

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors – Regular Session
Tuesday, July 11, 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: Rich Belloni, Director; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approx. 10 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present. Superintendent Rinearson was excused from the meeting due to illness; Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni filled in for him.

Board Reports

Chairman Beck reported he was called out of town for his employment during the last board meeting.

Vice-Chairman Ryan noted Wes Ryan attended a recent groundbreaking ceremony in Lincoln City, and spoke with Principal Steve Kilduff. Mr. Ryan made note of Mr. Kilduff's positive attitude regarding his new role at Taft High.

Superintendent's Report

Director Belloni recognized District Health Advocates for their excellent job helping students access dental services through Northwest Medical Teams' dental van. Usage of these services increased significantly over the previous year.

Mr. Belloni thanked Chairman Ron Beck for his work over the past year as Chairman of the Board, and presented him with a plaque. He also wished Vice-Chairman Sue Ryan "Happy Birthday" on July 25th.

The Director reported most administrators will return to work the first week of August. The Board will receive information regarding opening of school activities as it is finalized.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 06/07-1

On motion of Director Ryan, seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar items as listed in the July 11, 2006 board folder, including:

- ?Minutes of the June 27, 2006 Regular Session meeting;
- ?Regular Personnel Action and Addendum dated 7/11/06;

?Special Education Policies IGBAJ (Free and Appropriate Public Education- FAPE); IGBAK, Public Availability of State Application; and IGBAL, Services for Home-Schooled Students with Disabilities.

Approval of High School Accreditation Resolutions

Motion 06/07-2

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Ryan, the Board unanimously approved resolutions presented July 11, 2006 for the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools, to begin the process of having LCSD high schools accredited. Approval of the resolutions does not obligate the District to anything, but simply begins the accreditation process. Operations Administrator Joe Novello noted the activities are comprised of three parts: a self evaluation by schools, a site visit by the company, and an action plan. He said areas of concern are similar to those expressed when the accreditation process was explored previously, mostly pursuant to staffing.

Director Turner noted her involvement in the accreditation process during her tenure as a school administrator in California, and said it is a good process that keeps schools at a prescribed level. She said it is a lengthy, involved operation. Director Smith stated her support, and said accreditation of district high schools could attract businesses to the area.

Approval of Resolution 2006/07-1, Designation of District Officers, Clerks, Agents and Depositories of Funds

Motion 06/07-3

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Ryan, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2006/07-1, Designation of District Officers, Clerks, Agents and Depositories of Funds. The mileage reimbursement rate increased from \$.405 to \$.445, based on the IRS rate.

Vice-Chairman Ryan asked why the district chose only the News Times as the publication for district legal notifications. Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin replied the News Times is a county-wide, bi-weekly paper; other newspapers in the county are published only once per week. Another consideration is cost, said Ms. Baldwin.

Director Smith suggested leaving the legal notification as it is stated in the resolution, but sending information (news releases, meeting notices, etc.) to media county-wide. Staff noted current practice reflects this method, and will continue. Ms. Baldwin stated she will compare prices next year when budget materials must be published.

Approval of Amended Resolution 2005/06-14

Motion 06/07-4

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2005/06-14 as amended June 29, 2006, adopting the budget for fiscal year 2006/07. Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin explained the resolution approved by the Board previously was accurate, but some verbiage in the body of the resolution was incorrect. The amended resolution totals the building maintenance fund, corrects the amount for debt service funds and includes the self-insurance fund previously omitted.

Ms. Baldwin noted the importance of publicly acknowledging the corrections.

Approval of Sue Ryan as Board Chair, 06/07**Motion 06/07-5**

Chairman Beck nominated Sue Ryan as Chairman for the 2006/07 year. On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved Sue Ryan as Chairman of the Board for the 2006/07 year. Mr. Beck thanked Ms. Ryan for doing a great job as the 2005/06 vice-chair.

Approval of Brenda Brown as Vice-Chair, 06/07**Motion 06/07-6**

Director Billie Jo Smith nominated Brenda Brown as Vice-Chairman for the 2006/07 year. On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved Brenda Brown as Vice-Chairman of the Board for the 2006/07 year. Ms. Brown commented she would “try to do as good a job as Sue did this year.”

**Approval of Combination of ECC with Sam Case Elementary
(Addendum to Agenda)****Motion 06/07-7**

On motion of Director Smith, seconded by Director Ryan, the Board unanimously approved the combination of the Early Childhood Center (ECC) with Sam Case Elementary; the ECC will no longer have its own ODE identifying number.

Kindergarten classes for students in the Sam Case attendance area will still take place in the ECC building; Early Intervention students will also attend class there. Students living in Yaquina View’s attendance area will attend Kindergarten at that school.

**Discussion on Policy IGD, Lincoln County Activities Association (LCAA) and
IGD-AR (LCAA Handbook)**

School Operations Administrator Joe Novello reported the LCAA handbook (administrative rules, or A.R.s, to policy IGD) was written using the existing policy, and trying to accommodate the Board’s wishes expressed at prior meetings pursuant to athletic eligibility. He explained if the Board changes Policy IGD, the administrative rules must be adjusted to reflect those changes. The handbooks must be readied for student athletes by August 14, with training of coaches before that date. A revised policy IGD was presented in the July 11th board folder.

