



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the June 12, 2007 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on June 12, 2007 at Newport High School with approximately 35 members of the staff, media and interested patrons 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. It is planned for LCSD to have a presence on channels 4 and 21 using this technology.

Student Rep, Newport High School

Newport High student Ben Bodenmiller updated the Board on activities and changes at Newport High School, including: ○graduation ceremonies went well, with 13 valedictorians and three salutatorians; ○senior students earned over \$300,000 in local scholarships; ○the 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, 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.

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 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.

The Superintendent reported the net in Lincoln City mentioned in 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

The Board 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:**
 - Resignations:** Ann Jezeski, NHS; Janis Muller, WHS; Carol Rush, O'lake; Rachel Smith, LOA;
 - Licensed Hires, 07-08:** Kim Eason, O'lake; Anna Karp, HLS; Stacy Wallace, YVE; Gary Cavanaugh, Crestview Heights;
 - Administrative Hires, 07-08:** Aaron Belloni, Asst. Principal; B.G. Shinall, Asst. Principal;
 - Leave of Absence:** Merrilee Huntsucker, 5/14/07-6/14/07; Ruth McDonald, 07-08 school year; Melissa Wiese, 9/4/07-12/03/07; Randy Wiese, 9/4/07-9/10/07;
- 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 Co.;**
- 2007-08 Board Meeting Calendar;**
- Ron Beckham, Lincoln County Foundation Representative.**

Approval of Expanded Kindergarten Options

The Board approved options for additional Kindergarten services in 2007/08. Most schools will offer all-day Kindergarten for the coming year. For details about programs at local schools, please contact the school directly.

Approval of 06/07 Appropriations Transfers

The Board approved Appropriations Transfers for the 2006/07 year. This annual transfer is "housekeeping" item done to ensure funds are spent as appropriated.

Approval of Resolution Adopting 07/08 Budget

The Board approved a resolution adopting the 2007/08 budget. Several factors resulted in the addition to next year's budget of approximately \$2 million. 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 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.

07-08 Insurance Carriers, Other Than Health

Following recommendations by district insurance agent of record Mark Collson, the Board approved PACE for general liability coverage and SAIF for workers compensation coverage for the coming year.

Taft Elementary Playground Equipment

The Board approved the purchase of a new play structure for Taft Elementary School from Northwest Playground Equipment Company. The structure was chosen by a committee of interested staff, parents, students and community members.

Resolution Certifying Election Results

The Board approved a resolution certifying election results from the May 15, 2007 special district election. 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.

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.

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.

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. 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 expected 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.

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 \$0.48.5. Also, travel meal reimbursements will change to \$9 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.

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 may be used as a gauge for the district. For more information, please contact Mr. Belloni.

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.

Next Meeting: July 10, 2007- 7:00 p.m. at Newport High School.

Have a great summer!!!