

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors - Regular Session
Tuesday, November 14, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
Waldport High School
Waldport, Oregon

Minutes

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; approximately 20 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.

Student Rep- Katie Bussey

Executive Council Secretary Katie Bussey updated the Board on activities at Waldport High, including: *Students are starting an 'artistic coalition' to add creativity and murals to the school; *A canned food drive gleaned over 200 pounds of food which was given to South Lincoln County Resources; *Seniors are taking part in a senior project to help them identify possible future careers; *Participation in on-line classes has increased significantly this year; *Sports teams fared well, with increased participation in cross country and a trip to the playoffs by the volleyball team; cheerleaders will compete next weekend; *Executive council applied for a grant to post the dangers of speeding, which can be incorporated into the artistic coalition.

Board Reports

Board members reported they attended Oregon School Boards Association's (OSBA) annual conference in Portland. Director Beck noted his attendance at a session on Internet crimes against children, and said this may be a good future project for Rob Bovett.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized San Jose resident Christine Halverson for her generous donation of tools, equipment and supplies to Waldport High's Industrial Tech department. The donation's value was placed at over \$9,000.

The Superintendent also recognized Toledo 7-12, middle level, for their award of a \$10,000 grant from YSI. The grant is a joint effort of Toledo 7-12 (teacher Barbara Ballas) and Oregon Coast Community College (Bruce Koike). The focus of the grant is watershed restoration.

Mr. Rinearson thanked optometric physician Rick Letherer for his donation of six children's eye exams and glasses. Dr. Letherer has continued this tradition since 1994.

The Superintendent also thanked the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution fund for their donations to Oceanlake Elementary School. One donation will purchase keyboards for Palm Pilots in Ms. Silen's class, and another contribution will purchase level guided books for Ms. Napoleon's first grade class.

Superintendent Rinearson wished Director Brenda Brown "happy birthday" (November 17) and noted parent/teacher conferences were well attended this year. Yaquina View offered teachers the choice of scheduling conferences Wednesday night, with Friday off, or the reverse. Most rooms at Toledo Elementary had a turnout of 100%; Taft Elementary parents enjoyed having an additional evening offering, and were also at nearly 100%. Over 815 parents attended conferences at Newport High.

In fall sports, Toledo and Newport football teams went to state playoffs. Toledo was eliminated after the first game; Newport plays Friday, November 17 versus Gladstone.

Taft High's volleyball team just missed going to state playoffs; Newport's volleyball team lost in the first round of state playoffs.

Newport High's girls cross country team won Districts for the first time, and placed 11th in the state. Taft and Toledo sent runners to the state meet as well.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 06/07-23

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

- **Minutes of the 10/24/06 Work Session;**
- **Minutes of the 10/24/06 Regular Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 11/14/06.**

Resolution 2006/07-2, American Education Week

Motion 06/07-24

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Beck, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2006/07-2 proclaiming the week of November 12-18, 2006 as American Education Week. This event is observed throughout the nation to honor educators and the important work they do.

Resolution 2006/07-6, American Indian Heritage Month

Motion 06/07-25

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2006/07-6 proclaiming the month of November as "American Indian Heritage Month." This event is also celebrated nationally; a copy of the resolution will be distributed to all schools for posting.

South Area Report

Board members visited Margie Burak's classroom to see a demonstration of a "Smart Board" used in her room, as well as in Language Arts teacher Kathleen Ritzman's class.

Annual editor Traci Smith demonstrated the on-line yearbook program being used this year at the school. Teacher Guillermo Gonzales updated the Board on the work of two tsunami committees at the school (one comprised of adults and one of students). The committees meet weekly to plan for student safety in the event of a tsunami. The groups hope to identify a different evacuation route for students and staff.

Students Ben Robbins and Steven Jackson described activities pursuant to the Kayak Shack last summer, and showed a video commercial for the business. Principal Von Taylor noted the positive impact of technology on many facets of the school.

Financial Report

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented the year-end report for the 2005-06 year, as well as the October, 2006 report. No significant changes from prior reports were noted. Ms. Baldwin reported she approached ODE regarding her disagreement with their determination of the "local revenue" rate, but had not yet received a reply.

Superintendent Rinearson reminded the Board of the importance of cash to deal with the ups and downs of school finance.

Ms. Baldwin noted the lower than projected expenditure in health insurance, as the rate of increase was not as high as projected.

Long Range Plan

The Board discussed a possible format for the long-range plan; several samples were presented. The Board asked to combine features of the "reading implementation" and the Aquarium's long range plan format. Superintendent Rinearson noted the plan needs to be a good communication tool, without having "plan paralysis."

The Board continued its discussion on the "decision making process" flowchart. They will begin using the chart as it currently stands, and will make adjustments as needed. The process could prove useful to new board members.

A joint work session with the LCSD Board of Directors and the LBL ESD Board of Directors is planned for Tuesday, December 5 at Eddyville School. Superintendent George Murdock will answer questions regarding Ione School District's separation from Morrow County. Mr. Rinearson asked Board members to forward questions they have to him, and noted Mr. Murdock will not speak as a proponent of separation, but rather will answer questions as one who has been through the process.

The Superintendent also noted the Ione process involved an arbitrator to solve some of the issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent