



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the May 8, 2007 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on May 8, 2007 at Taft Elementary School with approximately 50 members of the staff, media and interested patrons.

Taft Elementary Students- Africa Unit

Students in Leanna Garrison's sixth grade class shared portions of their "Africa, A to Z" books. Ian Johnson, Felicia Nelson, Andres Rodriquez, Jhovanny Acosta-Lopez and Jason Alexander highlighted animals they studied in this research project.

Annual Report- Lincoln City Career Tech

Teacher Mark Peery and student Jessie Guarrera welcomed the group in English and Japanese, respectively. Student Falcia Mellon introduced students Jordan and Tyler Keck and Lilli Guarrera, who performed a short play about the knights of the round table. Their teacher, Mary Griffing, explained that education at the charter school is offered through project-based, integrated learning, which the play demonstrated. Student Leslie Fowler directed the play.

Teacher Chris Thompson introduced student Allan Harmon, who shared some of his experiences at the school. Other staff members in attendance included Donna Seeto and Susan Peters. Principal Marie Jones thanked the Board for their positive relationship with the school.

Walt Ricks- Substitute Teacher of the Year

Sally Sue Cellars, representing the Oregon Substitute Teachers Association, introduced Walt Ricks, Substitute Teacher of the Year in the state. Mr. Ricks, who calls himself a "teacher on call," gave kudos to the students in our schools for their energy and involvement.

Taft High School Update

Principal Steve Kilduff summarized the traumatic events in the north area over the past two weeks, and said the school has received a tremendous amount of support from a variety of sources, including the Oregon Department of Education, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Castillo, school districts in other areas, and many cards, letters, and emails. He reported community leaders came together to provide desserts this week for all students in the school. He also thanked Superintendent Rinearson and other staff members for their "amazing support." Yellow memory bands were distributed to the audience; "we are having school, and graduation will take place in about a month," said Kilduff.

Communications

Career Tech ASB President Leslie Fowler expressed her concern regarding negative comments she has heard about the school and its students, and said she would like to change the negativity.

Sheltered Cove Estates resident Yvonne Welch noted the existence of a tall net near a volleyball court in the flyway for several species of birds. Staff and Pacific Power reps have placed ribbons on the net to alert the birds, which is working but is a "temporary fix." She suggested the District place pulleys and ropes on one section of the net, allowing it to be raised and lowered during use.

Board Reports

Board Chair Sue Ryan reported she recently completed an eight-day leadership training course offered by the Oregon School Boards Association.

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.

Vice Chair Brenda Brown noted her attendance at the “sea art” artist-in-residence program at Toledo Elementary, calling it “wonderful.”

Food Services Presentation/Discussion on 07-08 Food Services Contract

Sodexo District Manager John Stone recognized the 11-year relationship with LCSD, beginning in 1996 with a Food Services Manager. He reported over 5000 meals are served daily in the district, and said several changes are underway to enhance nutritional offerings. Free breakfast is offered at ten schools.

General Manager Steve Kappler reported new programs include “Farm to Market,” scheduled to take place May 25 at Sam Case. He noted the company’s focus on nutrition.

The food services contract must be reviewed annually per state law, and will be considered at the next meeting.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated Newport High students Emerald Hudnell-Almas and Walter Schille. Ms. Hudnell-Almas won the state contest and placed third in the nation for the National Career Poster Contest. Mr. Schille won the Oregonian “Design an Ad” contest; he designed an ad for the Portland Art Institute.

The Superintendent reported Toledo High’s Americorps representative will be back next year, thanks to a grant from the Northwest Service Academy.

Mr. Rinearson reported the Siletz Charitable Contribution Fund will support the following items: clay for Newport High’s art program; scholarships for Newport Middle’s outdoor school; two Automated External Defibrillators for use by the District nurse; and a laptop and projector for Taft 7-12. The Superintendent thanked these benefactors for their generosity.

The Superintendent reported the last early release day of the school year is May 16. He noted he will be traveling to Wisconsin as part of a safe schools conference with the Newport Police Chief, and said his attendance was required in order for the Chief to attend.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes of the 4/10/07 Work Session;**
- Minutes of the 4/10/07 Regular Session;**
- Planned Course Statements/Syllabi, Taft High Courses: Sports/Entertainment Marketing; Fashion Marketing; High School 101;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum:**
 - Resignations:** Ana Gonzalez, Newport Middle; Robert Isted, Taft High; Dave Mooney, Newport Middle; Cody Rosenthal, Area Learning Coordinator; Patricia Westfall, Toledo Elem.; Linda Wilson, Waldport High; Michael Baker, Oceanlake;
 - Licensed Hires, 07-08:** David Dahlberg, Taft 7-12; Robin Eversage, Taft 7-12; Barton Howe, Taft 7-12;
 - Leave of Absence:** Ann Jezeski, 4/16/07-6/15/07; Kathy Johnson, 5/14/07-6/15/07; Shirley Updenkelder, extension through 5/31/07; Francisco Reyes, 4/30/07-5/11/07;
- Policy GBED, Pre-Employment Drug Testing;**
- English Language Learners (ELL) Plan.**

PSA, Oregon Coast Council for the Arts

The Board approved a Personal Services Agreement for Oregon Coast Council for the Arts. The funds will provide staff, supplies, administrative support and staff development for art instruction, as part of the 21st Century Community Learning Center after school program.

Kindergarten Options/Opportunities

Superintendent Rinearson noted this agenda item was raised in an earlier meeting, and would be continued until the next. Discussions are ongoing around the District regarding expanded Kindergarten options for the coming year, but cannot be finalized until state legislators complete their work.

Information on Graduation Schedules

The Superintendent reported graduations around the District will take place as follows:

Eddyville Charter- June 1, 7:00 p.m.

Career Tech- June 8, 5:30 p.m.,

at Lincoln City Council Chambers

Siletz Early College Academy- June 9, 11:00 a.m.

at the Tribal Center

Waldport High- June 9, 2:00 p.m.

Toledo High- June 9, 4:00 p.m.

Taft High- June 9, 6:00 p.m.

Newport High- June 9, 6:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, graduation ceremonies will take place at the respective schools.

Discussion on Policy IKF, High School Graduation

A revised Policy IKF, High School Graduation, was presented for the Board's discussion. The policy will return for further discussion at the next board meeting.

Financial Report

Accounting Coordinator Susan Musgrove reported no significant changes to expenditures or revenues. She reported student ADM appears to be holding steady, which could mean district enrollment is stabilizing.

Mid Columbia Bus Contract

The contract with Mid Columbia Bus Company for transportation services is slated to expire in 2008. A provision exists in the contract allowing a "roll-

over" for an additional five years; the board will consider the contract at the next meeting.

Several administrators expressed their satisfaction with Mid Co's services, and Mr. Belloni reported other districts in the state have transferred their transportation contracts to Mid Columbia.

Addendum- Multi-Use Agreements

The Board has raised the issue of multi-use facilities agreements over the last several months. These are facilities used by an organization more than four times in a given year. The Board asked to continue the discussion at an upcoming work session, but indicated their willingness to continue the current practice of allowing staff to administer the agreements.

Board Self-Evaluation

This agenda item was continued to a future board meeting.

Discussion on 07-08 Board Meeting Calendar

A draft schedule of board meetings for the coming year was presented for the Board's discussion. Meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month at varying locations during the school year. Fourth and fifth Tuesdays are reserved for work sessions, should they be necessary. The calendar will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: June 12, 2007- 7:00 p.m. at Newport High School.