



# Lincoln County School District **BOARD REPORT**

A Summary of the January 24, 2006 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on January 24, 2006 at Newport High School with approximately 30 staff and patrons in attendance.

## **Communications**

NHS students Olivia Terris and Anh Ha presented balloons and a plaque to the Board in thanks and recognition of School Board Recognition month. In addition, Sam Case students forwarded artwork to Chairman Ron Beck.

Toledo resident Ed Johnston expressed his opposition to the proposed local option levy.

Former district custodian Bill Simer also expressed opposition to the levy. In addition, he stated his disappointment with the practice burn of the Burgess building, saying the community should have had a celebration there before its destruction.

Taft Elementary Secretary Donna Sanders presented student-produced calendars to the Board in remembrance of School Board Recognition Month. The second grade class at the school produced them.

## **Board Reports**

Vice-Chairman Sue Ryan reported north area principals forwarded a letter to the Lincoln City City Council requesting assistance for placement of a school resource officer in north area schools.

Chairman Beck reported he and Director Brown attended a luncheon with Congresswoman Darlene Hooley (Vice-Chairman Ryan and the Superintendent were to attend the next day in Lincoln City). Director Smith said she attended a town-hall forum with the Congresswoman as well.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Tom Rinearson thanked the Lincoln County Cultural Coalition and Sam Case Boosters for their contributions enabling all Sam Case students the opportunity to attend the "Wizard of Oz" play at the Newport Performing Arts Center.

The Superintendent recognized Taft High teacher Pam Simpson, who is now authorized to offer dual credit for the 'Health and Safety for Food Service' course. Also, the Oregon Coast Community College foundation has set aside a scholarship for a graduate of the Culinary Arts program at Taft High.

Mr. Rinearson reported the District received a new 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers grant from ODE. The grant will enhance learning during hours outside of the regular school day at LCSD middle schools.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked the Yachats Chamber of Commerce for a donation of \$2500 to Waldport Elementary and Middle School to support artist-in-residence activities.

The Superintendent also thanked Lloyd and Marlene Ankeny for their donation of \$1,000 to the District's Homeless Program.

Mr. Rinearson reminded the Board Monday, January 30 is a "no school" day for students (for Records Day). He also reported the sale of the "Waldport Annex" was finalized.

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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## Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar:

- **Minutes of the 1/10/06 Regular Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items:**
  - Resignations:** Schon Hannen, D.O.; George Thomas Alexander, Toledo High;
  - Classified Hires:** Ann Jezeski, NHS YAS;
  - Temp. Licensed Hire:** Wayne Spencer, NMS .67; Tiana Tucker, NHS;
  - Coach:** Jason Garding, Taft High.

## Approval of Supplemental Budget

The Board approved a supplemental budget, allowed under budget law when a district faces unforeseen conditions after the budget process has concluded. Two events necessitated a supplemental budget this year: the landslide at Newport Middle School and the decision to self-fund vision and dental insurance.

## Approval of Rate per Thousand for Local Option Levy Election

The Board approved a tax rate of \$0.89 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the local option levy election May 16, 2006. After a lengthy discussion weighing the pros and cons of a tax rate versus a dollar amount, the Board selected the tax rate method, with the caveat the selected tax rate be verified with the County assessor's office.

Chairman Beck stated the Board's vote in December regarding the local option levy was a decision to let the voters decide whether or not to support a local option.

## Discussion on Charter Schools

Two of the three existing charter schools' charters will expire June 30, 2006 (Eddyville and Siletz). Eddyville Charter has asked for a three-year extension, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same. Siletz Valley Charter has asked for a five-year extension, with K-8 grade levels at the school, and a 200 student cap.

In addition, the Board received a request to negotiate a separate charter for a proposed "Siletz Valley Early College Academy" high school, with a cap of 100 students. Officials for the proposed new charter will present to the school board February 14th.

Information regarding potential financial impact of the charter schools will be shared at an upcoming board meeting.

## Discussion on Valedictorians, Policy IKFB

The Board discussed current policy IKFB, which defines valedictorian as "all students with an accumulative GPA of 3.97 or above." School Operations Administrator Joe Novello shared some of the history pursuant to the definition of valedictorian, and said district high schools have used a variety of methods to select them through the years.

Board members expressed a desire to increase the rigor for students to be so designated, with a suggestion to require these students to procure an "honors" diploma. District staff will explore the request, and will return with a recommendation at an upcoming board meeting. The Board was cautioned to be mindful of the timing of new requirements, especially concerning current high school students.

## Superintendent's Evaluation

The timeline for the evaluation of the Superintendent denoted January 24th as the date for the Superintendent to present information requested by the Board. The Superintendent responded to questions posed by Director Turner on a variety of topics. Evaluation forms are due from the Board and administrators by January 27th.

## Discussion on Long Range Planning

This discussion will continue at the January 31st work session (7:00 p.m. at Newport High).

**Next Regular Session: 2/14/06 @ Taft High, 7:00 p.m.**

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