

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors- Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, April 10, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Siletz Valley School**  
**Siletz, Oregon**

**Minutes**

**PRESIDING:** Sue Ryan, Chairman

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

**Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 40 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 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

**Student and Teacher Reps- Siletz Early College Academy**

Teacher Rachel Craven, senior advisor, explained teachers at the school teach electives in addition to core classes; she teaches social studies, journalism and art. She noted the journalism class is creating the first yearbook the high school has had in 24 years.

Senior Karli Jay said it is exciting to be one of the first graduating classes, and said she is enjoying the school and the caring teachers. Seniors are required to do a senior project after a job shadowing experience.

Junior Robert Taylor stated he likes the availability of sports at the school, and appreciates the small class sizes and individual attention.

Teacher Kellen Akiyama, language arts and cooking teacher, noted the school began the year with high participation in on-line classes. That participation has declined, as courses are college level and difficult. He expects participation to increase in the coming years, and said he enjoys the teaching at the school.

**Board Reports**

Chairman Sue Ryan noted her receipt of an invitation from Oceanlake to a student author tea on April 12.

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Kroger/Fred Meyer for their donation of approximately \$3,500 to the District as part of their "Support Our Schools" fall campaign.

Mr. Rinearson reported Taft High teacher Allison Samuels made a televised appearance on Wheel of Fortune.

The Superintendent thanked the Oregon Coastal Aires and the Yachats Village Music Foundation for their donations to Crestview Heights' music program.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Sodexo- Food Services for their donation of \$2,000 for scholarships for graduating seniors.

Mr. Rinearson recognized Crestview Heights teacher Ruth McDonald for her selection as an Einstein Fellow, an "incredible feat." The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program offers math, technology and science teachers the opportunity to serve in the national public policy area. Ms. McDonald will be affiliated with the National Science Foundation during her fellowship.

The Superintendent reported the Education Summit was well attended and provided good feedback for the strategic planning process.

He noted the first Budget Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. at Newport High. Also, the date for the budget public hearing will change from June 26 to June 12, 7:00 p.m. at Newport High School.

### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**Motion 06/07-39**

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

- Minutes of the 3/13/07 Regular Session;**
- Health Curriculum Guides;**
- English Language Development Curriculum;**
- NHS IB Letter of Support;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- Policy DBKA Operating Contingency Fund;**
- Policy EEA, Student Transportation Services;**
- Policy EEAC, Student Bus Safety Program.**

### **Lincoln City Soccer Field**

Rich Belloni introduced Lincoln City's Ron Ploger, Bob Bambrick of the Inn at Spanish Head, and soccer coach Ray Santos, members of a committee formed to develop a multi-use field in Lincoln City. They described their plans to convert the current football field to a synthetic surface, thus making it useable more often for a wide variety of participants.

Mr. Bambrick procured a large grant from the U.S. Soccer Foundation, and several entities have pledged funds to make the field a reality. The group approached the District to ask for a contribution of \$100,000 cash to the effort; the Superintendent has set aside funds in next year's budget from the sale of the Delake property. In addition, the District will contribute \$50,000 in-kind services by moving existing track and field equipment to a different location. The District plans to enter into a 25-year cooperative use agreement with the city of Lincoln City to make the project viable.

Mr. Ploger stated his goal of raising the bulk of the required funds, and said the project is eligible for state lottery dollars. The hope is to have the field ready by September 1, 2007. Total cost of the project could range from \$600,000 to \$900,000; the current total raised for the project stands at \$740,000, including the in-kind donations.

**Appointment of Tom Runions to Budget Committee**

**Motion 06/07-40**

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously appointed Tom Runions to Zone 3 of the LCSD Budget Committee, with a term through June 30, 2009.

Director Beck noted Mr. Runions had not applied earlier due to his concerns about the required time commitment.

**Approval of Resolution- Tax Anticipation Notes**

**Motion 06/07-41**

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2006/07-10, Note Resolution, to purchase Tax Anticipation Notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,075,000. The district must borrow funds to meet expenses prior to the receipt of property taxes in November, 2007.

**Approval of Resolution, Teacher Appreciation Week-  
May 7-11, 2007**

**Motion 06/07-42**

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2006/07-9, proclaiming the week of May 7-11, 2007 as "Teacher Appreciation Week" in the district. Chairman Sue Ryan thanked teachers for their hard work and tremendous contributions.

**Superintendent's Contract- Amendment Four**

**Motion 06/07-43**

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Beck the Board unanimously approved the fourth amendment to Superintendent Rinearson's contract with a three-year term, the longest allowed by state law. The Superintendent's salary increased by 2.5%, the same percentage as for subsequent years of the agreement. In addition, the Board will establish a tax sheltered annuity for the Superintendent, and will purchase a one-year membership in a local recreation center.

**Approval of Resolution- Bike/Walk to School Month**

**Motion 06/07-44**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2006/07-11, declaring the month of May as Bike/Walk to School Month. The Board approved this resolution in keeping with their desire to encourage health and fitness.

**Resolution Opposing SB 621**

**Motion 06/07-45**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2006/07-12, opposing Senate Bill 621 regarding charter schools. The bill's most controversial aspect requires 75% (up from the current requirement of 50%) of teachers at charter schools be licensed through TSPC.

Director Turner asked if the Board's support for this resolution would assist charter schools. "Definitely," replied McDonald. "This goes against the purpose of charters, to allow innovation regarding who teaches what. Most charter schools begin with a small number of kids. In essence, in that scenario, all of your staff would have to be licensed."

Director Brown stated her "absolute support" of charter schools. Charter school administrator Van Peters noted the proposed legislation does not address student achievement, and said it is "strictly a control issue." He also said the bill was proposed by the Oregon Education Association.

