



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the April 10, 2007 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on April 10, 2007 at Siletz Valley School with approximately 40 members of the staff, media and interested patrons.

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.

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 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

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes of the 3/13/07 Regular Session;
- Health Curriculum Guides;
- English Language Development Curriculum;

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•NHS IB Letter of Support;

•Regular Personnel Items and Addendum:

-Resignations: Nicole Heinlein, Sam Case; Lisabeth Sollars, Taft 7-12; Kari Sparks, YVE; Jaime Thompson, LOA; Theresa Wilson-Strandberg, LOA; Chaenette Carroll, Taft Elem.; Patricia Connor, Sam Case; Daniel Hasselschwert, LOA; Phyllis Huske, 11/14/06-2/28/07;

-Licensed Hires: Cheryl Windorf, Special Programs; Capi Marceau, Toledo 7-12; Emelia Moore, Sam Case; Kapla West, Toledo 7-12;

-Temp. Licensed Hires: Rebecca Moser, Crestview; Richard Wiesner, .50, WHS;

-Classified Hires: Carolina Martinez, Taft 7-12; Margaret Taylor, Toledo 7-12; Virginia Thompson, Toledo area;

-Leave of Absence: Patricia Socha, 3/19/07-4/17/07; Sarah Ball, 2007-08 school year; Peter Collson, 4/02/07-4/30/07; Robert Isted, 3/14/07-4/30/07; Janice King, 4/2/07-6/14/07; Jeanne King, 4/9/07-4/13/07; Kristy Kosydar, 4/24/07-5/20/07; Jolene Train, 2007-08 school year; Shirley Updenkelder, 3/9/07-4/23/07.

•Policy DBKA Operating Contingency Fund;

•Policy EEA, Student Transportation Services;

•Policy EEAC, Student Bus Safety Program.

Lincoln City Soccer Field

Rich Belloni, Lincoln City’s Ron Ploger, Bob Bambrick of the Inn at Spanish Head, and coach Ray Santos described their plans for a multi-use soccer/football field in Lincoln City. It is planned for the current football field to be re-configured with 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 District plans to enter into a cooperative use agreement with the city of Lincoln City to make the project viable.

Appointment to Budget Committee

The Board appointed Tom Runions to Zone 3 of the LCSD Budget Committee, with a term through June 30, 2009.

Resolution- Tax Anticipation Notes

The Board approved a resolution approving the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes. The district must borrow funds to meet expenses prior to the receipt of property taxes in November, 2007.

Teacher Appreciation Week- May 7-11, 2007

The Board approved a resolution 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

The Board approved an three-year term amendment to Superintendent Rinearson’s contract, 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.

Resolution- Bike/Walk to School Month

In keeping with their desire to encourage health and fitness, the Board approved a resolution proclaiming the month of May as “Bike/Walk to School Month.”

Resolution Opposing SB 621

The Board stated their opposition to proposed 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.

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”).

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.

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.

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.

Planned Course Statements/Syllabi, Taft High: Sports & Entertainment Marketing, 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. An additional requirement for students' exposure to on-line learning may be added to the rules; they 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 headed a group examining the hiring policy. Part of this exercise involved developing a "hiring flowchart" to capture the way the process works. The administrative rules were revised as a "housekeeping" measure; no substantive changes were made.

Pre-Employment Drug Screening Policy

Len Geiger presented a new policy, "Pre-Employment Drug Testing." Employees new to the district must successfully pass a pre-employment drug screening test. The policy 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. 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 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.

Next Meeting: May 8, 2007- 7:00 p.m. at Taft Elementary School