

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors - Regular Session
Tuesday, February 28, 2006 – 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; approx. 60 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 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

Communications

Toledo City Council President Jim Chambers referenced a resolution approved by the council in support of local schools. He asked the Board to examine how challenges facing schools there may be remedied, and thanked board members for their service. Chairman Beck thanked him for the resolution, and said it is good to have a partner in the city of Toledo. Director Billie Jo Smith said she attended meetings of the Toledo City Council, and said a “spirit of caring” about the schools in the Toledo community is evident.

Newport resident Tom Runions questioned the building of a facility for contracted services. He also urged the Board to look at the overall district when making planning decisions.

Taft High teacher Allison Samuels spoke on behalf of Taft High staff and students in support of Principal David Phelps.

Board Reports

Director Billie Jo Smith reported she and Director Brown attended the Quality Concepts leadership training, and reported a team from Estacada School District also attended (and shared the cost).

School Based Health Centers - Tour

Lincoln County Health and Human Services School Health Program Manager Sandy Adams provided a tour of the school based health center housed at Newport High. School based health centers are celebrating 20 years in LCSD.

Expanded Options Program- OCCC

OCCC Director of Student Services Ellen Sunnes described the Expanded Options program being offered to LCSD high school juniors and seniors. Students may take classes toward their high school diploma at Oregon Coast Community College, resulting in both high school and college credit.

The program in Lincoln County is a pilot program which will go into effect formally in September, 2006. Students must achieve an acceptable score on the “asset” test given by the college in order to enroll. This year, LCSD pays students’ tuition, with students’ families paying for the cost of books and fees. In September, LCSD will pay for all.

Instructors at the college were not told which students were from the high school, and the format of classes was not changed to accommodate the high school students. Thirty-seven students enrolled for the fall term, and 23 returned for the winter term (joined by 11 others). Students must achieve a passing grade to continue in the program.

South Area Proposed Master Plan

Architect Jim Lewis presented a rendering of a potential “master plan” of south area schools. LCSD owns enough acreage at the Waldport Elementary and Middle School site to house a satellite campus for OCCC as well as several sports fields (including softball). The 44-acre site could also include the high school. Superintendent Rinearson stated the genesis of the rendering was relocation of a softball field, which continued with the potential siting of the college, and a dream of some day moving the high school out of the tsunami zone.

If the high school was relocated, the current high school building could serve as a community center/sports complex.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Tom Rinearson thanked several organizations in Lincoln City for their contributions to Taft Elementary School, including Tanger Outlet Center, the Salmon River Band and Lincoln City Rotary. The funds from these entities will be used for student needs, including clothing and school supplies.

The Superintendent also thanked the Taft Elementary Panther Pals for their donation of funds to purchase television/DVD players for classrooms.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Lincoln City Realtors for their fundraising efforts for Lincoln City schools. Each school will receive funds to purchase school supplies and clothing for students in need.

Superintendent Rinearson recognized several athletic teams around the district for their accomplishments in winter sports: •**Toledo High**- girls basketball went to state playoffs; eight wrestlers went to state; the wrestling team was the dual meet Valco League champs; •**Newport High**- boys basketball went to league playoffs; nine wrestlers went to state; swimmer **Michael Mpitsos** won a state championship; the boys swim team placed sixth in state competition; •**Waldport High**- boys basketball went to state playoffs; four wrestlers went to state; **Paul Corwin** placed 2nd in the state in his weight class; **Misty Corwin** placed 3rd in state in her weight class (and is the first female to have placed at state

wrestling competition); •**Taft High-** two wrestlers went to state; swimmer **Dayton Mays** placed 5th in the state in the butterfly.

The Superintendent reported the end of the first six-week grading period, second semester, is Friday, March 10.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 05/06-44

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

- **Minutes of the 2/14/06 Regular Session;**
- **Policy EFA, Local Wellness Program;**
- **Regular Personnel and Addendum dated 2/28/06;**
- **Licensed Contract Extensions and Non-Extensions;**
- **Policy Code IGBA, Students with Disabilities;**
- **Policy Code IGBAE, Special Education Participation in Regular Education Programs.**

Approval of Siletz Valley Early College Academy Charter Proposal

Motion 05/06-45

On motion of Director Smith, seconded by Director Ryan, the Board unanimously approved the proposal from Siletz Valley Early College Academy for a charter high school, grades 9-12, with a cap of 100 students, to expire June 30, 2009.

Superintendent Rinearson reported Van Peters asked prior to the meeting if the decision could be postponed to the next board meeting, to accommodate his attendance at a charter school conference. He encouraged the Board to support the proposed school.

Board member Brenda Brown commented she remembered when the former Siletz high school was closed, and said the community has not forgotten. She said she is happy to see a high school return, and said it is important for the community of Siletz “and the kids.”

Approval of Classified Employees Week

Motion 05/06-46

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2005/06-8, proclaiming the week of March 6-10, 2006 as Classified Employees Week in LCSD. Board Chairman Ron Beck read the proclamation, and thanked Classified employees for their many contributions.

Discussion on Policy Code IKFB, Commencement Activities/Honors

The Board asked to continue the discussion on Policy IKFB, which includes the criteria for valedictorian and salutatorian. The revised policy denotes the student with the highest accumulative GPA and who has met all requirements of the LCSD Honors Diploma as Valedictorian. Salutatorian is the student with the second highest GPA and the Honors diploma. The Board is considering the effective date for the policy.

Information on Graduation Dates

Lincoln County School District high schools will hold graduation ceremonies as follows:

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Friday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m.: Eddyville Charter
Friday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m.: L.C. Career Tech
Saturday, June 10 at 2:00 p.m.: Waldport High
Saturday, June 10 at 4:00 p.m.: Toledo High
Saturday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m.: Newport High
Saturday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m.: Taft High.

Discussion on 2006/07 Regional Plans

West area administrators recommended that area's configuration remain substantially the same next year. A task force comprised of three teachers from each of the four schools met to study and recommend staffing appropriations for the coming year. Administrators took those recommendations, then formulated their plan for next year. If the local option levy effort is successful, west area administrators recommend adding both licensed and classified staff, including PE for INMS students.

In the **South** area of the District, administrators developed the goal of consistency for the next three years. Their plan for 2006/07 includes multi-age classrooms for the elementary grades, and two teams of two teachers each at grades 7 and 8. If the levy effort succeeds, administrators recommend increasing kindergarten to full time, and increasing art instruction.

At the high school level, the counselor position will increase to .5, and staffing for the media center will increase slightly. If the local option is successful, the high school would like to increase the counselor to full time, art to half time, and broaden vocational technology.

North area administrators recommend moving students at Taft Middle to the high school campus, creating a school with grades 7 through 12. They recommended a closed campus, with segregated lunch periods (grades 7 and 8, and grades 9-12). This consolidation will save funds to maintain current programs. If the local option succeeds, administrators hope to increase the number of counselors, add to art instruction, broaden the vocational technical program, and increase alternative education opportunities.

Principals in the north area recommend maintaining two K-6 buildings for next year. Discussion about the current middle school building is continuing; staff is considering leaving the building vacant to improve the seismic readiness, versus moving Taft Elementary to that site.

If the local option effort is successful, elementary principals would like to increase P.E. and music. Discussions are continuing regarding different elementary configurations in the future, including multi-age classrooms. North area administrators plan to continue the task force into the future.

In the **East** area, administrators (after lengthy discussions with community members, parents and staff) recommend offering a K-12 aligned program on two campuses. The north campus (current high school site) would house grades 7-12, and the south campus (current middle school site) would house grades K-6. This approach offers many more opportunities for students. Administrators expressed their dissatisfaction with the kind of program offerings that would have been available if three schools were maintained next year, calling that scenario "unacceptable." Principal Paula Priest explained their recommendations were based on "what is best for kids." Principal J.D. McMahan said the plan may be considered as "dissolving to evolve." He said they plan to form committees to formulate recommendations on curriculum, traffic flow, safety, etc. "With two schools, you will have a vibrant program," said McMahan.

East area administrators also met with members of the Learning Support Team to develop their plans. Director Brown recommended the east area principals meet again with the Toledo community, to share the plan with them. Director Turner asked if the “E-3” grant would change administrators’ recommendations; Ms. Priest said it would not, as the E-3 funds are for planning only.

Principal O’Neil reported the conversations were about “education, not buildings.”

Discussion on Budget Committee Vacancy, Zone 3

A vacancy exists in Zone 3 of the District’s Budget Committee. Applications are available; the Board hopes to appoint new representatives for both Zone 3 and Zone 5 at the March 14th board meeting.

Discussion on Local Option- Charter Schools

The Board discussed including district charter schools as recipients of a portion of Local Option proceeds. Consensus was reached as to the concept. District staff will consider developing a ratio to distribute local option funds.

Information on Superintendent Evaluation

Chairman Ron Beck shared results of the Board’s annual evaluation of Superintendent Rinearson. At the Superintendent’s request, district office administrators and school principals also rated his performance. The Board commended the Superintendent on his “continued outstanding leadership.” Chairman Beck praised Rinearson, saying “His respect for each individual shows he is a man that cares deeply about the District and the students we serve.”

The Board plans to offer Superintendent Rinearson a three-year contract, the terms of which will be discussed at the next regular session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent