

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors - Regular Session
Tuesday, February 14, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
Taft High School
Lincoln City, 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; approximately 25 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Ron Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:01 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

Student Rep- Taft High School

Taft High Student Body President Andrew Fries and Vice-President Sydney Viles updated the Board regarding activities at the school, including: •a canned food drive, a blood drive and a Key Club newspaper drive were successful; •students are involved in a wetlands clean-up; •a literary magazine will be published in late May or early June; •the 45th Parallel student newspaper is being published at the school, with support of local advertisers. Mr. Fries said student involvement in activities has increased as evidenced by additional students attending dances.

Public Hearing- Proposed Siletz Early College Academy Charter School

The board meeting was recessed to a public hearing for a proposed charter high school in Siletz. School Director Van Peters presented a proposal to open a charter high school in Siletz for students in grades 9 thorough 12, “Siletz Early College Academy.” Mr. Peters reported planning for the school began 18 months ago. The proposed school has partnered with Oregon State University and Oregon Coast Community College for course offerings. ODE has provided a planning and implementation grant, and Antioch University Seattle (AUS) has provided financial support to initiate an early college concept at the school. AUS’ sponsorship of the academy is geared toward Native American communities; the effort is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation, the Ford Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Currently there are eight early college academies in the state of Washington; the Siletz proposal is the first for Oregon.

Tryna Luton, Oregon State University Outreach Administrator, described the “hybrid” curriculum being developed at the school, with both face-to-face and on-line classes available for students. Thirty-eight courses will be developed by OSU, with 14 of those ready by September 2006. A steering committee has developed graduation requirements by grade level. The curriculum meets state, national and Native

American standards, said Luton. Five teachers will be hired for face-to-face teaching, along with aides. The online classes will be run through the Blackboard computer program.

Mr. Peters reported the new school has developed an athletic program and has been accepted by the Oregon Athletic Association. He said the community has not had a high school since 1982, and added it “takes the guts out of a small community to close their high school.”

Superintendent Rinearson commended Mr. Peters on the efforts of those involved with the proposed school.

Comments were offered from three audience members. Debra Marthaller, Katie Lindstrom and Tim Lindstrom spoke in favor of the proposed school. Ms. Marthaller commented having a high school in Siletz again will help produce good citizens in that community. Ms. Lindstrom spoke to the accomplishments of the current charter school in Siletz, and said students are encouraged and are doing well. Student Tim Lindstrom said he would like to finish high school with two years of college completed, and said he would not want to attend any other school.

Director Turner commented she is pleased with the proposal, but asked if the most academically gifted students will be “stretched” by the curriculum. She also expressed concern regarding the number of students the school proposes to serve and the effects on Toledo High School. Mr. Peters stated there are 25 students in the credit recovery program at Siletz (which he said were Toledo High dropouts), with about six students on a waiting list for that program. In addition, there are 20 to 25 students who have completely exited the system. The charter school hopes to recapture 15 of those students. If current 8th graders are added, the total number from the sources named is approximately 60 students. He said the 100 student “cap” would likely not be achieved in the first year. When pressed, Mr. Peters stated the school may seek additional students in the future, if a waiting list develops.

The public hearing concluded at 8:15 p.m. and the board meeting reconvened. The Board will consider the charter proposal at an upcoming meeting.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Tom Rinearson congratulated Taft High Secretary Bonny Kessler and Toledo Middle Media Assistant Lisa Renfrow as co-winners of the Oregon Middle Level Association Classified Employees of the Year.

The Superintendent also congratulated Sam Case’s Knowledge Master team for their first-place win in recent state competition. The team tied with Yaquina View for overall score, but won by answering one more question on their first attempt. Teresa Atwill serves as coach for both teams.

Mr. Rinearson recognized Safeway and their participation in the Scrip program, benefiting Oceanlake Elementary. The school earned almost \$800 from their participation in the program.

Superintendent Rinearson recognized the Newport High Science Bowl team for their recent participation at the National Science Bowl regionals in Portland. The team is comprised of five students and coached by Kathi Downing.

The Superintendent congratulated Newport High's cheerleaders for their first place win in state competition at the 3A, Large Division level. This is the second consecutive year the team won first place; their advisors are Jessica Arnsdorf and Reyna Mattson.

Mr. Rinearson noted Monday, February 20th is Presidents' Day; all district facilities will be closed.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 05/06-40

On motion of Director Ryan, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- **Minutes of the 1/24/06 Regular Session;**
- **Minutes of the 1/31/06 Work Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 2/14/06.**

Approval of Three-Year Renewal, Eddyville Charter School

Motion 05/06-41

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Ryan, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of the charter for Eddyville Charter School for three years commencing July 1, 2006, as noted in the December 16, 2005 letter from Principal Don McDonald, with the inclusion of language pursuant to completion of the annual audit acceptable to both parties.

Approval of Five-Year Renewal, Siletz Valley Charter School

Motion 05/06-42

On motion of Director Ryan, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of the charter for Siletz Valley School for five years commencing July 1, 2006 as noted in the January 10, 2006 letter from School Director Van Peters and Board President Bonnie Crawford, with the inclusion of language pursuant to completion of the annual audit acceptable to both parties.

School Director Van Peters shared information on the existing school earlier in the meeting (during the public hearing for the proposed new high school). At that time, he noted the school's academic achievement as evidenced by the state report card (students are above the state average in reading in math). The school did not meet AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) due to attendance. Mr. Peters also shared information on facilities projects completed at the school. He reported higher numbers of students at the lower grades than at the middle level grades.

Director Brown asked the decision be tabled to give the Board more time to consider the request, especially in light of the proposed charter high school in Siletz. Director Smith also expressed concern regarding the number of students and the possible effect on Toledo schools. The motion to consider the renewal was pending while the discussion took place; the Board voted unanimously to grant the renewal as requested after conclusion of the lengthy discussion.

Approval of Resolution 2005/06-6, Local Option Levy

Motion 05/06-43

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Smith, the Board approved Resolution 2005/06-6, Local Option Levy as distributed 2/14/06 by a vote of three ayes, two opposed (Directors Beck and Ryan).

Fiscal Services Director Julie Baldwin met with representatives of the County Assessor's office, who assured her the \$0.89 per \$1,000 of assessed value rate is an accurate rate (they would not recommend a higher rate).

Director Ryan said she is having second thoughts regarding the local option, as constituents in her area have been voicing negativity about it. She noted "I feel very strongly this is a band-aid," and said she did not want to offer up a band-aid solution.

Director Smith agreed the local option is a "band-aid," but added "band-aids stop bleeding, and the district is bleeding. We cannot provide a quality education with the amount of money we are receiving from the state." She said 58% of respondents to a survey responded positively regarding a local option.

Chairman Beck said he is also getting pressure from those opposed to a local option effort. "We are asking people to pay five years, for a two-year fix," said Beck. He commented he is also having second thoughts, and said legislators in Oregon will not "get it until the discussion is loud and unified."

Discussion on Policy Code EFA, Local Wellness Program

Curriculum & Instruction Administrator Sandi Williams presented a new "Local School Wellness" policy. The policy is required by federal law, and seeks to address childhood obesity through a variety of strategies. The policy will return to the board for consideration at the next meeting.

January, 2006 Financial report

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented financial information as of January 31, 2006. Interest income on investments continues to increase.

Budget Committee Vacancy, Zone 5

A vacancy again exists in Zone 5 of the District's Budget Committee. The representative appointed to this position in December is a part-time employee wishing to continue her employment. State law prohibits an employee from serving on the Budget Committee. Applications will be available in the coming days; the Board hopes to appoint a new representative at the March 14th board meeting.

Discussion on Revised Policy IGBA, Students with Disabilities

Special Education Administrator Susan Van Liew presented a revised Policy IGBA, Students with Disabilities, with new administrative rules (none existed). The changes are based on revised Oregon Revised Statutes and federal law.

Discussion on New Policy IGBAE, Special Education- Participation in Regular Education Programs

Susan Van Liew also presented new policy IGBAE, Special Education- Participation in Regular Education Programs, with administrative rules as well. This is a new policy, necessitated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.

Update on Buildings Project- Burgess Property

Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni updated the Board on progress of the building project on the “Burgess” property. The new building housing contracted services should be completed by February 24th. The metal building that will house Facilities and Maintenance was delayed by outcomes of Hurricane Katrina and plans review, and is now scheduled for completion by June 1st. Staff has rented storage facilities for the interim, and will work out of the borrowed rooms in east county. The project is within budgeted funds.

Discussion on Long Range Planning

Superintendent Rinearson reported principals will be submitting recommendations for next year in the coming days. The decisions, however, are under the Board’s purview.

The Superintendent said the Board may need to schedule an additional work session to continue the long-range planning process and next steps.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent