

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

**Minutes**

**Presiding:** Brenda Brown, Chairman

**Present:** Brenda Brown, Chairman; Jean Turner, Vice-Chairman; Jana Cowan, Amy Coulter, Directors

**Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 30 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

**Excused:** Ron Beck, Director

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

06/07 Vice Chairman Brenda Brown convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Waldport High teacher Rose Burbee, who was named 2007 Teacher of the Year by the Movie Gallery of Newport. Students nominated their teachers, and the Movie Gallery coordinated and contributed to donated goods and services from a wide variety of local businesses.

Yaquina View teacher Terri Brown was given a teacher appreciation award (along with several gifts from local vendors) from Movie Gallery. Ms. Brown received the second highest number of nominations from students.

Mr. Rinearson congratulated Newport High Young Adult Skills teacher Amy Campbell for the "Community Service Award" from the Newport Elks Club.

The Superintendent thanked the Lincoln County Commission on Children and Families, who will fund the Juvenile Crime Prevention Case Management Program this year. The program serves at-risk students who meet certain criteria by providing a case manager (one of the Health Services Advocates) to check in with the student on goal setting, needs, etc.

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Guy Faust and the Kayak Shack in Waldport, who were selected by the Youth Microenterprise Conference to make a presentation in Washington DC. Mr. Faust, two students and a staff member will present the business plan and story of the Kayak Shack in September at George Washington University.

Mr. Rinearson presented student transfer data and reported, with the extra funding and teachers, Toledo High is realizing a net gain monetarily compared to where it would be if all student transfers were

revoked. He noted a calendar with “opening of school” events and trainings will be forthcoming, and invited Board members to attend the events.

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

**Motion 07/08-1**

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

- Minutes of the June 12, 2007 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum, as amended;**
- School Meal Prices, 07/08 (high school lunch raised to \$2.25; others remain same).**

### **2007/08 North Area Calendar**

**Motion 07/08-2**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Coulter, the Board unanimously approved the 07/08 North Area Calendar as presented in the July 10, 2007 board folder. Principals in the North area recommended a revised calendar for that area for the 2007-08 year. The calendar changes some school improvement days and spring conferences from the calendar approved previously for the rest of the district. The North Area Calendar is published on the LCSD website under “District Calendars”: [www.lincoln.k12.or.us](http://www.lincoln.k12.or.us). For questions on this calendar, please contact any north area administrator.

### **Taft High Waiver, Athletic Eligibility**

**Motion 07/08-3**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved a proposal from Taft High administrators for a waiver of a portion of Policy IGD (Lincoln County Athletics Association) dealing with academic eligibility as presented July 10, 2007. The waiver will take the form of a pilot project requiring students to pass 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.” Taft High Principal Steve Kilduff commented “We are not trying to make it easier for kids to coast, but rather to help them stay involved and bring their grades up.” Board member Jean Turner said she would like to see reporting by semesters. Director Brown noted that although she had reservations about the proposal at first, taking part in a study can determine its effectiveness. Coach Wilkinson stated their goal was not to lower the standards, but to move from a punitive, exclusionary action to an educational one. Last year, Taft High lost 12 of 48 football players due to LCAA requirements.

The philosophy for the pilot project suggests students may perform better academically by being involved in activities. A three-year study will be conducted to evaluate this method compared to LCAA requirements.

### **Brenda Brown Elected Chairman, 07/08**

**Motion 07/08-4**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved Brenda Brown as Chairman for the 2007/08 year.

**Jean Turner Elected Vice-Chair, 07/08****Motion 07/08-5**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Coulter, the Board unanimously approved Jean Turner Vice-Chairman for the 2007-08 year.

**Designation of Officers Resolution****Motion 07/08-6**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2007/08-1, Designation of District Officers, Clerks, Agents and Depositories of Funds as noted in the July 10, 2007 board folder. 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.

**Revised Resolution Adopting 07-08 Budget****Motion 07/08-7**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Coulter, the Board unanimously approved an amended Resolution 2006/07-15, adopting the budget for 2007/08, as distributed 7/10/07. This agenda item was added to correct the resolution approved by the Board in June. A transfer of \$250,000 each to the PERS and Early Retirement funds were not appropriated as they should have been in the original resolution. The correct figure is reflected in the budget document.

**Classified (OSEA) Contract Approved****Motion 07/08-8**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Coulter, the Board unanimously approved the 2007/12 agreement between Oregon School Employees Association- Chapter 19 (classified employees) and the Lincoln County School District Board of Directors. For questions on this agreement, please contact the Human Resources Department.

Vice-Chairman Jean Turner said she is pleased the contract has been ratified for five years, and said it is evidence of a good working relationship. She commended the bargainers for their good work.

**Insight Schools**

The Board of Directors for the Oregon Council for Online Learning (OCOL), a non-profit organization, presented a proposal to the LCSD Board of Directors for a state-wide, full-time, online public high school governed by Lincoln County School District. Board members for OCOL include Deborah Trusty, Fred Schwartz and Dr. Robert Smith, all Lincoln County residents.

The proposal states Insight Schools, Inc. will manage the school with the collaboration of the Oregon Council for Online Learning. It is planned for the administration office to be located within the boundaries of LCSD. A waiver of from the State Board of Education is needed in order for the school to operate statewide.

Insight Schools operates similar schools in Washington, Wisconsin and California. Brian Rose of Insight Schools reported 41% of students enrolled in the Washington school were not in the public school system in that state prior to enrolling in Insight. If the waiver in Oregon is approved, the proposed school's opening date is planned for January, 2008. The school is designed to educate students for whom a traditional school is not working (homebound or home schooled students, students having to work to support their family or are parents, those pursuing a career in athletics/art, etc.). Students

enrolling in the school receive a laptop computer and printer as well as a stipend for internet fees. Insight Schools' parent company is the Apollo Group, Inc., who also owns the University of Phoenix. The quality of the online program is high and would be available for LCSD students at a "substantially reduced" fee. The proposal will return to the Board for consideration at the August 21, 2007 board meeting.

### **2007/08 Alternative Education Programs**

School Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented two alternative education programs for approval by the Board: Newport High Alternative School (Carolyn Brown School) and Toledo High School Alternative. The criteria for an "alternative school" for this purpose is narrow, thus only two district programs meet it. The district offers many alternatives for students, including: GED Options, LCSD Home Tutor, LCSD Shared Time, the Taft Teen Parent Class (to be expanded to the entire district), LCSD Shelter Instruction, Expanded Options with OCCC and Online learning. By Board policy, each year the Board approves a list of alternative programs meeting the criteria outlined in the policy.

Mr. Novello described the Expanded Options program that allows LCSD students to enroll in Oregon Coast Community College and LCSD simultaneously. LCSD pays the tuition and books, and the student earns both college and high school credit for the classes. Though 'expanded options' is now required by law, LCSD instituted the program prior to its requirement, which now serves as a model statewide.

The "online learning" program was also described. During the 2006/07 year, 738 students participated in 1474 courses. The program is drawing former home schooled students to the District.

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

The Board continued its discussion on Policy IKF, High School Graduation. The policy will be affected by several changes approved by the state legislature this year. Also, the Board is discussing the possible impact of students receiving MIP (Minor in Possession) citations on participation in graduation ceremonies. Superintendent Rinearson surmised one way to address students receiving an MIP could be to enroll them in a diversion program. If a policy of this nature was approved, consequences and timelines would be widely distributed.

The policy will return to the Board for additional discussion when recommendations concerning new legislation are developed.

### **Policy JN-AR, Student Fees/Fines**

The 2007/08 Student Fee Schedule (JN-AR) includes one change to athletic admission prices. This change incorporates variations in league fees, and allows each school the discretion to adjust to league recommendations. The revised administrative rules will be posted to the District's website and distributed in the coming days.

### **Language Arts- Independent Adoption**

Teachers Kristen Takano and Tiana Tucker shared information about a Language Arts "independent adoption" in process. When a district adopts or uses textbooks or other instructional materials in place of or in addition to those adopted by the State Board of Education, an independent adoption is required.

For Language Arts, LCSD will retain the materials currently in place and will supplement gaps identified by a team of teachers working on the adoption. Curriculum mapping for language arts has been completed and will be available online for teachers' use. The adoption will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

### **Information on Financial Report**

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin reported the district's enrollment went down by 6.8 ADM between September '06 and June '07. That figure the previous two years was about 70.

She reported schools are now retaining locker, textbook, and athletic participation fees to deal with these issues at the building level.

Interest rates on investments remained strong.

### **Board Self-Evaluation; 2007/08 Board Goals**

The Board discussed a self-evaluation survey they completed online. The survey will be used to develop Board goals for this year. Board members reached consensus to meet in a work session setting to continue their discussion on both the self evaluation and setting goals for this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent