



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the July 10, 2007 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on July 10, 2007 at Newport High School with approximately 30 members of the staff, media and interested patrons. Director Ron Beck was excused from the meeting.

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 money ahead of 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

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes of the June 12, 2007 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum, as amended:**
 - Resignations:** James Contois, Taft 7-12; David Cutler, Taft 7-12; Suzanne Dalton, NHS; Rosemary O'Neil, Toledo Elementary; Mark Wetherington, NMS; Jennifer Carlin, NMS; Barbara Miller, Taft 7-12; Susan O'Leary, Taft 7-12;
 - Licensed Hires:** Autumn Belloni, Sp. Programs; Claude Conway, WHS; Laurie Downing, NHS; Margaret Jane Firestone, Sp. Programs; Andrew Hordichok, Taft 7-12; Constance Johnson, Sp. Programs; Ireen Lapham, NHS; Jeffrey Lichtman, Crestview Heights; Linda Osborne, Sp. Programs; Beth Parson, Taft Elem.
 - Temp. Licensed Hires:** J. Bernie Marlia;
 - Adm. Hires, 07-08:** Brian Flannery, Asst. Principal; Brian Gardner, Asst. Principal, Scott Reed, Asst. Principal; Fanny Drews*, Principal-Toledo Elem. (*amendment)
 - Substitute teacher rate for 07/08-** \$145.51 per day; beginning with the 11th day = \$171.19;
 - School Meal Prices, 07/08 (high school lunch raised to \$2.25; others remain same).**

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.

2007/08 North Area Calendar

Principals in the North area recommended, and the Board approved, 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 available on the LCSD website under “District Calendars”: www.lincoln.k12.or.us. For questions on this calendar, please contact any north area administrator.

Taft High Waiver, Athletic Eligibility

The Board approved a proposal from Taft High for a waiver of a portion of Policy IGD (Lincoln County Athletics Association) dealing with academic eligibility. The waiver will include 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.”

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.

Board Officers, 2007/08

The Board elected Brenda Brown as Chairman and Jean Turner as Vice-Chairman for the 2007-08 year.

Designation of Officers Resolution

The Board approved 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.

Revised Resolution Adopting 07-08 Budget

This agenda item was added to correct the resolution approved by the Board in June. A transfer to other funds was not added to the total budget figure and the unappropriated ending fund balance. The Board approved the revised resolution.

Classified (OSEA) Contract Approved

The Board approved a five-year agreement between the LCSD Board of Directors and Oregon School Employees Association, Chapter 19 (classified employees). For questions on this agreement, please contact the Human Resources Department.

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 charter 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.

The proposed school is designed to educate students for whom a traditional school is not working (homebound students, students having to work to support their family or are parents, those pursuing a career in athletics/arts, etc.). The proposal will return to the LCSD 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 policy, each year the Board approves a list of alternative programs meeting the policy’s criteria; they will consider the programs at the next meeting.

Policy IKF, High School Graduation

The Board continued its discussion on Policy IKF, High School Graduation. The policy will be affected by changes approved by the state legislature this year. Also, the Board is discussing the possible impact of students receiving MIP (Minor in Possession) citations and participation in graduation ceremonies. The policy will return to the Board for additional discussion at the next meeting.

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 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 the 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. 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 to continue their discussion on both the self evaluation and setting goals for this year.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2007- 7:00 p.m. at Newport Middle School