Chairman Beck noted the philosophy of the Board must be reflected in the policy, which is then reflected in the A.R.s. He thanked Board members for postponing the discussion so he could participate in it.

Director Smith presented a revised policy she wrote to capture the Board’s intent. A lengthy discussion about the proposed policy ensued. The Board would like to “raise the bar” for academic achievement for co-curricular participants, but wishes to accommodate those students working hard but achieving a “C” average. Director Smith noted the importance of students keeping grades at the required level throughout the activity in which they participate.

The Board reached consensus to move forward with the revised policy IGD in the July 11, 2006 board folder with some changes. The policy basically requires students to achieve a 2.0 GPA at all grading periods; if a student receives more than one failing grade, he/she will remain ineligible to participate in practice or contests until the next grading period in which they meet the requirements. Students receiving one failing grade must participate in a program of assistance.

Mr. Novello reported district athletic directors will be trained to ensure their understanding of the policy and administrative rules. Director Turner thanked Mr. Novello for his patience as the Board discussed the issue.

Discussion on Policy Code JECC, Assignment of Students to Schools- Requests for Variance in Attendance

Director Brenda Brown requested the variance policy (JECC, Assignment of Students to Schools- Requests for Variance in Attendance) be placed on the agenda for the Board's discussion. She noted the policy and administrative rules are in opposition to each other in places. Director Beck agreed, saying philosophy, policy, administrative rules and practice should align. The Board reached consensus to discuss the policy at a work session August 29th.

Director Brown said she would like to keep this topic "on the table." Director Smith said she would like to know how many variance requests are approved after the deadline (April 1), and why. She also stated the need for data pursuant to this topic. Director Turner asked if students can be enrolled in one school, and taking classes at another.

Director Brown noted travel plans conflicting with the September 12th board meeting; Director Ryan said she will not be available for the September 26th meeting.

Financial Reports

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin reported the Revenue and Expenditure Report could not be prepared for the July 11th board meeting due to timing (there is not enough information available at this point in time). She presented an investment report as well as "bills and claims over \$5,000" for June and July (to date).

Ms. Baldwin reported a Request for Proposals was distributed to local banks for the district's investment in funds comparable to the local government investment pool (LGIP). She said staff was "surprised and pleased" with the results, as West Coast bank offered 20 basis points above the LGIP, with six withdrawals per month allowed. The district has deposits at several local banks, with the general account at Oregon Coast Bank, TANS funds at Umpqua Bank and LGIP funds at West Coast Bank. This diversification with local vendors has received positive feedback, said Ms. Baldwin.

The "bills and claims" report stated larger than usual tuition reimbursements for some teachers, due to fewer teachers participating in the program.

Information on Facilities/Maintenance Buildings/Summer Projects

Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni presented information regarding the new buildings on the Burgess property (for facilities/maintenance and contractors). Both buildings are nearing completion. The budget for the buildings is \$440,000, with costs to date for both buildings of approximately \$446,703.78. Some additional costs may be forthcoming; any additional costs will be borne by Facilities and Maintenance. The building housing transportation services is reimbursable from the state at 70%, except for the portion of the building (about 15%) used for other services. Many materials used in the construction were those left from other district projects (tile, paint, etc.).

Mr. Belloni also described the many ongoing summer projects and moves around the district. Personnel moving from the old middle school to the high school in Toledo presented a binder showing who is moving where, and showing projects they would like done by Facilities/Maintenance staff. Belloni reported most of the “wishes” will be fulfilled. Lockers at Toledo High have been painted, and a tile entryway for the main hall has been installed. A science lab at the school has been renovated.

Staff moving from Arcadia to the old middle school also presented a detailed binder showing staff locations and desires. An asphalt track has been completed at the school; a tortoise and a hare will be painted on lanes, as was done at Arcadia. Playground equipment will be installed inside the track.

At Newport High, the student store was converted to a classroom and a student lounge was added.

The softball field at Waldport High has been started. Existing asphalt waste has been removed from property in Waldport.

In Lincoln City, custodial staff was reassigned to help alleviate areas of concern. At Taft High, the student store is being moved to the Commons area, and a distance lab is being added upstairs.

Mr. Belloni reported staff has lists of projects from other schools as well, that will be addressed after the larger moves. He expressed pride in his staff, and said having skilled tradesmen (electrical, plumbing, cabinetry, heating, etc.) is working well for the district.

Long-Range Plan

The Board asked to continue this discussion until Superintendent Rinearson was present. The topic this meeting included a revised “decision making process” flowchart, and developing a procedure for new board member orientation.

Discussion on NSBA “Action Alert”

Director Smith asked the Board to consider the “Action Alert” received from National School Boards Association pursuant to Title programs and No Child Left Behind. The publication asked districts to consider how they have been or will be affected by cuts in federal funding for these programs. Ms. Smith noted the need to define specific effects on our district and what our needs are. Being able to provide specific examples to elected representatives is helpful, she said. The information may be procured from Federal Programs Administrator Cathy Russell and Special Programs Administrator Susan Van Liew.

Discussion on 06/07 Goals

Superintendent Rinearson presented draft district and board goals for the Board’s perusal. This item will return for further discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent