



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the January 9, 2007 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on January 9, 2007 at Toledo Elementary School with approximately 40 members of the staff, media and interested patrons.

Student Representatives- Toledo High

Toledo High Student Body Secretary Breanna McBride and President Beth Mathews updated the Board on activities at Toledo High, including:

- Homecoming activities, including guys' volleyball and powder puff football, went well. Hallway decorating was fun and creative, with Wizard of Oz and Alice in Wonderland hallways;
- A canned food drive did very well, with 4200 pounds of food gathered in a variety of ways;
- A fundraiser for Doernbecher Children's Hospital is upcoming.

SOS Committee Report

SOS Committee member Grant Forrest commented LCSD may not be benefiting from economies of scale, and said east-county could benefit by becoming a separate district. He said articles in the newspaper are creating a "wedge" between different factions in the county. He also stated, with Siletz and Eddyville charter schools' opposition to their inclusion in the proposed district's boundaries, the success of a split is "a long shot at best."

Mr. Forrest said the SOS group compared LCSD with other districts of similar size, and distributed a list of 12 questions based (in part) on those comparisons. He asked "what is so good about the performance in east county that we should not consider making changes?" and completed his remarks by saying the district provides unequal opportunities for students.

Communications

Toledo resident Tad Brown addressed the Board about the new transfer policy, saying most transfers

cause a loss of program in the sending school. He also said less affluent families may not be able to take advantage of transfers (due to transportation issues).

Siletz Valley Board Chair Katie Lindstrom clarified that charter school's position on the proposed secession effort by saying their Board had informed the SOS group of their opposition in October. She noted their board only learned of the inclusion of the Siletz charters in the proposed boundaries by reading it in the newspaper. She said the proposed new district is "not as viable or stable an option as what we currently have." Ms. Lindstrom also said the Siletz charters have benefited tremendously from parental choice.

Superintendent Rinearson read a letter received from the Eddyville Charter School (ECS) Board and administration. The letter stated the ECS Board met in January, and voted unanimously to oppose the SOS legislative efforts. The ECS Board cited their "appreciation of the positive working relationship that exists between ECS and LCSD," and said changes in governance, contract or sponsorship "that would place the charter school in jeopardy of losing this partnership are not acceptable to the ECS Board." The letter concluded by asking the LCSD Board to publicly state their support of the charter schools' opposition of the formation of a new east area district.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Isaac Newton Magnet School for their award from ODE of a flag for being a "School of Excellence." The award is given based on a school's state Report Card rating of "Exceptional." INMS has received such a flag three years in a row.

The Board Report is a summary from the latest meeting of the Lincoln County School District Board of Directors. For additional information, you may contact Laurie Urquhart, Secretary or Tom Rinearson, Superintendent at 265-4403.

The Superintendent also recognized Taft High students Josh Evans and Ed Cox for correctly answering an “Algebra in Action- Problem of the Week.” Columbus State University in Georgia hosts the program; students from several countries participate.

Mr. Rinearson congratulated 21st Century Learning Center coordinator in Newport Bambi Henderson for her selection as “Volunteer of the Year.” Lincoln County Health and Human Services Prevention Program selected Ms. Henderson for her many volunteer activities, including the Newport Police Department, Red Cross and several sports teams.

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated LCSD special education students, some of whom went to State in Special Olympics bowling. Several of the students are from Toledo.

The Superintendent also congratulated substitute teacher Walt Ricks for being honored as the 2006-07 “Substitute of the Year.” Mr. Ricks has worked in LCSD since 1995.

Mr. Rinearson reported Newport High, Sam Case and Yaquina View received funds from the Arts Cultural Coalition. Newport High will use their portion to support student theater.

Superintendent Rinearson reported Monday, January 15 is Martin Luther King Day, with no school for students that day. Friday, January 26 is the end of the first semester, and Monday, January 29 is Records Day (no school for students).

The Superintendent thanked Board members for their many contributions to the betterment of the district, in honor of “School Board Recognition Month.”

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes of the 12/5/06 Work Session;**
- Minutes of the 12/12/06 Special Session;**
- Minutes of the 12/12/06 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**

-Resignations: Robert DeLoss, Sam Case; Grace Wiesner, Crestview Hts.; Nancy Beckham, Toledo Elem.; Leslie Smith, Crestview Hts.

-Classified Hires: Jennifer Basinger, Toledo Elem.; Melinda Dye, NHS; Kathy Johnson, Taft Elem.; Brandie Naylor, NHS; Lorna Reed, Toledo Elem.; Pamela Sullivan, YVE; Pauline Masters, Crestview Hts.

-Leave of Absence: Cheryl Davis, extend thru 1/8/07; Nancy Giuliani, 12/14/06-1/31/07; Patricia Connor, 4/30/07-6/15/07; Theresa Maloney, 1/9/07-2/15/07; Reyna Mattson, 2/9/07-5/14/07; Mary Poling, 1/10/07-2/12/07

-Coaches: James Rodriguez, Wrestling, Taft 7-12.

•**Waldport Property- OCCC Sale.**

Approval of Criteria and Timeline, Superintendent Evaluation

The Board approved an evaluation criteria (form) and timeline for the 06-07 evaluation of the superintendent. District administrators will also complete the evaluation instrument.

Revised 06-07 Board Meeting Calendar

The Board approved a revised school board meeting calendar for 2006-07. For the remainder of the year, the board will hold one business meeting per month on the second Tuesday evening. Fourth and fifth Tuesdays may be used as work sessions of the board. The calendar will be posted on the district’s website and available at all school facilities.

Policy JECC, Assignment of Students to Schools

The Board approved a revised “Assignment of Students to Schools” policy. The revised policy states “Students are assigned to 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 administrative rules will be completed in the coming weeks.

Director Ron Beck spoke in favor of student transfers, saying he believes parental choice is a “real positive.”

**Long Range Plan- Education Summit,
March 13****East Area Report**

Toledo Elementary Principal Rosemary O'Neil highlighted school improvement activities at the school, and discussed the Reading First grant. Staff meet regularly to review student test data, and adjust instruction to individual children if his/her progress is not moving satisfactorily.

Toledo High Principal Paul Priest reported that school is pleased with the new vocational/technical program at the school, slated to begin next semester. The program was initiated by meetings held last year with staff, community, parents and students. She also reported the transition to inclusion of students in grades 7 and 8 has gone well.

Compliance with State Standards- Annual Report

Due to conflicts in schedules, this report was tabled to the next meeting.

Information on Saudi Arabia Trip- Doug Hoffman

District Media Specialist Doug Hoffman reported he recently visited Saudi Arabia at the invitation of ARAMCO (the major energy company of that country), who paid all expenses for the trip. Mr. Hoffman was one of 25 educators in the country to take part in this visit, initiated by ARAMCO to help teach Americans about Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Hoffman is touring classrooms to describe his visit and share artifacts of Saudi Arabia with LCSD students.

Financial Report

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented the financial report as of December 31, 2006. The most significant change from last month's report is the loss of "federal forest fees" from the federal government, approximately \$1 million to our district. Though the state is required to make up this loss, the actual amount and timing will be unknown for some time.

Superintendent Rinearson reported the Economic Development Alliance will host an "Education Summit" on Tuesday, March 13. The location will be finalized in the near future, and will highlight the many positive programs and activities ongoing in the district.

List of Board Vacancies- May, 2007 Election

A "special districts" election will be held May 15, 2007 which will include filling vacancies on the LCSD Board of Directors. Vacancies will exist as of July 1st in Zone 1 (Lincoln City), Zone 2 (Agate Beach, portions of Siletz) and Zone 4 (Toledo, Eddyville, Siletz areas). Currently those positions are held by Sue Ryan, Brenda Brown, and Jana Cowan, respectively. Candidates must file verified signatures or a \$10 filing fee by March 15; the earliest date candidates may file is February 5, 2007. A resolution declaring the vacancies will return to the Board for consideration at the next regular session meeting.

Communications Position

Board members discussed the idea of having a Communications position added next year, in some form. The Superintendent will explore possibilities and budgetary impacts, and report his findings to the Board.

*Next Meeting: February 13, 2007- 7:00 p.m. at
Oceanlake Elementary School*