

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors- Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, June 12, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Newport High School**  
**Newport, Oregon**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Ron Beck, Acting Chair; Jean Turner, Jana Cowan, Directors

**Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary, approximately 35 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

**Excused:** Chairman Sue Ryan; Vice-Chairman Brenda Brown

**Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum**

Acting Chairman Ron Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of three board members present. Chairman Sue Ryan and Vice Chairman Brenda Brown were excused from the meeting.

**Public Hearing of Budget**

The Board recessed the meeting into a public hearing of the 2007/08 approved budget. No comments were generated, and the board meeting was reconvened.

**Tricaster, Toledo High School**

Toledo High teacher Peter Vince and students from the school's Video Production program demonstrated the Tricaster Pro computer system. This equipment, along with three video cameras, will form the core of the Toledo High Broadcasting class next year. A building located on school property is being converted to a studio. It is planned for LCSD to have a presence on channels 4 and 21 using this technology. Also, Mr. Vince reported he will be coordinating efforts in other schools for them to "tell their stories."

Toledo High student Josie McGuire reported the equipment will be used to present live broadcasting of sporting events on the Internet, as well as for morning announcements.

**Student Rep, Newport High School**

Newport High student Ben Bodenmiller updated the Board on activities and changes at Newport High School, including: ograduation ceremonies went well, with 13 valedictorians and three salutatorians; osenior students earned over \$300,000 in local scholarships; othe school has an ASPIRE center which has served 133 students; othe school's clubs (Interact, Jr. Optimists, National Honor Society, Robotics, et al) took part in many service activities

including blood drives, dinners for needy families, care packages for troops in Iraq, food drives, donations for Doernbecher's Children's Hospital, etc. ○staff changes include the appointment of Jon Zagel as Principal; Mr. Bodenmiller thanked outgoing Principal Suzanne Dalton for her contributions.

### **Communications**

Toledo High Principal Paula Priest reported that school improved attendance this year, and noted that 24% of this year's seniors at the school achieved a CIM. Teachers will prepare over the summer to offer additional AP English classes, AP Chemistry, AP Physics and AP History next year. All students taking Calculus at Toledo High this year will receive college credit for the class.

A summer program will be available at the school, and art will be offered next year. A "climate survey" of parents was administered, the results of which will be shared when they are available.

### **Board Reports**

Board member Jana Cowan gave kudos to Sam Case and to Sodexo Food Services for their "farm to table" program held recently. She also noted her attendance at three graduations (Eddyville, Siletz and Toledo), and said she appreciated seeing how local cultures interact with their graduates.

Director Jean Turner said she also attended Eddyville's graduation as well as Waldport High School's, and said both were well attended celebrations of the communities.

Board member Ron Beck attended Newport High's graduation as a parent as well as a board member, and said the ceremony was conducted "flawlessly."

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rinearson said Board Chair Sue Ryan, Federal Programs Administrator Cathy Russell and he attended Taft High's graduation, which went well. Mr. Rinearson also attended the graduation at Siletz, the first there in 24 years.

The Superintendent reported the net in Lincoln City mentioned at a prior meeting can now be raised and lowered. (Patrons approached the Board about geese getting caught in the net, and made this suggestion).

Mr. Rinearson thanked Marine Discovery Tours, Bandon Submarine Cable and AT&T for their contribution of approximately \$8,000 that paid for more than 450 students to take the "Fisheries Focus" boat trip. 744 students took part in the excursions this year, compared to about 200 last year.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Mid Columbia Bus Company for donating the use of a motor coach to take the Newport baseball team to the State championship game in Salem.

The Superintendent reported Crestview Heights' choir performed at a COSA meeting in Newport May 7. Following the concert, two attendees (Charles and Barbara Carpenter) donated \$150 to the choir.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Trust Management for their funding of the following grant applications: -nearly \$7,000 for audio CD's to the district's media centers; -\$3645 for a drum package at Toledo Elementary; \$8,000 for Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs); \$4,000 for four computers for the ASPIRE program, and \$6,200 for NMS Outdoor School.

The Superintendent also thanked the Sam Case Boosters for their purchase of an AED for the school (costing approximately \$2,000).

Superintendent Rinearson gave kudos to Mr. Tim Boyle of Portland, who donated \$20,000 to Taft High for their track project. Mr. Boyle contributed this from personal funds.

Mr. Rinearson reported Taft Elementary's last day of school was June 12, to allow staff time to prepare for the move to the old Taft Middle School. Other district schools' last day is June 14. He thanked all those who helped with graduation ceremonies and events.

The Superintendent noted Chairman Ryan could not be at the meeting due to medical reasons, and said she will be honored for her Board service at a later date.

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

**Motion 06/07-48**

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

- Minutes of the 5/1/07 Work Session;**
- Minutes of the 5/8/07 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum:**
- ODE Contract- Long Term Care & Treatment, 2007/09 (Olalla) in the amount of \$358,728;**
- ODE Contract- Juvenile Detention Education Program, 2007/09 in the amount of 146,133;**
- 2007-08 Food Services Contract;**
- 2008-13 Extension, Mid Columbia Bus Company;**
- 2007-08 Board Meeting Calendar;**
- Ron Beckham, Lincoln County Foundation Representative.**

#### **Approval of Expanded Kindergarten Options**

**Motion 06/07-49**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved options for additional Kindergarten services in 2007/08, as presented under separate cover. Most schools will offer all-day Kindergarten for the coming year. Superintendent Rinearson noted concerns with the north area plans, but said the Board's

approval in concept will initiate planning. Those with questions on a particular school's program are urged to contact the school directly.

**Approval of 06/07 Appropriations Transfers**

**Motion 06/07-50**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2006/07-14, Appropriations Transfers. This annual transfer is a "housekeeping" item done to ensure funds are spent as appropriated. For the current year, four funds are affected: the general fund, special revenue funds, the Waldport High small school grant, and the building maintenance fund.

**Approval of Resolution Adopting 07/08 Budget**

**Motion 06/07-51**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2006/07-15 adopting the budget for 2007/08, as amended 6/12/07. Several factors resulted in the addition to next year's budget of approximately \$2 million, to be added to the budget approved by the Budget Committee. The additional funds will allow the district to set aside funds for the unfunded early retirement liability, and will be used to reduce PERS debt. Two teaching slots will be held in reserve until the class size committee meets in late September.

"School Improvement" funding from the state (\$1,312,000) will also allow the addition of six kindergarten teachers, five ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) teachers, and assistance to the vocational education program at Toledo High. In addition, school improvement funds will be shared with district charter school (allowed, but not required, by law).

The end result will mean more teaching FTE than the current year, even with fewer students. The Superintendent reported part of the additional funding resulted in part from two programs currently in place: the expanded options program and pregnant/parenting teens program. Also, principals have done "an incredible job" of using funds wisely, and are planning for multiple years. Savings at the building level may be rolled over within that building's budget for additional years, allowing administrators more flexibility with their budgets.

**Approval of 07-08 Insurance Carriers, Other Than Health**

**Motion 06/07-52**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved PACE for general liability coverage and SAIF for workers compensation coverage for the coming year.

Insurance Agent of Record Mark Collson recommended the insurers. For liability coverage, rates declined but premiums went up based on additional limits on buildings' contents.

**Approval of Purchase, Taft Elementary Playground Equipment-  
Northwest Playground Equipment Company**

**Motion 06/07-53**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a “Playworld Playmaker Integrated Play Structure and Swings” for Taft Elementary School from Northwest Playground Equipment Company, in the amount of \$70,000. The structure was chosen by a committee of interested staff, parents, students and community members; the committee raised \$2,371 to make up the additional cost.

Facilities Manager Tim Kaufman, Principal Dave Malcom and committee member Todd Davidson explained the process, and noted the committee is seeking grants to help with the cost of the play structure.

**Resolution Certifying Election Results**

**Motion 06/07-54**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2006/07-13, certification of May 15, 2007 special district election results. The following individuals were elected to the LCSD school board: Zone 1- Amy Coulter, four year term; Zone 2- Brenda Brown, four year term; Zone 4- Jana Cowan, two year remainder term. All terms begin July 1, 2007.

The Board took a break from 8:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Annual Charter School Report- Eddyville**

Principal Don McDonald updated the Board on the year’s activities at Eddyville Charter School. Enrollment at the school was 218 students in grades K-12, from several areas of the district. The school’s Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) rating is “met;” areas to improve upon for the coming year include writing and attendance. The school has used the Success for All reading curriculum and Saxton math curriculum since its inception four years ago. Students are involved in several service learning activities at the school.

A new music room is being added the school, made possible in part by a \$9800 grant from Trust Management.

Mr. McDonald noted the 2007 senior class project (raising and selling pigs) will likely not be repeated, though it was successful and generated interest from localities throughout the world.

Director Ron Beck reported district charter schools are well ahead of many such schools in the nation, from his observations at the recent National Charter School conference.

**North Area Proposed School Calendar**

North area administrators are developing a revised school calendar for 2007/08, and will distribute it to Board members prior to the July 10 board meeting, when the Board will

consider it. Basically, north area administrators are proposing to eliminate some half days so that full day school improvement can occur.

### **Policy IKF, High School Graduation**

The Board continued its discussion on the revised high school graduation policy. Changes at the state level, and the desire to shift some aspects of administrative rules into policy necessitated revisions to the policy.

Director Beck raised the issue of Minors in Possession (MIP) of alcohol citations, and how they could affect a senior student's ability to participate in graduation ceremonies. He said it would be a good topic for discussion over the summer, and noted his own feelings that a student receiving an MIP should not be allowed to "walk" with his/her class. Superintendent Rinearson said staff is working on legal requirements surrounding the issue, which will hopefully be complete for the July board meeting.

Director Turner agreed on the timeliness and relevance of the topic, and said it is becoming more common for students to attend parties with alcohol a night or two prior to graduation, when alcohol-free parties are planned.

The Board will continue discussing this topic at the next board meeting.

### **Information on LCAA Handbook (IGD-AR)**

School Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented a revised LCAA manual, which also serves as administrative rules to policy IGD, Lincoln County Athletic Association. The administrative rules will be available in electronic format and can be printed as needed.

### **Taft High Proposed Waiver- Athletic Eligibility**

Taft High head football coach Jack Wilkinson, Counselor Chuck Zimchek and Principal Steve Kilduff approached the Board about implementing a pilot program changing athletic eligibility at the school. The proposed rules state students must be passing five classes of a seven period day at the semester grading period. Current LCAA rules state students must maintain a 2.0 GPA and be passing all classes; the six-week grading periods are used.

The Taft proposal states students not meeting the requirements may still maintain eligibility by personal contract "set forth by a program of assistance."

The philosophy for the pilot project suggests students may perform better academically by being involved in activities. The proposal will return to the Board for consideration at the July board meeting.

## **Discussion on 07-08 Alternative Education Programs**

This discussion was continued until the July board meeting.

## **Information on Financial Report**

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin reported the District's ending fund balance is higher than projected due in part to overpayment by the state. The District may collect interest on the funds until they are returned to the state next year.

Another factor in the higher than anticipated ending fund balance is the district's new method of budgeting, using the number of students projected at the end of the school year rather than at the beginning.

Counties will see a one year reprieve of the "county payments" legislation, which distributes federal funding to counties in lieu of monies they could have received from the sale of timber on federal land.

## **Discussion on Organizational Resolution**

Julie Baldwin presented the annual "organizational resolution," denoting district officers, clerks, agents and depositories of funds. For 2007/08, the mileage reimbursement rate will change from \$0.445 per mile to \$0.485. Also, travel meal reimbursements will change to \$9.50 for breakfast, \$9.50 for lunch and \$19 for dinner. The resolution will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

## **Information on Americorps Member, Lincoln City**

LCSD was approved for an Americorps position to serve as a program assistant for the Family Literacy Center in Lincoln City. Federal Programs Administrator Cathy Russell reported the lack of affordable housing has made filling this position difficult.

## **Seismic Needs Assessment Results**

Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni presented "Seismic Needs Assessment" results from the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. The assessment was done using "rapid visual screening," and is difficult to interpret. Mr. Belloni suggested it be used as a gauge for the district; "I don't think we should either relax or panic" regarding the contents of the report, he said.

## **Discussion on School Meal Prices**

Sodexo food services suggested a \$0.25 increase in high school lunches only, to \$2.25 per lunch. Several factors necessitate the increase, including increases in food, wages, benefits, and supply costs. The meal prices will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

**Discussion on Boiler, Taft Elementary**

The new Taft Elementary is in need of a new or repaired boiler. Facilities and Maintenance staff put the project out for bid, but received no responses. Negotiations are on-going for a new one, or for repairs to the existing boiler. This topic will return to the Board at the July meeting.

**Board Self-Evaluation**

This agenda item was postponed until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent