

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors - Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, April 11, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Arcadia Elementary School**  
**Toledo, Oregon**

**Minutes**

**PRESIDING:** Sue Ryan, Vice-Chairman

**Present:** Sue Ryan, Vice-Chairman; Jean Turner, Billie Jo Smith, Brenda Brown, Directors

**Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary

**Excused:** Ron Beck, Chairman

**Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum**

Vice-Chairman Sue Ryan convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Chairman Beck was excused from the meeting.

**Student Presentations - Arcadia Elementary**

Principal Rosemary O'Neil introduced music teacher Sarah Ball and the Arcadia choir, who sang a song for the Board. The choir is comprised of 40 third and fourth graders who meet during lunch recess to practice.

**Student Representative- Toledo High**

Toledo High student representative Stephanie Benefiel updated the Board regarding activities at the school, including: •students raised approximately \$2,000 for Doernbecher Children's Hospital through a variety of activities, including sumo wrestling, lip syncing and dance, and an auction of student council members; •drug awareness week is upcoming; •prom at Toledo High will take place May 6; •the school will hold a blood drive April 12.

**Board Reports**

Director Billie Jo Smith reported technology fairs are scheduled for Toledo Middle on April 17, 6 to 8 p.m. West and south areas' fair will take place April 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Newport Middle School. (The north area fair already took place).

Vice Chairman Sue Ryan reported she visited Taft High to celebrate the Culinary Arts team's excellent showing in recent competition.

**Consultant Report**

Information on the International Baccalaureate (IB) program was postponed to an upcoming meeting.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Tom Rinearson thanked Barbara Burgess, Curves Gym, and Janice and Rod Hawken for their donations of \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$100 respectively to the District's Homeless Program. He heralded the efforts of liaison Senitila McKinley in procuring the contributions.

The Superintendent also thanked the Oregon Coast Aquarium and KYTE-FM for the recent "stuff-a-bus" effort (Mid Columbia donated use of the bus). The bus was filled with 42 bags of schools supplies along with cash donations, which were then given to schools in Siletz and Newport.

Mr. Rinearson recognized the Oceanlake Emblem Club for the donation of \$1,000 to Taft Elementary for school supplies.

The Superintendent thanked Columbia Sportswear for including the District in the "re-threads" program. Last week the district received 60 children coats, 240 pairs of girls and women's pants and 24 pair of men's boots. All of the clothing has been distributed to students.

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated the Taft High Culinary team for their third place win in the Pro-Start competition over the weekend. The Oregonian featured the team in an article April 9<sup>th</sup>. When Principal Steve Kilduff called the paper to thank the author for writing the article, the author remarked she would have liked to have written more about "the wonderful teacher, Pam Simpson."

Mr. Rinearson noted the next two Budget Committee meetings are scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 7:00 p.m. at Toledo High and Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. at Taft High.

## **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**Motion 2005/06-51**

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

- Minutes of the 3/7/06 Work Session;
- Minutes of the 3/14/06 Regular Session;
- Early Graduation Request, Taft High;
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 4/11/06,
- Addendum, Superintendent's Contract, 7/1/06-6/30/09 (2.5% increase in salary).

## **Approval of Policy IKFB, Commencement Activities/Honors**

**Motion 2005/06-52**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved revised Policy IKFB, Commencement Activities/Honors. The policy lists criteria for valedictorian and salutatorian, which has changed beginning with next year's graduates. At that time, the student(s) with the highest accumulative GPA will be designated "valedictorian;" the student(s) with the second highest GPA will be named "salutatorian."

The policy also requires students graduating in 2009/10 and after to procure an Honors diploma in order to qualify for the valedictorian and salutatorian designation.

## **Approval of Resolution, Oregon School Funding Defense Foundation Lawsuit**

**Motion 2005/06-53**

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2005/06-11, Oregon School Funding Defense Foundation Lawsuit. By this action, the District becomes party to this lawsuit, at no cost to the district. The lawsuit alleges the legislature has not met its obligation to fund Oregon public schools adequately.

