she made projections based on fewer students. Leaving the beginning fund balance and contingency line items blank and keeping the same FTE as currently employed, projections show the district with shortfalls of \$506,000, \$3.3 million, \$5.1 million, \$8.3 million and \$10.3 million respectively in each of the next five years. If the same student/teacher ratios as the district currently has are maintained, the number of teachers would need to be reduced by 9.9, 8.8, 7.46, 6.57 and 4.81 respectively each year for the next five years.

Superintendent Rinearson noted without any other funding source, the district will continue to look different every year.

**ADM (Average Daily Membership) Projections.** The Superintendent presented ADM projections for the next five years with a variety of variables. Using projections based on no rate of change, -1.5% and -2.7%, the district may be down approximately 850-872 students from current numbers in five years.

Mr. Rinearson commented the district will never have four comprehensive high schools based on funding levels and student enrollment. He said there is a need to start conversations with our community members, asking ‘what do school need to have to be good?’ “We need to engage the community, on a fencepost level, on what quality education means,” said Rinearson. He noted the importance of listening to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent