



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the August 21, 2007 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on August 21, 2007 at Newport Middle School with approximately 25 members of the staff, media and interested patrons.

School Safety

Newport Police Chief Mark Miranda and Superintendent Tom Rinearson provided highlights of their attendance last May at a conference sponsored by the Department of Justice. The training took place in Wisconsin and focused on school safety/systems at school districts and police departments. Safety Coordinator Sue Graves will be melding District safety procedures with protocols of the Newport Police Department during the course of this year; this effort will likely expand to include all law enforcement agencies in the district. Costs associated with the travel were borne by the Department of Justice via a grant.

Communications

Board Chair Brenda Brown noted receipt of a written communication from Stand for Children.

Board Reports

Director Jana Cowan reported she and Directors Turner and Coulter attended the annual summer board conference sponsored by OSBA. She reported the training was “enlightening and helpful.”

Chairman Brenda Brown wished Director Ron Beck “Happy Birthday” on behalf of the Board.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson reported administrative Services Secretary Jennie Scarborough, Newport High teachers Brian Hanna and Steve Cole (retired) are featured in the latest newsletter from the Coast Guard’s community college, Vincennes University.

The Superintendent thanked the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for their generosity in donating nearly \$25,000 to various schools and programs throughout the district. Their latest round of giving included the following contributions:

- \$1,800 to Newport High for three computers;
- \$2,000 for the Summer Science Symposium;
- \$2,025 to Toledo High for art supplies;
- \$2,000 to Newport High’s Robotics Club;
- \$400 to Oceanlake for books;
- \$11,592 to Toledo High for safety equipment for students in professional technical classes;
- \$900 to Waldport High for books;
- \$2,572 to Waldport High for PE materials;
- \$1,600 to Yaquina View for PE equipment.

Mr. Rinearson recognized Crestview Heights teacher Ruth McDonald, one of ten teachers selected to attend the Sandia National Lab in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She participated in a Department of Energy project there (“Creating Teacher Scientists”) focused on water treatment technologies.

The Superintendent wished Board member Ron Beck a belated happy birthday, and reminded board members of the upcoming area “welcome” events: Tuesday, August 28, 10:30 a.m. at Toledo High; Wednesday, August 29, 11:00 a.m. at Taft Elementary; Thursday, August 30, 8:00 a.m. at Newport High, and Friday, August 31, 8:00 a.m. at Crestview Heights.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes of the July 10, 2007 Regular Session;**
- 07-08 Alt.Ed. Programs** (Newport and Toledo);
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum,**

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including:

-Resignations: Katheryn Huff, Oceanlake; Kathy Johnson, Taft Elem.; Georgina Nielsen, District Office; P. Lynette Pitts, Special Programs; Cheryl Ashard, Sam Case;

-Licensed Hires: Robyn Bailey, Toledo Elem.; Nicole Bernardi, Oceanlake; Megan Crosbie, Oceanlake; Neil Borzcik, Taft 7-12; Matthew Briggs, Taft 7-12; Ineka Esterbrook, Taft 7-12; Nohemi Estrada-Suro, Toledo 7-12; Cassie Halverson, Sam Case; John Hayden, NMS; Nina Kettles-Fairfield, NHS; Kathleen Mercer, Special Programs; Bruce Rasmussen, Taft 7-12; Kami Monk, Sam Case; Janna Limbert, Oceanlake; Teresa Chisholm, Taft 7-12; Kathryn Adams, TOES; Lucas Korber, Taft 7-12; Jason Nehmer, Oceanlake; Thomas Salvino, NMS;

-Temp. Licensed Hires: Nancy Beckham (.50) TOES; Sharon Blair (.40) Sp. Programs; Kristin Wiedenfeld, Crestview Heights;

-Leave of Absence: Sandra Mummey, 10/29/07-12/31/07 and 1/1/08-6/12/08 (.50); Elli Work, 7/1/07-7/31/07; Debbie Howard, 9/4/07-1/4/08; Shelli Johnston, 9/4/07-12/5/07;

•Amendment to Contracts- Asst. Superintendent, Director of Business/Support Services;

•PSA, Murray Lein, Occupational Therapist.

Approval of Language Arts Independent Adoption

The Board approved the LCSD English Language Arts K-12 Independent Adoption as presented at the July 10, 2007 board meeting. Board members noted the excellence of the work done to develop this adoption.

Approval of Proposal, Insight School of Oregon

After a lengthy discussion, the Board approved a proposal brought forth by the Oregon Council for Online Learning pursuant to a new online charter high school based in Lincoln County and known as "Insight School of Oregon." A contract (charter) will be developed and presented to the Board in a subsequent meeting.

Approval of New Policy JGAB, Use of Restraint and Seclusion

The Board approved new policy JGAB, Use of Restraint and Seclusion, necessitated by a new state law. Districts are required to have the policy in place by September 1, 2007. It will be available on the district website and distributed to schools in the coming days.

Information on Financial Report

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented the monthly financial report as of July 31, 2007. Ms. Baldwin noted no unexpected revenues or expenditures.

Staff in the business office are preparing for the upcoming annual audit.

Information on Summer Projects

Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni updated the Board on a myriad of projects in process or completed in all areas of the district. He thanked Darla Zagel and Gail Malcolm for their stellar volunteer efforts selecting tile and colors at Taft Elementary. He also noted the district employs many "talented people with a lot of pride in what they do."

Though summer projects occurred in all areas, the most significant projects are the renovation of the new Taft Elementary School, the construction of the metal building at Toledo High, and the renovation of the old rectory building at Toledo High. Tours of Toledo High and Taft Elementary are scheduled for Tuesday, August 28 at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday, August 29 at 11:00 a.m., respectively.

Other projects include: ●movement of a portable from Taft Elementary to Waldport High for special education, including installation of a bathroom; ●completion of the shed at Crestview Heights storing supplies in the event of a tsunami; ●combination of the 7-8 media center with the K-6 media center at Crestview; ●installation of wiring, computers, etc. in the vacated 7-8 media center at Crestview; ●building by the Waldport Boosters, with help from the District, of a weight room;

- installation of a new counter and roll up door at Newport High's east campus;
- new carpet installed in Newport High's west campus;
- new heat pumps were installed on the roof at Newport High;
- a broken water heater was replaced at NHS;
- members of the Church of the Nazarene painted both the gym at Newport Middle and the south wall of Sam Case;
- a door was added at Sam Case to accommodate access between two special education rooms;
- a room was carpeted at Yaquina View;
- Early Intervention moved from the Early Childhood Center to Yaquina View;
- a bathroom was added at Toledo Elementary for special education;
- air conditioners in the portables at Toledo Elementary are being refurbished;
- staff helped Toledo Boosters wire a batting cage at the softball field;
- Toledo Boosters also placed sand on the football field to raise it (four, ten hour days);
- new lights were installed in the gym at Toledo High;
- carpet in six rooms was removed and tile installed at Oceanlake
- office space for the new assistant principal at Taft High was created;
- office space for the School Resource Officer at Taft High was created by dividing a room and removing part of the trophy case;
- extensive roof repairs at Taft High are ongoing;
- Sodexo employees painted two school kitchens;
- cameras were installed on all regular buses;
- a new email system was installed;
- 12 Active Boards are being installed;
- Tech staff performed maintenance on all student computers.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2007- 7:00 p.m. at Taft High School.

Though this list is extensive, it is not all inclusive. Mr. Belloni thanked District staff and volunteers for their excellent efforts in improving facilities to enhance learning opportunities for students.

Discussion on OSBA and National Quality Conferences

The annual Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) and the National Quality Conference are scheduled for nearly the same time period in November. After discussing the dates, the Board reached consensus that Brenda Brown and Ron Beck would attend the OSBA conference in Portland, and Jean Turner, Jana Cowan and Amy Coulter would attend the National Quality Conference in St. Louis, MO.