### **East Area Report**

Arcadia Principal Rosemary O'Neil invited the Board to visit the school to observe the "Reading First" grant activities in action. The grant must be used for staff development only; it may not be used for FTE. Students read 90 minutes each day; all staff (licensed and classified) are trained to teach reading. The program must be taught explicitly (it is critical to teach each and every lesson). Ms. O'Neil also invited Board members to return in June to examine results of these efforts.

Toledo High Principal Paula Priest reported committees at both proposed levels for next year (K-6 and 7-12) are working on plans for next year. Their first charge is determining facilities needs. She reported questions remain regarding which league the school will participate in for sports (due to OSAA actions).

Ms. Priest also reported meetings regarding the E3 grant are continuing weekly. The deadline for submitting the school's plan has been extended to June 16. If the proposal is successful, it will be implemented in the 2007/08 year.

### **Discussion on K-12 Media Guide**

Media Specialist Doug Hoffman presented the K-12 Media Guide, and described the current state of libraries in the district. The District purchased Destiny last year, a web based centralized library system, which has improved district media tremendously. Also, digital streaming has enabled teachers to build their own DVD collections. Mr. Hoffman shared a notebook assembled to help Media Assistants. He also reported more libraries will be moved again this year, with the likely reconfigurations in the north and east areas.

The Media Guide will return to the Board for consideration at the next board meeting. Director Smith thanked Mr. Hoffman for his excellent work, and said Media Assistants are doing an "amazing job."

### **Report on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant**

Resource Development Specialist Lee Stuart described the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers award. The award will support before and after school, as well as summer, activities for students in four areas of the district. We hope these activities will provide a foundation to build upon for other partnerships and activities in the future. Approximately 1500 students will benefit each of the five years of the grant.

Mr. Stuart reported Senitila McKinley will become the coordinator for the area centers for this award, with Zan Johnson heading up the east area and Clarice Sullivan the south. Decisions have not been

made for the north or west areas. “I am as excited about this as anything I have ever been involved with,” said Stuart. The proposed reconfigurations in the north and east areas will not affect the award.

### **Discussion on Athletic Eligibility**

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

### **Information on Retirement/Recognition Event**

The annual retirement/recognition dessert will take place May 31, 2006 at the **Embarcadero** (not the same location as in past years). The social hour will begin at 6:30 followed by the program at 7:00 p.m.

### **Discussion on School Calendar**

Staff developed draft school calendars for the next three years, and solicited input from all district employees. For the next two years, the proposed calendars align with the state university system (calendars for the third year have not yet been developed by the state). Each building will make decisions on the days their 10-month employees are there. The proposed calendars will return to the Board for consideration at the next board meeting.

Board members expressed support for the three-year look at the calendars.

### **Discussion on Tax Anticipation Notes**

Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni reported the district must borrow funds to meet expenses prior to the receipt of property taxes in November, 2006. A draft resolution will be distributed to the board prior to the April 25<sup>th</sup> board meeting; the Board will consider the resolution April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Financial Report**

Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni reported no significant changes from projections. He noted the decline in enrollment for the month is not as large as last month’s number. Interest income on investments continues to increase.

Director Brown had a question about “purchased services” (in budget code 300’s). Mr. Belloni said he would investigate and get back to her.

### **Information on Electronic Staffing**

Data coordinator Mary Kelly demonstrated a new electronic staffing and budgeting tool. Administrators are able to view and change different scenarios much more easily using this method.

Superintendent Rinearson said administrators can run multiple scenarios using this tool. He also noted it can help with position control. Board members expressed kudos to the Superintendent for initiating the idea, and to Mary Kelly for making it a reality.

**Discussion on Long-Range Plan: Mission Statement**

Superintendent Rinearson read the current district mission statement, developed in 1993: “The Lincoln County School District and its communities will provide a student-centered learning environment which enables learners\* to thrive in a changing world.” \* “Learner” is defined as students, staff, volunteers, parents, etc., building on the concept of schools as “learning communities.”

Board members will examine the current mission statement during a long-range planning workshop in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent