



Lincoln County School District **BOARD REPORT**

A Summary of the December 13, 2005 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on December 13, 2005 at Yaquina View School with approximately 60 staff and patrons in attendance.

Yaquina View Choir

Music teacher Chris McKenney noted the importance of music education, and said it had been reduced in some areas of the district. The Yaquina View choir sang three songs for the Board, including "Happy Birthday" to Superintendent Rinearson.

Student Representative, Newport High

Newport High Student Body President Anh Ha updated the Board regarding activities at the school, including: •The second six-week progress reports went out recently; •SATs were given recently; •A financial aid (college) workshop occurred; •The school has a "giving tree" for students at Yaquina View and Sam Case whose families are less fortunate; •The Interact Club has started a toy drive; •Student Council is "adopting" a family; •It is hoped a 'reader board' will be purchased using funds raised by the student store and elsewhere; •Cheerleaders placed third in recent competition and advanced to Nationals; •NHS teacher Dave Campbell was named Coach of the Year for cross country; •Some classrooms at the school have been remodeled, to accommodate crowded classrooms; •Additional course offerings, including distance learning, will begin at the semester.

Staff Recognition- Marnie Cogswell

Principal Tom Zandoli congratulated Sam Case teacher Marnie Cogswell for her attainment of National Board Certification. She is one of two teachers in the district to have reached this rigorous goal (the other is Kristin

Lavy). Mr. Zandoli presented Ms. Cogswell with flowers, and the audience gave her a standing ovation.

Board Reports

Chairman Beck noted funds to support transportation safety (including sidewalks and crosswalks) will be forthcoming from the state.

Director Billie Jo Smith reported she recently attended an 'arts in education' meeting with others from several walks of life seeking to support the arts.

Consultant Reports

•**Annual Audit Report.** Kenny Allen of Pauly, Rogers and Co. reported the district received a "clean, unqualified" audit, the highest available. He lauded the efforts of staff, and said the district's books and records are maintained in a "very professional manner."

•**Community Survey.** Dean Bolon of Intercept Research presented the "attitude survey" of 400 community members, 100 from each of four areas in the district (Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo and Waldport). Good teachers were cited as the most positive aspect of the district; 58% of respondents reported they would favor a proposed local option levy. Survey highlights will be posted on the district website in the coming days.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Tom Rinearson recognized Dr.

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Rick Letherer for his donation of six eye exams and glasses for students who need them. Dr. Letherer has been doing this since 1994.

The Superintendent recognized West Coast Bank for their donation of an "Into the Woods" theme tree to Sam Case. The tree was purchased by West Coast Bank at the Festival of Trees auction. Tickets to the play will be given to students at the school who will be selected based on the quality of an essay assignment, and porcelain-faced dolls on the tree will be displayed in the school's media center.

Mr. Rinearson reported students in Ms. Parker's class at Yaquina View began a stuffed toy drive, which spread to the entire school and resulted in nine large boxes of stuffed toys being sent to New Orleans for children there.

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated Newport Middle/INMS' Knowledge Master team for the first place win in the Fall competition. Ten Oregon teams competed; the NMS/INMS team placed 120th of 770 teams competing world-wide. The 30-member team is coached by Teresa Atwill.

The Superintendent reminded the Board the last day of school before winter break is December 16; school resumes Tuesday, January 3rd.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- **Minutes of the 11/8/05 Regular Session;**
- **Minutes of the 11/29/05 Work Session;**
- **PSA, Kids Zone;**
- **Regular Personnel Items:**
 - Resignations:** Miriam Meacham, Recall; Carol Miley, Oceanlake; Brandon Fricke, Recall; Jana McFarland, Taft High.
 - Classified Hires:** Lisa Cook, Yaquina View; Shery Dreyer, NMS/NHS; Linda Giles, Sam Case; Linda Wilson, Waldport High.
 - Temp. Classified Hire:** Melissa

Endicott, WES; David Cutler, Taft High.
-**Temp. Licensed Hire:** Barbara Mitchinson, YVE.

-**Leaves of Absence:** Chelsea Guyer, extend through 12/12/05; Leslie Smith, 11/25/05-3/26/06; Katie Woosley, 12/13/05-1/6/06;

-**Coaches:** Timothy Beatty, Wrestling, Taft High; Rodney Cross, Football Asst., Toledo High; Carrie Trevillian, Volleyball Asst., Taft High; Steve Westmoreland, Football Asst., Taft High.

· **Acceptance of 2004/05 Audit Report.**

Budget Committee Members-Zones 1 & 5

The Board approved Leslie Green as the Zone 1 representative to the Budget Committee, and Patricia Hopkins as the Zone 5 representative. The two were appointed to three-year terms, to expire June 30, 2008. Ms. Green will be continuing in her budget committee role, while Ms. Hopkins is new to the group.

Approval of Local Option

The Board approved pursuing a five-year local option levy on the May 16, 2006 ballot. The levy would generate approximately \$4 million per year for five years. The Superintendent reported the funds could add 36 teachers, more support for athletic programs, and approximately 11.5 FTE in classified staff.

Board members' feelings on the levy were mixed, as even with a successful campaign, budgetary shortfalls will likely occur in future years.

Discussion on Technology Plan

School Operations/Technology Administrator Joe Novello presented the new three-year technology plan. The plan will serve as a guide for the district pursuant to technology. Part of the vision for the plan states "Students will be technology literate, life-long learners." The plan incorporates integration of technology in the classroom and continuous professional development for staff. The Board will consider the plan at the January 10, 2006 board meeting.

Information on CIP Action Plan

Curriculum and Instruction Administrator Sandi Williams and Federal Programs Administrator Cathy Russell presented the Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) action plan. The strategies and activities have been developed to support the two goals of the plan. The first goal speaks to increasing principals' skill sets in leading school improvement, resulting in higher levels of achievement for all students. The second goal is to "identify and shift appropriate district procedures and resources" to increase student performance.

Custodial Services Update

Sodexo area General Manager Terry Branson and District Manager Don Evans updated the Board regarding custodial services provided by Sodexo. They provided an overview of trainings employees attend and new equipment provided them. The company offers manager development training as well.

Information on Financial Reports

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented financial information as of November 30, 2005. She reported the district is maximizing interest earnings at Umpqua Bank.

Site Plan, South Area Schools

Superintendent Rinearson reported he has had several conversations with Oregon Coast Community College President Pat O'Connor regarding location of the new college. The superintendent said he would like to look at locating the college on the same site as the current elementary/middle school; the concept is a K-14 system. "This approach may help both sides," said Rinearson. The feasibility of such a plan will be examined; it is not clear at this point if it would be possible.

Discussion on Superintendent's Evaluation Criteria

Each year the Board evaluates the Superintendent prior to March 1st. Criteria for the evaluation must be discussed in public; the Board examined an instrument based on those used in past years.

The evaluation instrument and a timeline will return to the Board for review and approval at the next meeting.

Discussion on Long Range Planning

Superintendent Rinearson distributed additions to the Board's long-range planning notebook, including an ADM/enrollment definition page, and updated five-year revenue and expenditure projections.

Next Meeting: January 10, 2006 – Toledo Middle School, 7:00 p.m.