



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the October 9, 2007 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on October 9, 2007 at Toledo Elementary School with approximately 40 members of the staff, media and interested patrons.

Student Representative, Toledo High

Toledo High Student Representative and ASB Vice-President Guy Leech updated the Board regarding activities at that school, including: ●student leadership is focused on boosting school spirit and involvement; ●morale is up at the school; ●the kickoff for Homecoming week is Saturday, October 13, with a parade starting at the library in Toledo at 5:00 p.m.; ●spirit week activities will include themed hallway decorating; ●an open house and dinner fundraiser will be held Monday, October 15 at the school; visitors may view the decorated hallways.

East Area Report

Toledo Elementary Principal Fanny Drews reported the school is in year three of the Reading First grant. She distributed a handout showing three years of oral reading fluency results, with marked improvement in “correct words per minute” for third grade readers. She noted intermediate grades will be involved in MAPS testing.

The school was one of several to hold a “writers night” for students and parents, which was a big success.

Toledo High Vice-Principal Brian Flannery reported he is focusing on student behavior using the Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) system. Two PBS inservices are planned with staffs from both Toledo schools.

Principal Paula Priest reported Toledo High is celebrating their improved rating on the Oregon report card. The school moved from a ‘Low’ rating

last year to a high ‘Satisfactory.’ “We have a quiet revolution going on at Toledo High, based on the hard work of students and teachers,” commented the Principal.

Communications

Toledo residents Amy Purdom and Rhonda Thompson addressed the Board regarding high numbers of students in the 4/5 blended classrooms at Toledo Elementary. The District is exploring options to address the situation.

Board Reports

Director Jana Cowan commented the “Writers Night” at Toledo Elementary was fun and enlightening, and encouraged all parents to attend like events. She noted her involvement with a community partnership focusing on teen health. She also stated a program on meth addiction (“Crystal Darkness”) was airing on television the evening of the board meeting, and encouraged all to see it.

Food Services Update

John Stone and Steve Kappler of Sodexo presented nutrition services plans for this year. They have emphasized nutrition by offering fresh fruit and vegetables daily, increasing the use of whole grains, reducing the use of fatty meats, eliminating trans fats, using low sugar cereals and low fat salad dressings. Several activities are planned to engage students in making healthy food choices, including “Farm to Market” and discussions with Sodexo staff regarding what they would like to see in school cafeterias.

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.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Safety Coordinator Sue Graves, who was presented with the Western States Seismic Policy Council Award in Excellence. The award was given for earthquake/tsunami preparedness and outreach.

The Superintendent thanked St. Augustine's Church in Lincoln City for their continued generosity and support of the District's homeless program in Lincoln City. The congregation has donated over \$6,000 to the program.

Mr. Rinearson recognized Taft High teacher David Dahlberg for his efforts in bringing a weather station to the school. Mr. Dahlberg spent much of his summer developing curriculum for the new "Coastal Climate" class at the school. The weather station is related to the class and may be accessed from the school's webpage.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Joey Novello for his support of the AED (automatic external defibrillator) program in the district. Each school now has an AED; an effort is underway to purchase additional devices for out of the area sporting events. Mr. Novello donated one additional AED, as well as \$100 from personal funds for each unit the community purchases for schools. (He is a graduate of Newport High School, and the son of Operations Administrator Joe Novello).

The Superintendent reported he and Rich Belloni met with representatives of the cities of Lincoln City and Newport as well as the County Commissioners to discuss the construction excise tax. Meetings are scheduled with the cities of Depoe Bay, Siletz, Toledo, Waldport and Yachats to continue discussions. Oregon's state legislative assembly approved a law allowing school boards to tax new construction to benefit schools.

Mr. Rinearson reported Taft High's academic eligibility pilot project is underway. The school has 110 student athletes participating in Fall sports, 14 of whom are currently on a Program of Assistance. The project will be reevaluated at the semester.

Superintendent Rinearson presented the Board with copies of news articles over the last month from various local newspapers. He also noted the proposal from Taft Elementary for a performing arts program, and recommended the Board move forward, if they were comfortable with it.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- **Minutes of the 8-21-07 Work Session;**
- **Minutes of the 9-11-07 Regular Session;**
- **Minutes of the 9-25-07 Work Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items and Addendum, including:**
 - **Resignations:** Linda Stevens, Oceanlake;
 - **Classified New Hires:** Melinda Dye, NHS; Debra Lajko, Taft 7-12; Pauline Masters, Crestview; Tavie Molina, NHS; Brandi Naylor, NHS; Michelle Oliver, Taft Elem.; Jody Stephens, YVE; Pam Sullivan, YVE; Juana Wilson, Taft 7-12; Daniel Dillon, Crestview; Phyllis Huske, Toledo 7-12; H. Darlene LaFollette, Taft 7-12; Stella Lohonyay, Toledo 7-12; Holli Nelson, Toledo 7-12; Jennifer Nelson, Taft Elem.;
 - **Temp. Classified Hires:** Elizabeth Fox, NHS; Janice Pate, Sam Case; Annette Settlemire, Toledo Elem.; Kimberly Jones, DO;
 - **Leave of Absence:** Charla Guiwits, 10/08/07-01/02/08; Cynthia Lockman, extension through 10/08/07; Brandi Ward, 01/25/08-4/21/08; C. Lynn Chamberlin, 10/22/07-11/02/07; Mele Senitila McKinley, 10/18/07-11/16/07.
- **Youth Transition Program Personal Services Agreement, Community Services Consortium.**

Decision on Policies; New and/or Revised

The Board approved new or revised policies recommended by the Oregon School Boards Association. Several policies are interrelated, so were presented simultaneously. The policies are:

- GBNAA, Cyberbullying** (new policy, required by statute, related to JFCFA);
- IGBHE, Expanded Options Program** (new policy, required by statute);
- IIBGA, Electronics Communication System** (new policy, required by statute, must be implemented with EGAAA);

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

The policies will be posted on the District website and distributed to schools in the coming days. The Board will be considering many new policies this year, based upon actions of the state legislature.

Approval of American Indian Heritage Month Resolution

The Board approved a resolution proclaiming the month of November as “American Indian Heritage Month.” The resolution will be distributed to schools to help honor Native Americans in our community and schools.

Contract, Insight School of Oregon

The Oregon Council for Online Learning (OCOL) previously presented a contract to the LCSD Board for a proposed statewide charter high school. The Board continued their discussions on the contract and its revisions.

Operations Administrator Joe Novello reported he testified before the State Board of Education regarding a waiver requested by OCOL. Charter schools offering online courses are currently required to have 50% of their enrollment from the sponsoring district; OCOL is asking this requirement be waived.

Mr. Novello reported the OCOL board is moving forward with hiring administrators and teachers for the school, planned for a January 2008 opening.

Discussion High School Graduation Policy IKF

This agenda item was continued to the next board meeting due to the receipt of a new revised policy from Oregon School Boards Association. Mr. Novello reported he learned that, per state statute, participation in graduation ceremonies is not a

property right for students. The Board continued discussions regarding students receiving Possession of Alcohol citations and participation in graduation ceremonies. Discussions will continue at upcoming board meetings.

Approval of Out of Country Field Trip, NHS (China)

The Board approved a student field trip to China proposed by Newport High social studies teachers Samantha Murphy and Mike Johnson. The travel is planned for the summer of 2008; fundraising plans are beginning.

Curriculum Alignment

Special Programs Administrator Susan Van Liew reported work is ongoing to develop a K-12 curriculum guide clearly aligned to state standards. Further efforts will include a focus on vertical and horizontal alignment, scope and sequence, identifying essential standards and creating local assessments. Kaplan K-12 Learning Services is one vendor the District is considering for assistance with this effort. Staff will present a proposal on curriculum alignment at the next board meeting.

Taft Elementary Performing Arts Proposal

The Board approved a proposal presented by Principal Dave Malcolm for an integrated performing arts class provided by Let There Be Arts. Teachers Ellen Gerl and CJ Griffith accompanied Mr. Malcolm to address the Board. The plan proposes a half-time position to offer music, drama, and movement to students. Funds for the program are included in the school’s budget.

Information on Financial Report

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented the monthly financial report as of September 30, 2007. District ADM is on target with projections. Ms. Baldwin presented a new report showing, among other funds, the three bond debt services funds (energy project, PERS bonds, and general obligation bonds). The cost of PERS is scheduled to increase significantly in the coming

years, so staff has begun a reserve fund to address this obligation.

Discussion on Budget Calendar, 08/09

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin presented a proposed budget calendar for the coming year. The first Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2008. The calendar will return to the Board for its consideration at the next board meeting.

Budget Committee Vacancy, Zone 4

A vacancy exists in Zone 4 of the District's Budget Committee. Those interested in serving in this position must reside in Zone 4, may not be a district employee, and must be a registered voter. Applications will be available at Toledo schools, at the District Administration Office, and on the district website in the coming days, and are due to Laurie Urquhart by close of business on November 1. The Board hopes to appoint the position at the November 6th board meeting.

Discussion on Banking Services

The District's banking agreement with Oregon Coast Bank will expire on June 30, 2008. Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni recommends extending the agreement for one year. The agreement will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

Overview of District Improvement Plan

Staff has begun work on a District improvement plan, and will forward an overview of it to the Board for their information.

School Based Health Centers (Added Item)

Assistant Superintendent Len Geiger noted the District partners with Lincoln County Health Department to provide school based health centers at Taft, Newport, Toledo and Waldport High Schools. They are funded in part by federal Medicaid dollars, which have been declining.

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin reported the federal program is at risk. Budgets for the centers have traditionally been developed based on projected revenue from Medicaid surveys taken the prior fiscal year. Ms. Baldwin recommended ending this budgeting practice, and that general fund dollars be used to clear a receivable of over \$182,000. The Board will consider this recommendation at the next board meeting.

Discussion on 07/08 Board Goals

The Board met in a work session last month to develop goals for the Board for the current year. The Board seeks to focus on student achievement by examining several areas, including: the Taft High pilot student eligibility project, graduation requirements, the feasibility of offering a cultures/comparative religions course, the feasibility of high school seniors taking an exit exam, methods to increase rigor and raise expectations for each student, and physical education offerings in the district. The goals will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Five-Year District Goals

Superintendent Rinearson presented preliminary five-year district priorities for the Board's consideration. A discussion on the priorities will continue at the next board meeting.

Next Meeting: November 6, 2007- 7:00 p.m. at Waldport High School.