



# Lincoln County School District **BOARD REPORT**

## A Summary of the January 10, 2006 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on January 10, 2006 at Toledo Middle School with approximately 30 staff and patrons in attendance.

### **Board Reports**

Director Billie Jo Smith distributed a handout from OSBA relative to the local option levy and election "do's and don'ts."

Chairman Beck reported the practice burn of the Burgess building went very well, and provided excellent training with no mishaps or accidents. Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni echoed this sentiment.

### **Consultant Reports- Mid Columbia Bus Company**

Mid Columbia CEO Tony Barnhart and Location Manager Mark Culver described transportation services provided by Mid Co. during their 2 ½ years in LCSD. Mr. Barnhart noted the firm is a family owned enterprise focusing on the safety of children. He presented a check to the Superintendent to be distributed to elementary schools in four areas of the district (Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo and Waldport).

Mr. Culver heralded the efforts of support staff, including Kim Bolden, Carolyn Smyth and Chris Carley. He reported the company provides a great deal of training, including "MidCo University." The company has added 17 new buses to the fleet in the last 2+ years.

Mr. Culver also noted contributions to the district and community by MidCo, including the aforementioned elementary level donation and the scholarship program for graduating seniors.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Tom Rinearson thanked the LCSD Board of Directors for their service to the District, in honor of School Board Recognition month. He presented them with proclamations from Gov. Kulongoski as well as the Lincoln County Com-

missioners. He also presented them with "easy" buttons (tongue-in-cheek).

The Superintendent thanked the Wednesday Music Club of Lincoln City for donations to Taft Middle and High Schools' music programs.

Mr. Rinearson also thanked Mid Columbia Bus Company for their continuation of four scholarships of \$500 each for graduating seniors. The scholarships will be awarded to one student each from Toledo, Taft, Newport and Waldport High schools.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Newport High's Student Council for providing gifts to 45 students attending Sam Case, Yaquina View and the Early Childhood Center. The gifts were distributed just before Winter Break.

The Superintendent thanked Curves gym and Trinity Methodist Church in Toledo for their donations to the District's Homeless Program. Curves donated \$1,000 in materials (clothes, beds, canned food, blankets) and cash. Trinity Methodist Church donated paper products, as well as blankets and canned food.

Mr. Rinearson reminded the Board Monday, January 16 is a "no school" (non-contract) day in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King.

### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- **Minutes of the 12/13/05 Regular Session;**
- **Technology Plan, 2006/09;**
- **Regular Personnel Items:**  
**-Resignations:** Patricia Wheeler, YVE; Yolanda Scheib, Taft High; Dannel Kay, School Nurse;

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.

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**-Temp. Licensed Hires:** Nicole Bernardi, WES; Deborah Zirin, NHS (.57);

**-Temp. Classified Hires:** Natasha Dunne, Taft High; Elizabeth Kosydar, Transportation; Kathy Johnson, Taft Elem.;

**-Temp. Licensed Hire:** Howard W. Hansen, Newport High;

**-Leaves of Absence:** Katie Woosley, extend-1/17/06; Mary Jensen, 1/17/06-1/27/06; Roberta Knott, 2/13/06-2/24/06; Vonda McReynolds, 2/8/06-3/24/06; Gary Mathews, 1/3/06-1/30/06;

**-Coaches:** Susan Price, WHS; Nathan Emmett, Toledo High; Marcus Cooper, Taft High;

- **PSA- OSU Extension Office.**

### **Approval of Superintendent's Evaluation Criteria and Timeline**

The Board approved the evaluation instrument (criteria) and timeline for the Superintendent's 2005/06 evaluation. In addition to Board input, Superintendent Rinearson has asked District Office administrators and building principals to complete the evaluation forms.

### **East Area Report- Planning for 06/07**

Toledo High Assistant Principal Clint Raever and Arcadia Principal Rosemary O'Neil described planning currently underway by East area administrators to address declining enrollment in the district and their area in particular. Toledo High applied for an E3 grant to help redesign that school.

A meeting of east area administrators and business community members is planned for January 12, 7:00 p.m. at Toledo High School. Business leaders will be asked to describe what they hope students graduating from LCSD schools will be able to know and do. A meeting to gather parents' input is planned for January 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at Toledo High. Also, east area schools will have an additional early release day for students on January 25<sup>th</sup> to allow staff planning time for the coming year.

### **North Area Administrators Update- 06/07**

North area administrators updated the Board on the additional student release day in December, used to examine the feasibility of consolidating the middle and high schools in Lincoln City. Prin-

icipal Steve Kilduff reported all staff members of both Taft Middle and Taft High met December 7<sup>th</sup> to determine if Taft High's building could physically accommodate students in grades 7 through 12. They found the building can house students in those grades.

A steering committee comprised of administrators, teachers, classified staff, parents, community and business leaders has been meeting with a facilitator to begin planning for the coming year. Consolidating the two schools appears to be moving closer to a reality.

### **Compliance with Division 22 Standards**

Curriculum and Instruction Administrator Sandi Williams and Operations/Technology Administrator Joe Novello reported LCSD is in compliance with all requirements of OAR 581-Division 22 Standards for Public Elementary & Secondary schools. Superintendent Rinearson noted the tremendous amount of effort required to make this happen, and said it has been several years since the District was in complete compliance.

### **Siletz Valley School Charter Renewal**

Siletz Valley School Director Van Peters requested extension of the current charter for five years, with that school retaining the same grade levels as currently offered (K-8). In addition, Mr. Peters presented a proposal for a new charter for a high school in Siletz for students in grades 9-12.

Extension of the current charter will return to the Board for consideration January 24<sup>th</sup>. The Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed new charter within 60 days of receipt of the proposal (by March 10), and must approve or deny the proposal within 30 days of the hearing.

### **Eddyville Charter School Renewal**

Eddyville Charter School Principal Don McDonald requested a renewal of that school's charter for three years commencing on July 1, 2006, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same. The request will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

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## **Review of Variance Policy**

Superintendent Rinearson lead a discussion pursuant to the District's policy dealing with requests for variances in attendance. Currently, students may seek and principals from both the sending and receiving school must approve, a variance to attend a school other than the school in the attendance area where the student resides.

The Board will be examining the policy and current practice in a work session at the end of January.

## **Overview of Licensed Renewal Process**

Assistant Superintendent Len Geiger provided an overview of the process established for contract extensions and non-extensions for licensed staff. Teachers have a three-year probationary period, and are then eligible for two-year contracts. Administrators also have a three-year probationary period, with three-year contracts. A list of licensed renewals and non-renewals will be presented to the Board in February.

Mr. Geiger also reported the standard by which administrators can be judged is "we can do better."

## **Discussion on Supplemental Budget**

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin reported two situations have occurred necessitating a supplemental budget: the District's decision to self-fund dental and vision insurance, and the landslide at Newport Middle School.

A decision on the supplemental budget is scheduled for the January 24th meeting, following a public hearing.

## **Information on Financial Reports**

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented financial information as of December 31, 2005. She reported no significant changes from projections. Investment funds interest continues to increase.

## **Update on Newport Middle School Slide**

Director of Business and Support Services Rich

Belloni updated the Board on the repair of the slide at Newport Middle School. He reported the district was able to purchase rock at a reduced rate from the state of Oregon, thanks to the efforts of Rep. Alan Brown. Local contractor Road and Driveway was instrumental in getting the repair completed.

## **Discussion on Long Range Planning**

This discussion will continue at the January 31<sup>st</sup> work session.

***Next Meeting: January 24, 2006 – Newport High School, 7:00 p.m.***