

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors - Regular Session
Tuesday, September 26, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Brenda Brown, Vice-Chairman

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

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approx. 20 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

Excused: Chairman Sue Ryan; Director Ron Beck

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Vice Chairman Brown convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of three board members present. Chairman Ryan and Director Beck were excused from the meeting.

Communications

Seal Rock resident Clifford Ryer spoke to the Board regarding his support for parental choice and variances. He stated being a part of his daughter's education is an important part of he and his wife's lives, and having his daughter on a variance to Yaquina View allows this to happen. In addition to helping in their daughter's room, both parents assist the school in several other ways.

Seal Rock resident Robert Dziak also expressed support of student transfers. "I hear the issue is being pushed by the Toledo folks," said Dziak. "Maybe that area could allow variances, but others areas would not."

Newport High teacher Cindy McConnell spoke to the Board regarding their opinion pursuant to out of country field trips. She said Newport High has a successful history of field trips out of the country, and said students at the school would like to begin planning a trip for (possibly) late summer, 2007. Ms. McConnell said her questions are two-fold, as she would like permission to hold a meeting for parents, and wanted to gauge the feeling of the board. She asked for assurances the Board would not cancel a planned trip if the terror alert level changes, but only if a travel advisory is issued by the State Department. Superintendent Rinearson suggested a decision matrix be developed to help define the process.

Board Reports

Vice-Chairman Brenda Brown reported a "stuff the bus" effort for Toledo and Siletz schools is planned for September 29 at the Scrub-a-dub carwash in Toledo.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized the Crestview Heights Parent/Teacher Organization for their donation of eight DVD players to classrooms at the school.

The Superintendent also recognized NHS senior Stephanie Jones for her participation in Oregon Girls State, held over the summer at Willamette University. The week-long leadership/ citizenship program is sponsored by the American Legion for high school students between their junior and senior years.

Mr. Rinearson thanked KYTE and affiliated radio stations for sponsoring the "Stuff a Bus" school supply drive for Newport schools. Nine large bags and two boxes were given to each Newport school.

The Superintendent also thanked radio station KBCH and the Tanger Outlet for sponsoring "Stuff the Bus" for north area students. This effort garnered just under \$10,000 in supplies and cash for these students.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Wal-Mart for their donation of backpacks valued at approximately \$250 to Yaquina View Elementary students.

The Superintendent reported 18 LCSD teachers took part in the NASA/OMSI workshop held Saturday, September 23. The science curriculum presented is geared toward students in grades 4-8, and is focused on water.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 06/07-16

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

- Minutes of the 9/12/06 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 9/26/06;**
- Policy Code JGDA, Discipline of Disabled Students**

Discussion on Policy JECC, Assignment of Students to Schools

Superintendent Rinearson presented a revised policy JECC, Assignment of Students to Schools. The proposed policy states students "are assigned to the school in the attendance area in which they reside. A parent may request a transfer to a school outside of their child's assigned school by following the procedures outlined in the accompanying administrative rules." The Superintendent noted he changed the word "variance" to "transfer" as it is a more common usage; variance usually refers to out of district transfers.

Per state and federal law, students may transfer to schools outside their residence area if their "home" school is identified for school improvement, or if they have either not met or have exceeded state academic content standards. In addition, students who are victims of a violent criminal offense may transfer to a safe district school.

Mr. Rinearson reported that Isaac Newton Magnet School (INMS) met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) but was not offered as a "choice" school this year. If it was offered as a choice, a number of slots would

need to be saved for students from a school not meeting AYP, thus negating entry requirements for students wishing to attend the school.

Director Smith presented information and a policy on this subject from the Corvallis school district, who went from an open enrollment district to something different. "I want to make sure all of our schools have high quality and equitable opportunities, and are economically viable," said Smith. She suggested the Board form a subcommittee to continue work on the policy with the Superintendent. A motion to do so was tabled to the next board meeting, to allow the full board an opportunity to consider it. Superintendent Rinearson reminded the group if the Board appoints a committee, it is subject to public meeting law requirements, including notice and minutes.

The policy will return to the Board for additional discussion at the next board meeting.

Information on Deferred Compensation Plan (457B)

Assistant Superintendent Len Geiger presented a revised Deferred Compensation Plan for district employees. Two tax deferral programs have been maintained in the District, one under Section 403(b) and one under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Service code. As rules governing the plan have changed significantly, it must be restated to be in compliance with the new rules.

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

Financial Report

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented the monthly financial report at the September 12th board meeting. Board members have an opportunity to ask questions about the report at the second board meeting of the month. Director Brown was not present at the September 12th meeting, so asked questions regarding the report.

Discussion on Draft Board Work Plan

The Board approved District and Board goals at the September 12th board meeting. Superintendent Rinearson developed a work plan (timeline) pursuant to the Board goals for the Board's consideration. The plan will return to the Board at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent