

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors – Regular Session
Tuesday, June 27, 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: Len Geiger, Assistant Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approx. 15 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 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Chairman Beck and Superintendent Rinearson were excused from the meeting.

Public Hearing, 2006/07 Approved Budget

The Board meeting was recessed into a public hearing of the 2006/07 approved budget. No comments from the audience were received.

Toledo High Principal Paula Priest presented information regarding additional funding for Toledo High approved by the Budget Committee. She plans to work to close the achievement gap and improve test scores by adding classified staff, a reading consultant and providing summer training for staff. Part of the classified staff will likely be “transitional” positions to assist with the melding of Toledo Middle and High Schools, and will be examined next year. Training for staff in the coming year will include information on career related standards and experiences, as well as changing the schedule to include one block period per week to assist with hands-on projects.

Ms. Priest plans to look at other high performing schools for input, and will examine reading programs for special education students. She hopes to offer a stronger leadership course, and will add industrial arts as an option for students (the industrial arts teacher must agree to become Perkins certified). She explained some industrial arts equipment has been located at the school; the program was suspended several years ago.

Director Smith commented the plans sound “exciting, and will give a big boost to the school.” Ms. Priest gave kudos to Director Belloni for his help in overseeing facilities improvements at the school.

The public hearing was recessed to the regular session board meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Superintendent’s Report

Assistant Superintendent Len Geiger filled in for Superintendent Rinearson, who was attending to details of his daughter’s recent wedding.

Mr. Geiger reported the District will receive approximately \$20,000 in McKinney-Vento Homeless grant funds (competitive federal dollars). The funds will be used to support a family literacy resource center in Lincoln City.

The Assistant Superintendent also reported planning is underway for staff development and opening of school activities for the coming year, and said the Board will be invited to the activities.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 05/06-67

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

- ? **Minutes of the June 13, 2006** Board Regular Session meeting;
- ? **Alternative Education programs** for Newport, Taft and Toledo High Schools for 06/07;
- ? **Deletion of Policy IKFA**, Early Graduation;
- ? **Regular Personnel Items and Addendum** dated 6/27/06;
- ? **PACE as 06/07 insurance carrier** for property, liability, auto, crime, errors and omissions, umbrella and boiler/machinery; **SAIF** for workers compensation;
- ? **Board and Superintendent Working Agreements** as listed in the June 27, 2006 board folder.

Approval of Name Change, Arcadia Elementary

Motion 05/06-68

On motion of Director Smith, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved changing Arcadia Elementary School's name to "Toledo Elementary School" effective July 1, 2006.

Assistant Superintendent Len Geiger reported Principal Rosemary O'Neil ran an ad in the local paper asking for input on the name change and received one suggestion: "East Area Elementary." Site council members and staff continued their support of changing the name to "Toledo Elementary School."

Adoption of 2006/07 Approved Budget

Motion 05/06-69

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2005/06-14, adopting the budget, setting appropriations and imposing the tax for the 2006/07 year as listed in the June 27, 2006 board folder, with elimination of the Local Option fund 150 from the adopted budget.

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin reported the Budget Committee approved the budget, which was amended at their May 9, 2006 meeting. That amendment included a transfer of funds in the amount of \$142,400 to the PERS Bond Reserve fund from the general fund. The PERS Debt Service fund should have been increased in a like amount. The resolution before the Board June 27th included the change in the PERS Debt Service fund.

Approval of Appropriations Transfer

Motion 05/06-70

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2005/06-15, Appropriations Transfer, as listed in the June 27, 2006 board folder.

Julie Baldwin explained the appropriations transfer is an annual "housekeeping" item done to ensure funds are spent as appropriated. In the resolution presented June 27th, the Building Maintenance fund

was adjusted (repairs at the Newport Middle slide were originally designated as “repair and maintenance” while auditors felt the expenditures significant enough to be considered “capital improvements”), as was the Technology fund (computers were purchased for administrative and support personnel, in addition to classroom needs).

Discussion on Academic Eligibility, Policy Code IGD

The Board continued their discussion regarding student eligibility requirements for participation in co-curricular activities. School Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented a revised Policy IGD, Lincoln County Activities Association. The policy establishes eligibility requirements, and states a process of appeal will be included in the administrative regulations.

Director Brown asked how the eligibility requirements of having a 2.0 GPA at the semester mesh with a proposed plan of assistance for students who do not have a 2.0, or have one failing grade. Mr. Novello stated the plan of assistance process is being developed, and has stipulations. LCAA suggests students falling into this category not be eligible for contests, but be eligible to practice with the team. Once a student’s grade is raised to the acceptable level, he/she must maintain that grade for a two-week time period before being eligible to play in contests.

Director Smith questioned whether the proposed administrative rule meets the Board’s intent, and said her understanding was that a student may appeal a failing grade, but must remain ineligible for an entire semester if the GPA is under the required level. She also expressed concern that Director Beck may not agree with the proposed rule.

Director Turner said she can support the concept of a plan of assistance, and said many times students are failing because they are not doing the work. “Once they start doing the work, they are usually not failing,” said Turner.

Board members asked to continue the discussion; Mr. Novello noted LCAA handbooks must be ready for student athletes in early August.

Information on Policy Code IKF-AR, High School Graduation

At the last board meeting, a discussion regarding the opportunity for students to graduate early occurred. Policy Code IKF-AR, High School Graduation, was revised to clarify that students who complete all graduation requirements are eligible to graduate early.

Information on Employee Benefits Insurance Carriers

Assistant Superintendent Len Geiger reported staff is working with Standard Life on the life and long-term disability insurance coverage. He reported health insurance through OSBA will increase 1% in the coming year, resulting in no out-of-pocket expenses in the coming year for health insurance for any employee group.

Mr. Geiger reported the district’s vision and dental self-insurance program is living up to hopes, though it is too early to draw conclusions. Reserves are being built to handle future claims. He stated history demonstrates higher usage of this kind of insurance during summer months.

Mr. Geiger said he will invite Peg Honyak of TPSC and April Coiteux of JBL&K to future board meetings to provide additional information.

Discussion on Resolution, Designation of District Officers

State law requires the Board designate officers, clerks, agents and depositories of funds each year. Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented Resolution 2006/07-1 to comply with this requirement. She reported an increase in the mileage reimbursement, from \$.405 per mile to \$.445, based on the IRS rate. In addition, the contract with health insurance agent of record JBL&K will expire December 31, 2006. The resolution will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

Financial Reports

Julie Baldwin reported she received no questions from Superintendent Rinearson originating from Board members (this agenda item was added after a discussion at the June 13, 2006 meeting; the Board will have the opportunity to ask questions on financial reports at each meeting).

Director Brown asked about interest on investments for July, which is significantly lower than for June. Ms. Baldwin explained the column in question is for the 05/06 accrual for the months of July and August. The interest for July will appear on the 06.07 financial report.

Discussion on Special Education Policies

Special Education Administrator Susan Van Liew presented three new special education policies, necessitated by changes in federal law. Policy IGBAJ and IGBAJ-AR (“Special Education- Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)”) defines same.

Policy IGBAK (“Special Education- Public Availability of State Application”) ensures documents relating to the district’s eligibility under IDEA will be available for public inspection.

Policy IGBAL and IGBAL-AR (“Special Education- Services for Home-Schooled Students with Disabilities”) describes the availability of services for home-schooled students with disabilities.

The policies will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

Long-Range Plan

This item was postponed to the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent