

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors- Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, September 11, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Taft High School**  
**Lincoln City, Oregon**

**Minutes**

**Presiding:** Brenda Brown, Chairman

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

**Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 25 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

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

Chairman Brenda Brown convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Student Representative, Taft High**

Taft High Student Representative and ASB co-president Joel Barrett updated the Board regarding activities at that school, including: ●student morale is way up, and Tiger pride has increased dramatically; ●a “jungle crew” has been formed to help support sporting events of different sorts; ●the Leadership class is going well; ●a courtyard will be rebuilt with donated concrete and benches; ●an assembly with all grade levels was held, which was the first of its kind in the school’s history; ●student leaders staged a “runway show” demonstrating the do’s and don’ts of student dress.

**North Area Report**

Taft High Principal Steve Kilduff gave kudos to student Joel Barrett, saying “We are lucky to have him representing our school; he is a tremendous ambassador for Taft High.”

Mr. Kilduff introduced new Assistant Principal Scott Reed and explained Mr. Reed is a student behavior specialist and responsible for many of the innovative changes at the school.

As of the board meeting date, 753 students are registered at the school. Middle and high school students now ride the bus together, which has resulted in a smoother operation.

The addition of band teacher Andrew Hordichok has resulted in many more students enrolled in that class. Mr. Hordichok also directs a youth symphony in Portland on weekends. In addition, three community members have offered their talents to help the pep band.

Principal Kilduff introduced Mr. Kevin O’Callaghan, the new Attendance/Truancy Officer at the school and said Mr. O’Callaghan is a “renaissance man” with multiple abilities and talents.

Mr. Kilduff noted his pride of Taft High, saying “There is a whole new flavor here and I am fortunate to say I am the principal.” He invited Board members and others to visit any time as “there is always something exciting going on.”

## **Board Reports**

Director Jana Cowan reported she was honored to attend “welcome” events at Toledo High and Taft Elementary, and said she is impressed with both schools.

## **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Emma’s Project for their efforts in raising funds to purchase school supplies for students who need them. Emma’s Project was begun several years ago to commemorate a student who passed away.

Mr. Rinearson recognized Sam Case PE teacher Jo Rauch for an article she wrote that was published in the Oregon Alliance for Health, PE, Recreation and Dance’ professional journal. Ms. Rauch also serves as President of OAPE this year; Mr. Rinearson noted she is a “wonderful asset” to the District.

The Superintendent gave kudos to Sam Case ESOL teacher Mike Boyer, who was appointed by Governor Kulongoski to the State Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

Superintendent Rinearson reported fourteen LCSD students attended the Young Entrepreneurs Business Week held over the summer at the University of Portland. Five awards were given to the 80 attendees over the course of the week, three of which went to LCSD students. Connecting Oregon for Rural Entrepreneurship (CORE), based out of the Oregon Coast Community College, sponsored scholarships for the camp, thanks to the efforts of Guy Faust.

Mr. Rinearson reported the old boiler at Taft Elementary School has been removed and new ones have been delivered to the school. They should be operable by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Superintendent reported the opening of school went well, and said all schools he visited exhibited a “calm intensity; it seemed like school had been going on for a couple of months.” He distributed high school master schedules to the Board, per a request from a Board member.

He noted a quorum of the Board will not be available for the November 13 board meeting; that meeting will take place November 6 instead.

## **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**Motion 07/08-12**

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

- Minutes of the August 21, 2007 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum.**

## **Discussion on Contract, Insight School of Oregon**

School Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented information on the proposed contract between LCSD and the Oregon Council for Online Learning (OCOL) for a statewide charter high school. The LCSD Board previously approved a proposal from OCOL on the concept of such a school; a contract is the next step in the process.

The OCOL board is also approaching the State Board of Education for a waiver of the requirement that 50% of a charter school's attendees reside in the area of the sponsoring district. A hearing on that topic is scheduled for September 20 and 21, 2007; teams for and against the waiver will present their arguments. Rulings typically are received in four to six weeks, but could take as long as three months.

Superintendent Rinearson directed the Board's attention to a portion of the contract on page 12 of the September 11, 2007 board folder stating operations of the school could only begin based on receiving the waiver from the state. Board members expressed concern regarding losing students currently enrolled in district high schools to the new online school, but reached consensus to strike the aforementioned line from the contract.

Director Coulter stated her preference that the online school be a supplement to services currently offered district students, however the current proposal does not allow that scenario.

A concern was raised in earlier discussions regarding Insight's recruiting of students within the confines of LCSD. Board members reached consensus that a recruiting plan be defined within the contract (rather than later).

District staff will change language pertaining to extracurricular activities to align with current district practice (pay to participate).

Chairman Brown asked about the district's responsibility for special education for non-resident students; the district is not responsible for these services.

The Superintendent asked that Board members email their suggestions regarding the contract to Joe Novello.

The contract will return to the Board for its consideration at the next meeting.

## **Discussion on Policies; New and/or Revised**

School Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented new or revised policies and administrative rules recommended by the Oregon School Boards Association. Several policies are interrelated, so were presented simultaneously. The policies and administrative rules are:

**EGAAA-AR, Use of Copyrighted Material** (updated to align with new statutes);

**GBNAA, Cyberbullying** (new policy, required by statute, related to JFCFA);

**IGBHE, Expanded Options Program** (new policy, required by statute);

**IIBGA, IIBGA-AR Electronics Communication System** (new policy, required by statute, must be implemented with EGAAA);

**JFCEB, JFCEB-AR Personal Communication Devices** (new policy, required by statute);  
**JFCFA, Cyberbullying** (new policy, required by statute, related to GBNAA);  
**KL, Public Complaints** (updated to align with policies GBNAA and JFCFA)  
**LBE, LBE-AR Public Charter Schools** (updated to align with new statutes)

The policies will return to the Board for their consideration at the next meeting.

### **Update, Community Resource Liaison**

Community Resource Liaison Kristin Takano updated the Board on her activities over the past year. A teacher in the District for 12 years, Ms. Takano took a two-year leave of absence to become the community resource liaison; she currently is employed by the Linn Benton Lincoln ESD, though spends her time in LCSD. To date, she has worked with the aquarium, the Hatfield Marine Science Center, Marine Discovery Tours and the Department of Fish and Wildlife hatchery as well as other individuals. Her work supports one of the district goals to give students the opportunity to be “the best prepared oceanic science students in the country.”

Among schools currently taking advantage of local scientific resources are Crestview Heights (field trips to the hatchery; staff at the hatchery want to develop a K-12 curriculum); Yaquina View (theme based instruction on oceans and forestry); and Taft High (teacher David Dahlberg worked all summer to develop a course on coastal climate).

Ms. Takano coordinated a three-day science symposium held this summer for district teachers to connect with local science resources. She also reported Crestview teacher Ruth McDonald attended a week-long training in New Mexico this summer for a science experience on water treatment technologies. Ms. Takano noted her desire to administer a similar experience in our county.

During this second year of her assignment, Ms. Takano will work on sustaining these partnerships.

### **Preliminary Information, Adequate Yearly Progress**

Federal Programs Administrator Cathy Russell reported final Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) figures will be published September 28<sup>th</sup>. Preliminary numbers indicate the District as a whole did not meet AYP, though more schools met this year than last. She explained the No Child Left Behind law is complex and reflects data from one point in time. One must “dig deeper” to understand the data and what the rating truly reflects, said Russell.

Only schools receiving Title I funds receive sanctions as a result of not meeting AYP requirements, though the District is concerned with all schools’ ratings. Taft Elementary is in ‘status year three,’ and must offer parents the opportunity for their students to attend schools currently meeting AYP standards as well as supplemental assistance (tutoring). Staff will be meeting to identify other corrective actions to be taken to address the rating.

Both Ms. Russell and Superintendent Rinearson noted the importance of examining the data to truly understand what the ratings represent. The Superintendent reported large gains in some sub-groups has occurred, and Ms. Russell reported the standards causing Taft Elementary to receive its current rating are different from the standards that resulted in prior years’ ‘not met’ rating.

Chairman Brown noted some schools' special education subgroups resulted in AYP 'not met' ratings, and asked if NCLB's reauthorization would address this. The Superintendent replied it will depend on how the law is changed.

### **Information on Financial Report**

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented the monthly financial report as of August 31, 2007. Ms. Baldwin noted no unexpected revenues or expenditures. A question raised at the board meeting regarding revenues expected this year was addressed the following day.

### **Consolidated Improvement Plan- Budget Narrative**

Federal Programs Administrator Cathy Russell presented a handout showing the various Title programs and their budgets. Title programs include:

- Title IA:** To ensure all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education; targeted to districts' most needy children;
- Title IIA:** To increase student achievement by increasing the number of teachers and principals who are high qualified; professional development;
- Title IID:** Assist districts in implementing a comprehensive system that effectively uses technology in schools to improve student academic achievement;
- Title III:** Attainment of English proficiency by English language learners;
- Title IVA:** To support programs that foster a safe and drug-free learning environment that support student academic achievement;
- Title V:** To support district education reform efforts and innovation.

### **PSA- Youth Transition Program**

Special Programs Administrator Susan Van Liew presented a Personal Services Agreement with Community Services Consortium for youth transition services. The agreement will return to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

### **Discussion on Construction Excise Tax**

The state legislature approved a bill in the last session allowing school boards to implement a construction excise tax with new construction districts. Three requirements must be in place prior to a tax being implemented: •districts must have a long range capital improvement plan (the District's Facilities plan will suffice for this purpose); •districts must enter into intergovernmental agreements with each agency collecting the tax; and •the Board must approve a resolution imposing the tax. The Board will be exploring this topic in the coming weeks, and reached consensus for the Superintendent to begin discussions with taxing entities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman