

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors – Regular Session
Tuesday, October 10, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
Eddyville Charter School
Eddyville, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Sue Ryan, Chairman

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

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approx. 30 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

Excused: Ron Beck, Director

Call to Order-Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Sue Ryan convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Beck was excused from the meeting.

Board members thanked Principal Don McDonald, Secretary Ann Cook and the Eddyville Charter School Board for hosting a “marvelous” dinner and tour of the school prior to the regular session. Each of the board members introduced themselves to the audience.

Board Reports- Ballot Measures

Board member Brenda Brown presented resolutions she developed opposing ballot measures 41 (federal deduction), 45 (legislative term limits) and 48 (state spending limit). She recently attended the OSBA Fall Regional meeting, which focused on the upcoming election and ballot measures that could affect schools. The Board approved the resolutions later in the meeting.

Passage of Measure 41 could result in a decrease of revenue to LCSD in the current biennium of approximately \$759,125, and approximately \$4,097,267 in the 2007-09 biennium.

Passage of Measure 48 could reduce revenues to LCSD by \$5,027,316 in the current biennium, and \$10,054,632 in the next biennium.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Mo’s Restaurant and Pepsi for their donations of \$300 each to Newport High’s Link Crew.

The Superintendent recognized Emma’s Project for their donation of backpacks to Oceanlake and Sam Case. Emma’s Project is a non-profit organization formed in memory of a former student.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Curves gym for their donation of \$1,680 to the District's Homeless program. Members of Curves raffled a quilt sewn by their members.

The Superintendent reported Newport High's Leadership students hosted the Newport Chamber's "First Tuesday" breakfast forum at the school last week. He also noted the end of the first six-week grading period of the school year is Thursday, October 12th.

Mr. Rinearson noted he visited new teachers at Toledo High last week, and said if all visits prove as rewarding as that one, the district has done well.

He reported the District is the recipient, along with the Newport Police Department, of a COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) grant. The grant will upgrade the lock systems at Newport schools so individual classroom doors may be locked from the inside in the event of an emergency.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 06/07-17

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

- **Minutes of the 9/26/06 Regular Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items and addendum dated 10/10/06;**
- **Deferred Compensation Plan, 457(b);**
- **Supplemental Tutoring Services, Advantage Point.**

Approval of Board Work Plan (Timeline)

Motion 06/07-18

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved the Board Work Plan (timeline) as noted in the October 10, 2006 board folder. The timeline provides a plan for completing the Board goals for the year.

Policy JECC, Assignment of Students to Schools

The Board continued their discussion on the variance (transfer) policy. At the last meeting, Director Smith made a motion to form a board subcommittee to continue work on a revised policy; the motion was tabled until the October 10th board meeting. Director Smith commented she feels the proposed policy needs "more work and conversation." She suggested the new "Board decision making process" flowchart may be a good tool to use on the policy.

Chairman Ryan noted she was not present at the September 26th meeting, and said the Board held a work session in late August to discuss the variance/transfer policy. Suggestions were made at that time, which the Superintendent incorporated into the proposed policy. "What is it, Billie Jo, that we are trying to accomplish?" asked Ms. Ryan.

Director Smith replied the Board had not yet identified "what we are trying to solve." She said the district is experiencing declining enrollment, which has lead to challenges in providing an adequate education. "In our district, this has lead to instability. The policy is being written to address those situations." She again suggested using the new decision making process, and said the policy from

Corvallis School District she distributed at the last meeting is a simple one. “The point is, we want to make sure we provide a quality, equitable education for all our students, in all our schools. If our transfer policy is causing problems, maybe we can solve them.” She withdrew her prior motion, to give the full board an opportunity to discuss the policy.

The work plan approved earlier in the meeting calls for completion of the policy at the December board meeting, which Director Turner pointed out. “We were moving too fast. Your challenge to us, Tom, was for us to determine what we are trying to fix. My thinking is, we have a school hurting that we need to fix. I suggest we have not explored all the alternatives. I would like to have a broader inclusion.”

Chairman Ryan agreed, and said she is not convinced problems in areas of the district are the result of the variance policy. She noted the need for a simple policy, with more complex administrative rules.

Financial Report

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin reported business office staff completed the annual audit field work last week. No significant changes to revenue or expenditures were noted. Student enrollment is lower by approximately 200 students compared to September, 2005.

Brenda Brown thanked Ms. Baldwin for her good work. Ms. Baldwin noted the many challenges faced by the business office last year, including the change to ADP (now being switched back to the AS 400).

Budget Calendar, 2007/08

Julie Baldwin presented a draft Budget Calendar for 2007/08. Budget Committee meetings are scheduled to begin in mid-April, with the final meeting 5/31/07. The Board will hold a public hearing and consider the budget at the last board meeting in June 2007.

Superintendent Rinearson reported he talked with superintendents of districts with a biennium rather than an annual budget, and said he may propose a biennium budget. He said he has heard positive feedback from superintendents he talked to, and said many of them call the budget committee together the second year of the biennium to review the budget.

Approval of Amendment to Contract, Custodial Services

Motion 06/07-19

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved the amendment to the agreement with Sodexo America LLC for custodial services. The amendment was necessitated by the reduction in the number of school buildings in the district, thus custodians.

Long Range Plan

The Board continued its discussion on the “decision making process” flowchart. In addition, Superintendent Rinearson appointed Brenda Brown and Jean Turner to develop a training plan for new board members.

**Approval of Resolution Opposing Ballot Measures 41,
Federal Deduction**

Motion 06/07-20

On motion of Director Smith, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved a resolution opposing ballot measure 41, federal deduction, on the November 7, 2006 ballot.

**Approval of Resolution Opposing Ballot Measure 45,
Legislative Term Limits**

Motion 06/07-21

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved a resolution opposing ballot measure 45, legislative term limits, on the November 7, 2006 ballot.

**Approval of Resolution Opposing Ballot Measure 48,
State Spending Limit**

Motion 06/07-22

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved a resolution opposing ballot measure 48, state spending limit.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent