

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors - Regular Session
Tuesday, October 24, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

PRESIDING: Sue Ryan, Chairman

Present: Sue Ryan, Chairman; Brenda Brown, Vice-Chairman; Ron Beck, Jean Turner, Directors

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary, approx. 10 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Ryan convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum of all four board members present.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Emma's Project for donating 11 student backpacks with school supplies to Crestview Heights School.

The Superintendent also thanked the Sebastiani family and friends for donating nearly \$1,000 to Newport Middle's social communications classroom for special needs students. The funds are in memory of a family member.

Mr. Rinearson recognized Waldport High teacher Margie Burak for her receipt of the Oregon Council of Teachers of Mathematics Recognition Award. Ms. Burak is being recognized for her leadership and service in the math education community.

Superintendent Rinearson reported Mid-Columbia bus drivers are holding a Krispy Kreme doughnut fund-raiser to benefit the district's Homeless program. The event is planned for Saturday, October 28 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the parking lots of Toledo and Newport JC Markets.

Parent/Teacher conferences take place this week; schools have a variety of schedules. No school for students October 26 and 27.

The Superintendent reported representatives of Neskowin Valley School in Tillamook County are interested in developing a charter school, in large part to effect stable funding for the school. They will be applying for a planning grant from ODE, and are interested in joint sponsorship by Nestucca and Lincoln County School Districts. If the planning grant is successful, the Board may address this topic in the future. The Superintendent reported that 63% of Neskowin Valley School's students live in Lincoln County.

Mr. Rinearson reported the Board will hold a work session to discuss the proposed transfer (variance) policy November 14, prior to the regular session at Waldport High School.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 06/07-19

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

- **Minutes of the 10/10/06 Work Session;**
- **Minutes of the 10/10/06 Regular Session;**
- **Budget Calendar, 2007/08.**

Declaration of Vacancy- Zone 4 Board of Directors

Motion 06/07-20

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously declared a vacancy in Zone 4 of the LCSD Board of Directors following the resignation of Director Billie Jo Smith. The Board will begin the process of filling the vacancy, as described in the Process and Timeline considered later in the meeting.

Approval of Process and Timeline, Zone 4 Replacement

Motion 06/07-21

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved the process and timeline for appointment of a new representative to Zone 4 of the LCSD Board of Directors as described in the October 24, 2006 board folder. Applicants must currently reside in Zone 4 (roughly, Toledo, Siletz, Eddyville areas), and must have resided in Lincoln County for the past year. The applicant must also be a registered voter, and may not be an employee of LCSD. Applications are due to Laurie Urquhart in the District Administration office November 27, with interviews planned for the late afternoon/evening of December 12, 2006. The process calls for no more than four finalists for interview; if more than four applicants apply, the Board will call a special meeting to review the applications and select the four finalists.

Director Turner asked if the Board could require applicants to agree to run for the two-year remainder term in Zone 4. Mr. Rinearson suggested the Board include that question on the application.

Director Beck raised the issue of zones of representation, and asked if the Board has to ratify the zones as they currently exist, given the state mandated change from a county to a common school district. The Superintendent noted he discussed the issue with an attorney, who stated the Board could continue operating as they are currently (i.e., representing zones). The Board has authority to re-draw the zone lines, based on population. Mr. Rinearson said the upcoming election next spring may be a good time to examine the zones and the latest census. "With three of the five positions up for election, you may want to look at it before the filing date in March," said Rinearson.

Director Beck stated his preference for examining the zones. Director Turner said the District has identifiable towns, large and small, that should be represented by a Board member. The Superintendent suggested the Board discuss the issue at a future meeting.

Application packets for Zone 4 are available on the District's website (www.lincoln.k12.or.us) and will be available in east area schools, libraries, and the Eddyville Post Office.

Easement, Near Burgess Property, Toledo

Director Rich Belloni reported this item was added to the agenda to accommodate a homeowner near the Burgess property who is trying to sell their property. Currently, the home does not have a formal

easement through the District's property, though they have accessed the property that way for many years. The Board reached consensus to allow an easement.

**Approval of Newport High Field Trips - France and
Costa Rica or Peru**

Motion 06/07-22

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved out of country field trips to France (spring break, 2008) and either Costa Rica or Peru (summer, 2007), with new parameters regarding threats to students' safety described by Superintendent Rinearson at the meeting. Students involved in the travel to a Spanish speaking country will be selecting either Costa Rica or Peru in the coming days.

Parameters described by the Superintendent are: if the U.S. State Department issues a Travel Warning to avoid travel to the country in question, the field trip would be cancelled. If a "severe threat- red level- imminent risk" is issued, the trip will be reviewed and likely cancelled. Students will be allowed by the District to travel if the threat level is at orange, or below.

Most tour companies stipulate refunds to students of 100% if a State Department Travel Warning is issued. For "Red" alerts, many companies will refund 100%, except \$95. Insurance also exists for \$115 that would ensure full refunds (less the cost of the insurance).

Teacher Maggie Moline described the planned trip to France, and said students' main focus is their home stays with French families and attendance at French high schools.

Budget Committee Vacancies- Zones 2 and 3

Vacancies exist in Zones 2 (Agate Beach, Depoe Bay, other areas north and east) and 3 (Newport) of LCSD's Budget Committee. Board members from the respective zones hope to identify candidates to fill the vacancies in early Spring.

Long Range Plan

The Board continued its discussion on the "decision making process" flowchart. The Superintendent noted he may use the process with the Learning Support Team.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent