



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the March 13, 2007 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on March 13, 2007 at Crestview Heights School with approximately 30 members of the staff, media and interested patrons. Board members Jean Turner and Brenda Brown were excused from the meeting.

A Day in the Life of a MAC

Crestview Heights teacher Bob Briggs presented a student-developed video showing students using MAC computers and their many capabilities.

Communications

Toledo resident and Save Our Schools (SOS) committee representative Sharon Branstiter addressed the Board regarding HB 3283, legislation written by the committee. She urged the Board to delay action on their support or opposition to the bill until all five Board members were present, and until the final bill is drafted.

Ms. Branstiter stated the proposed legislation will continue to evolve. She said boundaries of the new district would exclude the communities of Siletz and Eddyville, and noted current variances would remain in place. She also noted the SOS group has retained a retired school finance director to examine the efficacy of the proposed district's financial base.

Ms. Branstiter said the legislation will be amended to protect teachers currently employed by LCSD who may choose to work for the new district by honoring the existing contract. In addition, she noted the current form of the bill specifies a petition must be filed prior to April 15, 2007; this date will be changed to June 15, said Branstiter.

The Board will discuss the legislation at the April board meeting.

Board Reports

Chairman Sue Ryan reported she and Ron Beck

were privileged to join a group of district teachers and administrators visiting Pinellas County School District in Florida. That district uses the same quality model being used in LCSD. Ms. Ryan said the trip was "fascinating" and worthwhile. The travel was made possible by grant funds.

Board member Ron Beck reported he also traveled to Ft. Benning, Georgia as a guest of the Army, and said the excursion showed him a different perspective regarding options for some graduates.

Board member Jana Cowan reported she attended a conference held locally on adolescent sexual health.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Toby Murry Motors for their donation of a Toyota Tundra to LCSD. Raffle tickets costing \$20 each will be sold by four Boosters clubs in the district; the drawing will be held in January, 2008.

The Superintendent recognized Northwest Medical Teams for their donation of a dental van and dentists; 125 LCSD students were served. Mr. Rinearson also thanked School Based Health Centers staff, and Altrusa, Newport and Lincoln City Rotaries and the DHS MAC survey for funding.

Mr. Rinearson recognized Sodexo employees JoAnn Davey (Newport Middle) and Tammy Harris (Sam Case) whose school kitchens received ratings of 100% during a surprise audit.

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated Taft High's Culinary Arts team for their recent excellent showing in competition. The team placed third overall, with first place showings in "best entrée"

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and “presentation.” The team’s advisor is teacher Pam Simpson.

The Superintendent recognized Newport High teacher Dave Campbell, who was inducted into the National Honor Roll’s Outstanding American Teachers Organization. Teachers inducted into this group are those who have made a difference in their communities, and who have been nominated by a student.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Nic Dahl of Dahl Disposal, who donated the delivery of 12 pallets of “turface,” a drying agent for fields. The materials were delivered to Facilities and Maintenance from Portland.

The Superintendent noted the end of the first six-week grading period of the second semester occurred March 9, and said Spring Break is March 26 through 30, 2007.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes of the 2/13/07 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum:**
 - Resignations:** Jill Dimicelli, Newport Middle; L. Annette Gallagher, Taft 7-12; Kandy Hogle, Toledo 7-12; Walter Moynihan, Crestview Heights; Evelyn Smith, Crestview Heights; Nancy Giuliani, Newport High; James Harshfield, Newport Middle; Marguerite MacWilliams, Toledo 7-12; Karolyn Pavlik, Crestview Heights;
 - Temporary Licensed Hires:** Nicole Heinlein, Sam Case;
 - Leave of Absence:** Elizabeth Greenawald, 2/22/07-3/13/07; Kristy Heller, 2/28/07-3/30/07; Marguerite MacWilliams, 2/9/07-6/15/07; Brandie Naylor, 2/26/07-3/9/07; Ann Thompson, 3/20/07-4/3/07; Alona Harper, 4/2/07-4/17/07; Clark Nordgren, 1/26/07-3/13/07;
 - Termination:** Layne Hansen, Taft Elem.;
 - Coaches:** Shahna Ashard, Toledo High; Thomas Dahl, Waldport High; Richard Miller, Toledo High;
- Renewal of Probationary/Permanent Licensed Personnel, as amended 3-13-07.**

Approval of Policy DB, District Budget

The Board approved a revised policy DB, District Budget. The policy has been changed to align with Policy DBEA, Budget Committee, which names the Board as the entity to approve new programs. The Budget Committee approves budget estimates for an educational plan “previously determined by the Board.”

Appointment to Budget Committee

The Board appointed Larry Anthony to Zone 5 of the LCSD Budget Committee, with a term through June 30, 2008. A vacancy still exists in Zone 3 (Newport). Applications are available in all schools, on the district website (www.lincoln.k12.or.us) and at the District Administration Office in Newport.

HB 3283, East County Proposed Legislation

Chairman Ryan tabled this discussion until the April 10 board meeting.

SB 426 Mandatory Insurance Pool

Proposed legislation SB426 mandates the creation of a state government-run insurance pool for most school districts, ESD’s and community colleges. OSBA is opposed to the legislation and urged school districts to take action opposing it. The Board took no action, electing to glean additional information on both sides of the issue.

Discussion on IB Letter of Support

Newport High School is in the process of completing an application to become part of the International Baccalaureate program. Part of the application process includes a letter of support from the District’s Board of Directors. The Board noted their support of the program; the letter will return to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

Discussion on English Language Development (ELD) Curriculum Adoption

Teacher Brandi Ward and ESOL Coordinator Susan Roebber presented new English Language Development for the Board’s consideration. The

curriculum is more focused and systematic than currently exists; the Board will consider it at the next meeting.

Discussion on Health Curriculum Guides Adoption

Crestview Heights teacher Ruth McDonald presented Health curriculum guides for the Board's consideration. The guides are available on the district's secure website, and will return for the Board's consideration at the next board meeting.

Discussion on Expanded Kindergarten Opportunities

Federal Programs Administrator Cathy Russell reported expanded Kindergarten opportunities in several forms have been discussed for the upcoming year. State funding will determine the levels of opportunities available.

Information on Student Transfer Rules (JECC-AR)

Superintendent Rinearson presented administrative rules for the student transfer policy (JECC-AR). The new rules allow a transfer student (after receiving approval from both principals) to stay in a school to the highest level of that school (no annual applications). The revised policy will be distributed in the coming days.

Financial Report

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin and Accounting Coordinator Susan Musgrove presented financial reports as of February 28, 2007. The district will receive funds from ODE due to adjustments in the 05/06 and current years.

Policy Code DBKA, Operating Contingency Account

Current Policy DBKA stipulates the contingency account will be maintained at five percent of the total budget. While the district has monies set aside in the "unappropriated ending fund" balance, the amount maintained in the contingency fund does not reach the five percent level. Julie Baldwin

explained the uses of the contingency fund are defined by state law, and are narrow.

The Superintendent noted the Board may wish to adjust the policy to reflect practice. He also urged the Board to provide an avenue to apply any funds received above the contingency level to district debt (PERS bonds and early retirement costs), thus stabilizing the District. The Board discussed the policy at the February board meeting, and continued the discussion March 13th. Superintendent Rinearson will present a revised policy at the next meeting.

Discussion on Budgeting Planning

Superintendent Rinearson reported the funds LCSD will receive as adjustments from the prior year are due to underpayment by ODE. He suggested using these funds for the reduction of debt service.

Also, he noted the hoped for level of state funding for the coming year of \$6.3 billion is uncertain at this point. He suggested building the budget at the \$6.0 billion level, with a plan for add-ons if more funding is available. The Board reached consensus to do so.

Policy Codes EEA, Student Transportation Services and EEAC, Student Bus Safety Program

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin and Mid Columbia Manager Mark Culver presented two revised policies dealing with student transportation. Though the policies were presented at the February board meeting, it became clear further revisions were needed.

Mr. Culver noted buses over 10,000 pounds are exempt from car seats and restraints, and said data supports the notion that buses are the safest kind of transportation available.

Mr. Culver reported Mid Columbia will continue its tradition of offering \$500 scholarships in four areas of the district for high school graduates. In addition, he presented a \$500 check to be used at the elementary level, and a \$200 check for support of libraries.

Long-Range Plan: Education

Superintendent Rinearson demonstrated the Strategic Plan, available on the district's website. He also reported the K-12 Public Education Summit will take place March 20, sponsored by the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County. An overview of the district will be presented, as well as graduation requirements, and two breakout sessions with five topics each. Guests will also be asked to formulate headlines they would like to see in the District over the next five years.

Mr. Rinearson will facilitate a discussion on "what you know, what you think you know, and what you want to know" about Lincoln County School District. Responses will be used to formulate a communication plan for the district.

Superintendent's Contract

Chairman Ryan reported the Board would like to offer the Superintendent a three-year contract, with a 2.5% increase for the coming year. In addition, the Board would like to establish a tax sheltered annuity for the Superintendent, and would like to remove the language in his contract related to the ability to "buy back" ten days of vacation, and pay him the ten days instead. An annual membership in the Newport Recreation Center was also proposed. The contract will return to the Board for its consideration April 10th.

*Next meeting: April 10, 2007; 7:00 p.m. at
Siletz Valley School*