### **Report on Siletz Charter Schools**

School Administrator Van Peters reported Siletz Valley School (K-8) now has an enrollment of 187 students, while the high school (Siletz Early College Academy) has 63 students in grades 9-12. He noted both schools' high poverty rate, and the K-8's stellar performance as evidenced on the 2005-06 School Report Card (AYP is met, and the school is rated "strong"). The school's behavior tracking system showed approximately three incidents per day at the middle school level; an eight-step discipline system is in place at the school. The high school level showed a low level of disciplinary problems, with most infractions comprised of unexcused absences.

Mr. Peters reported the high school offers most sports, unusual for a charter school. The school offers both face-to-face and on-line classes, and is shifting its focus to better prepare their students for college.

He also noted the several significant repairs to the facility, including pavement of the playground, repainting of the gym, and repair of the boiler.

### **Information on Homeless Program**

Homeless Liaison Senitila McKinley and Family Advocate Charla Guiwits presented information on the District's 'Homeless' program. Students considered homeless are those who are: living in emergency or transitional shelter; living in motel, hotel, trailer parks, campgrounds, awaiting foster care; in cars, parks, streets, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations; living with relatives or friends; or sharing housing with others.

Ms. McKinley reported the District opened a family literacy and resource center in Lincoln City with many services designed to help homeless students and families. She expressed her hope that identification of students needing services will be easier, and that we "not wait until there is a crisis." Ms. Guiwits noted more staff training would be helpful.

### **Information on Pregnant/Parenting Teens Program**

Charla Guiwits described the District's Pregnant/Parenting Teen program as it exists at Taft High School. Students attend class twice per week for two hours, focusing on life skills training. The hope for the coming year is to integrate the program into the school's master schedule. Currently, 15 students have been identified in Lincoln City fitting the criteria.

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Federal Programs Administrator Cathy Russell for working to increase services to these students. District wide, 45 to 50 pregnant or parenting teens have been identified as eligible to benefit from services such as these.

## **Planned Course Statements/Syllabi, Taft High: Sports & Entertainment, Fashion Marketing, High School 101**

Taft High teacher Vince Dye presented planned course statements and syllabi for three new courses at the school: Sports/Entertainment Marketing, Fashion Marketing, and High School 101. Mr. Dye noted the high relevance to our community for the marketing courses, and said “High School 101” is designed to help Freshmen be successful in high school. The planned course statements and syllabi will return for the Board’s consideration at the next meeting.

## **Policy Code IKF-AR, High School Graduation**

The Board reviewed administrative rules for graduation, necessitated by revised Oregon standards effective in 2012. New standards for LCSD students include: •Algebra I level and above; •three credits in inquiry-based science, including two lab credits; three credits in arts/second languages/professional technical education; elective credits reduced from nine to six.

An additional requirement for students’ exposure to on-line learning may be added to the rules. Superintendent Rinearson stated students should have the opportunity to be successful with regard to on-line learning, as many college courses are thus taught. The Superintendent noted a Request for Proposals to LCSD teachers to develop such courses may be distributed.

The administrative rules will return to the Board at the next meeting.

## **Retirement/Recognition Event**

The annual retirement/recognition dessert is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2007 at the Embarcadero Resort. Social hour is from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., with the program at 7:00 p.m.

## **Hiring Flowchart- Revised Admin. Rules**

Assistant Superintendent Len Geiger reported Cathy Russell led a group examining the hiring policy. Part of this exercise involved developing a “hiring flowchart” to capture the manner in which the process works. The administrative rules were revised as a “housekeeping” measure; no substantive changes were made.

Mr. Geiger also reported licensed individuals seeking employment with the District must also now complete an on-line screening tool, “Teacher Insight.” The tool asks 117 highly researched questions to identify strengths of potential employees; the questionnaire takes approximately 45 minutes to complete.

## **Pre-Employment Drug Screening Policy**

Len Geiger presented a new policy, “Pre-Employment Drug Testing,” drafted by Supervisor of Personnel Sid Danielson. Employees new to the district must successfully pass a pre-employment drug screening test.

Mr. Geiger gave Ms. Danielson kudos for her work on the policy; it will return to the Board at the next meeting.

## **Financial Report**

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin reported no significant changes to expenditures or revenues. She reported student ADM appears to be holding steady.

## **English Language Learner Plan**

ESOL Coordinator Susan Roebber and Kristin Takano presented the English Language Learner district plan, developed by a committee. The goal of the plan is to identify students in need of English as a second language services, place them appropriately, monitor them and exit them from the program when they are ready. The plan will be available on the district's website.

Ms. Takano noted the committee was comprised of individuals new to the English Language Learner program, including Sandi Williams, J.D. McMahan, Ana Gonzalez and Cathy Russell. The plan will return to the Board for its consideration at the next meeting.

## **Board Self-Evaluation**

This agenda item was postponed to the next meeting.

## **Work Session Topics- May 1**

The Board will meet in a work session on May 1, 7:00 p.m. at Newport High School. In addition to topics previously raised for discussion (Texas Instruments Navigator, Quality schools, and long-term lease agreements), the Board will discuss a "virtual high school" proposed by Insight Schools.

## **Virtual High School- Insight Schools (added item)**

Ron Beck and Jean Turner reported they attended a meeting at the District Office with a representative of Insight Schools (Brian Rose), who is interested in starting a 'virtual high school' in Oregon. The proposed school will be comprised of 2000-2500 students, and would be designed as a charter school, completely on-line. Mr. Rose stated such a school could generate revenue for the district. The Board reached consensus to meet in a work session to learn more about the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent