

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors - Regular Session
Tuesday, May 23, 2006- 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, 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; approx. 40 members
of the staff, media and interested patrons

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Vice-Chairman Ryan convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:01 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Chairman Beck was excused from the meeting.

Student Representative- Newport High School

Newport High 06-07 Public Relations Officer Wendy Wilde updated the Board regarding activities at the school, including: •the school recently held a “Mr. NHS” competition as a fundraiser for Doernbecher Children’s Hospital; •student council presented teachers with gifts each day of teacher appreciation week; •63 students took AP (advanced placement) tests during May; •8th grade orientation was held last week; •an all-school talent show was held May 17; •the school hosted a guest speaker who spoke to students on relationships; •spring sports went very well; •the goodbye dance is June 2; •baccalaureate is June 6; •graduation is June 10.

TAP Productions - Underage Drinking Awareness Project

Lincoln County Assistant County Counsel Rob Bovett presented student-produced public service announcements (PSAs) from the Tsunami Awareness Project done this year. The project is coordinated by Mr. Bovett and teachers Peter Vince and Ben Hensley. This year, students at Newport, Toledo and Waldport High Schools, as well as Taft, Toledo and Newport Middle Schools produced tsunami awareness PSAs. Underage drinking awareness is the planned focus for the coming year.

In addition, three District charter schools will take part in the MAP (Methamphetamine Awareness Project) project in the coming year.

Communications

Vice-Chairman Ryan noted the Board’s receipt of written communications from Ross Smith regarding the defeat of the local option levy, and from a Taft High student regarding the band program at that school.

Karen Bondley, representing the Lincoln County Public Health Advisory Committee, addressed the Board regarding its Wellness policy, urging them to make additions to the policy. She distributed a letter to the Board with her recommendations, including: ? improving nutrition education, ?provision of instructional kitchens and gardens, ?enforcing federal food guidelines, ?providing fresh fruits and vegetables to students, ?providing 150 minutes of physical activity per week for elementary students and 225 minutes per week for middle and high school students, ?promote having students walk the last half mile to school, ?offering water, milk and 100% fruit juice to children participating in after-school activities, ?prohibiting high fat/high sugar snacks as rewards to students, and ?phasing out advertising unhealthy foods and beverages on school grounds.

Director Turner asked for a status report on the amount of physical activity ongoing at district schools.

2006-07 Food Services Contract and School Meal Prices

(This item was moved up on the agenda, to accommodate Sodexo District Manager John Stone). Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni presented a new food services contract with Sodexo America LLC Food Services for the coming year. State law requires food services contracts be reviewed annually. The contract will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. Belloni also presented school meal prices for the coming year. The only suggested change is a ten-cent increase in elementary lunches, from \$1.65 to \$1.75.

John Stone reported he worked with Curriculum and Instruction Administrator Sandi Williams in developing the new 'wellness' policy, and said fresh fruits and vegetables are offered daily. Sodexo uses reduced fat meat and cheese, and provides nutrition education to students. Mr. Stone stated the district has lower enrollment, so fewer customers and revenue. He introduced new General Manager for our District, Steve Kappler.

Director Turner asked if the breakfast menu changed; Mr. Stone replied high-sugared cereal is no longer offered. Director Brown asked for a sample menu with nutritional information; Mr. Stone replied Sodexo has menus with that information, and said he was considering having Mr. Kappler report to the Board monthly.

Director Brown asked the definition of a meal equivalent; one lunch is a meal equivalent, as is one breakfast. She then asked how many meals have been served. Mr. Stone replied he did not have the exact number, but felt Sodexo is close to the meal retroactive number in the contract. He said he is confident they can meet the budget. He also said, with some proposed closed high school campuses next year, meal participation may increase. "Marketing is important to those customers," said Stone.

Director Belloni said Sodexo is talking to high school representatives about student stores, currently not allowed to be open during the lunch hour unless partnered with Sodexo. If such a partnership occurs, more healthy food will be available in student stores and students could learn marketing skills.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated Alternative Education teacher Scott Paul for being named

“Outstanding Teacher of the Year” for 05-06 by the Oregon Indian Education Association. Mr. Paul has taught in Lincoln County for 30 years.

The Superintendent recognized LCSD middle schools for their excellent showing in Spring Knowledge Master competition. Isaac Newton/Newport Middle placed first in the state, Taft Middle placed third, Toledo Middle placed sixth, and Waldport Middle placed seventh. Coaches for the teams are Teresa Atwill and Kathi Downing.

Mr. Rinearson thanked the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for awarding a grant to Sam Case Elementary. The funds will be used to provide extended learning opportunities to students needing reading help.

Superintendent Rinearson also thanked Tom Crayton of Enumclaw, Washington for his donation of \$150 toward the “Crayton Award” at Waldport Elementary/Middle. The Crayton award is given to middle school students for outstanding achievements, and is in memory of students Bryan and Todd Crayton who were killed in a car crash several years ago.

The Superintendent congratulated YVE 5th grade student Tanner Lovin for his first place win in the state of Oregon for his age group in the Elks “Eye Safety” poster contest. Tanner is a student in Sarah Parker’s class; his poster will go to the national level for judging.

Mr. Rinearson reminded the Board all district facilities will be closed Monday, May 29 to observe the Memorial Day holiday.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 05/06-61

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

- Minutes of the May 9, 2006 Regular Session;
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 5/23/06.

Approval of Name Change- Waldport Elem./Middle to Crestview Heights School

Motion 05/06-62

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved the name change from Waldport Elementary and Middle School to “Crestview Heights School,” effective July 1, 2006. A wide group of stakeholders selected the name, which will be effective in the coming school year.

Approval of Planned Course Statements- Marketing I- Taft High School

Motion 05/06-63

On motion of Director Smith, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved the Planned Course Statement for the “Marketing I” course at Taft High School, as listed in the May 23, 2006 board folder, as amended. The amended language applies to page 2 of the Syllabus, under “Student Store Involvement” and now reads: “Students that are found to be stealing from the store will have their final course grade reduced by one full grade and will be subject to other consequences

deemed appropriate by the high school administration.” This course will be offered beginning in 2006/07.

Taft High teacher Vince Dye reported he revised the Planned Course Statement and syllabus since the last board meeting, taking suggestions by Director Billie Jo Smith. He said the depth, rigor and relevance of the course were increased, and said he would like to use the student store at the school as a lab for both marketing and accounting students. He explained the class would be part of DECA (which formerly stood for “Distributed Education Clubs of America”). The class will seek a bronze rating from DECA for the coming year.

Curriculum and Instruction Administrator Sandi Williams explained planned course statements for new courses will be presented following an established procedure. Site councils will be involved in reviewing new planned course statements as part of that procedure. Mr. Dye stated he has been working with business leaders for two years to establish “what our students should know” in the world of business. Ms. Williams gave kudos to Mr. Dye for his excellent work, and said review by business partners adds validity to the program.

Director Smith thanked Mr. Dye for his hard work, and expressed surprise at the Board’s role with planned course statements. She expressed her hesitancy with the process, saying she is concerned it is asking too much of already stressed teachers. “We don’t want to create too many hoops,” said Smith. She also said “we have been accused of micromanaging,” suggesting the Board’s review of planned course statements may fall into that category. She said it may be helpful to have the planned course statement and the syllabus as one document.

Ms. Williams stated by the time a planned course statement reaches the Board, it will have gone through several filters. “At this level, it is a celebration,” said Williams.

Superintendent Rinearson said (as a side note) when one Board members gives a directive, that is micromanaging. “The Board, as a whole, makes decisions.” He also said education is our business, hence the Board’s involvement with curriculum and planned course statements.

Director Turner noted the Board is comprised of volunteers, who may or may not be well versed in curriculum. “We are not professional educators, so going through filters is great. We should not sit in judgment of curriculum.”

Approval of Planned Course Statement- Marketing II- Taft High School Motion 05/06-64

On motion of Director Smith, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved the Marketing II Planned Course Statement at Taft High as distributed May 23, 2006.

Information on Open Book\$ Project

Superintendent Rinearson demonstrated the new Open Book\$ project, a partnership of the Chalkboard Project, Confederation of Oregon School Administrators and other education organizations. Open Book\$ shows the public how districts spend money in five different categories, and allows for spending comparisons with other similar-size districts and with the state. To see this new tool, visit www.openbooksproject.org/. To access LCSD, enter “Lincoln.”

Discussion on Special Education Policies: IGBAG, IGBAH and IGBAI

Special Education Administrator Susan Van Liew presented three new policies related to Special Education: Policy IGBAG (Special Education- Procedural Safeguards), Policy IGBAH (Special Education- Evaluation and Eligibility Process) and Policy IGBAI (Special Education- Private Schools). All three have administrative rules associated with them, and are necessitated due to changes in the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. They will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

Board members identified a typo in one of the policies, which will be corrected. Director Smith also directed attention to the last paragraph of policy IGBAI, "Special Education- Private Schools," and suggested it be divided into two sentences for clarity.

Long Range Plan

Superintendent Rinearson reported he will be meeting with facilitator Margot Helphand in July to begin planning a county-wide education summit in the coming year.

Discussion on 2006/07 Board Meetings Calendar

A draft calendar for 2006/07 school board meetings was presented to the Board. The calendar follows the tradition of past years, with meetings scheduled on second and fourth Tuesdays most months. For the coming year, two meetings are scheduled to take place at district charter schools (Eddyville and Siletz). The calendar will return to the Board for consideration at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent