



# Lincoln County School District **BOARD REPORT**

A Summary of the April 25, 2006 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on April 25, 2006 at Newport High School with approximately 30 staff and patrons in attendance.

## **Communications**

Chairman Beck reported he and the other board members received invitations to Waldport High's prom.

## **Board Reports**

Mr. Beck reported he and Director Turner attended the recent "Tsunami Summit" and viewed student produced videos on tsunami safety. Taft Middle won the "People's Choice" award for the second consecutive year.

Vice Chair Sue Ryan reported she attended a conference for her employment on courthouse safety, and said the same lessons could apply to the school district.

## **Consultant Report**

Mr. David Bigelow addressed the Board in his capacity as Chairman of the IB (International Baccalaureate) Task Force at Newport High. The task force recommended the IB application be deferred one year to June 2007. The group also recommended confirming the commitment of NHS to completion of the application, and suggested a committee be formed to work with NHS staff toward that end. The NHS Site Council approved these recommendations.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Tom Rinearson thanked Sodexo America LLC (food services) for their donation of \$2,000 for scholarships to graduating seniors.

The Superintendent also thanked ByteSpeed Computer Systems for their donation of three desktop computers. The computers were given away as drawing reward activities in the recent technology fairs.

Mr. Rinearson recognized the Oceanlake Emblem Club for their donation of \$1,000 to Oceanlake Elementary. The funds will be used for school supplies.

Superintendent Rinearson recognized the following middle school students for their excellent showing in recent geography bee competition: Corey Houck, Toledo Middle School winner; Taft Middle's Anne Marie Sketch, Isaac Newton's Logan Williams, and Waldport Middle's Santiago Bukovsky went to the state geography bee.

The Superintendent heralded Sam Case students for their "Jump Rope for Heart" activities. Students raised approximately \$1900 for the American Heart Association.

Mr. Rinearson reported the end of the six-week grading period is Friday, April 28, and said parent/teacher conferences take place next week. He wished Director Billie Jo Smith "Happy Birthday" April 26.

## **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

· **Minutes of the 4/11/06 Regular Session;**

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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· **Regular Personnel Items:**

-**Resignations:** Jeffrey Borton, Taft MS; Sharon Branstiter, WHS; David Edwards, NMS; Ernesto Inclan, Taft HS; Elaine Karnes, WHS; Robert Mathewson, Special Ed.; Gary Mathews, Oceanlake; Scott Paul, Toledo High; Duane Ticknor, Taft MS; Cindy Sapp, Toledo MS; Linda Sickler, Taft MS; Janell Smud, Sam Case; Richard Wiesner, NHS;

-**Licensed Hire:** Bonnie Brice, School Psychologist;

-**Leave of Absence:** Rosa Hannan, 5/1/06-5/15/06; Jerome Kosydar, 4/24/06-5/24/06; Gene McKorkle, 5/22/06-6/16/06;

-**Coaches:** Joe Arnsdorf, Asst. Boys Basketball, NHS; Anthony Monroe, Head Baseball, Toledo High; Christopher Monroe, Asst. Baseball, Toledo High; Edward Phillips, Softball, WHS; Rocky Huston, Girls Golf, WHS.

· **2006/07, 07/08 & 08/09 School Calendars;**

· **Tax Anticipation Notes, Resolution 2005/06-10;**

· **Memorandum of Agreement, LCEA/LCSD- retiree benefits.**

### **Approval of K-12 Media Guide**

The Board approved the K-12 Media Guide as presented at the April 11 board meeting. The district's media program is coordinated by Doug Hoffman, District Media Specialist.

### **Closure of Taft Middle and Toledo Middle Schools**

The Board approved the closure of Taft Middle and Toledo Middle Schools next year to implement changes in building alignments. In the north area, Taft High will house students in grades 7-12. In the east area, Toledo High will house students in grades 7-12, and students currently attending Arcadia Elementary will move to the current Toledo Middle site. Students in grades K-6 will attend that school next year.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-14, 2006**

The Board approved a resolution proclaiming May 7-13, 2006 as "Teacher Appreciation Week" in LCSD. Chairman Beck read the resolution, and thanked teachers for the critical work they do.

### **Board Spokesperson, OR School Funding Lawsuit**

The Board named Vice-Chair Sue Ryan as spokesperson for the Board in the Oregon school funding lawsuit.

### **Information on 06/07 Student Fees**

Operations Administrator Joe Novello recommended student fees remain the same as they currently are for the coming year. The fees may be accessed on the district website under "Policies," code JN-AR; each school also has at least one hard copy of the policy binders.

### **Discussion on Social Studies Guides**

Curriculum and instruction administrator Sandi Williams and teacher Ruth McDonald presented the social science standards guide. A team of teachers developed the guides this school year: Mike Crow, Ron Hahn, Alice Warner, Bob Shindelman, Shelly Jones, Debbie Kilduff, Ruth McDonald, Paul Tucker, Matt Falby, and Kristin Lavy. Administrators on the project were Sandi Williams and Ana Gonzalez. The guides provide teachers with lessons to help teach state standards. Many textbooks are still adequate; other resources were identified, including updated maps and globes, and internet resources (including digital streaming). All guides will be accessible on the district's secure staff server after they are approved.

The social studies guides will return to the Board for consideration May 9.

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## **Discussion on Athletic Eligibility**

The Board discussed requirements students must meet in order to participate in athletics and other extra-curricular activities. Currently, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA with no "F's". Operations Administrator Joe Novello will procure a recommendation from the Lincoln County Activities Association (LCAA), which will be sent to the Superintendent. The Board will continue their discussion at an upcoming meeting.

## **Information on Administrative Compensation and Leaves (CCH-AR)**

Assistant Superintendent Len Geiger presented a revised administrative rule CCH-AR, "Building and Learning Support Team Administrative Benefit Guidelines." The rules define building administrator and Learning Support Team benefit and salary guidelines.

## **Discussion on Policies IGBAB, Records of Students with Disabilities; IGBAC, Special Education- Personnel; and IGBAF, Special Education- Individualized Education Program**

Special Education Administrator Susan Van Liew presented three new policies recommended for adoption the Oregon School Boards Association. The policies are necessitated by recent amendments to the federal "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act," and bring current practice into policy. The policies will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

## **Update on Buildings, Burgess Site**

Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni reported the building housing Sodexo (food and custodial services) and Mid Columbia (transportation services) is complete. MidCo paid for some of the "extras" in the building, including a water fountain and roll up doors. Currently some district Facilities and Maintenance staff have offices in that

building, until their own is completed. The Facilities and Maintenance building is scheduled for completion by June 15.

## **Discussion on Long-Range Plan: Student Performance**

Superintendent Rinearson presented student assessment data over the past six years. Data Coordinator Mary Kelly was asked to determine what three standard deviations in test scores would look like in each school. (A standard deviation is a statistical way to measure change). She compiled this information, along with RIT scores and test result percentages for each school. A change of three standard deviations would indicate a positive change of significant proportions.

## **Discussion on Student Awards by Board**

Superintendent Rinearson is considering developing a program to recognize students for their achievements starting next school year. In discussing this concept, he asked Board members if they also wanted to develop a program for recognizing students at board meetings. Board members will forward their ideas to the Superintendent's office.

***Next Meeting: May 9, 2006, 7:00 p.m. at Taft Elementary School***