

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, January 8, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Toledo High School
Toledo, 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

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Brown convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:15 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

Native American Drumming

Native American drummers Fish Martinez, Heather Moore, Violet Lafferty and Ann Goddard began the meeting with several minutes of drumming. Mr. Martinez thanked the Board, saying it was an honor be there and Chairman Brown thanked the drummers.

Student Representative, Toledo High

Toledo High student representative and ASB Secretary Sarah Smith updated the Board regarding activities at that school, including: ●goals at the school this year include developing a diverse group of student leaders; ●Homecoming week went well and was a fundraising success (Sarah Smith was crowned Homecoming Queen); ●the school held its annual canned food drive to assist the Elks Club with food baskets; ●Doernbecher week is coming up.

East Area Report

Toledo Elementary Principal Fanny Drews and Toledo 7-12 Principal Brian Flannery reported they are working together to further connect the two schools. Site councils at the schools are considering meeting together quarterly. Both Ms. Drews and Mr. Flannery have both joined the Toledo Rotary Club to be more active and visible in the community.

Ms. Drews noted Toledo Elementary is taking part in MAPs (Measures of Academic Progress) testing, which provides more detail on where students need additional help. She also reported staff is examining Reading First data to learn how the program is affecting reading and math scores.

The Principals presented a proposal to extend the upcoming half-day inservice on January 16 to a full day. The half-day inservice planned for May would be traded to accomplish this. Staff at the 7-12 school will develop a leadership transition plan, while the elementary school will examine math instruction and Positive Behavior Supports. Letters will be sent to parents and with students explaining the change.

Communications

Director of the Commission on Children and Families Barb Dougherty and Newport Policeman Todd Sarazin addressed the Board regarding underage drinking, and asked for the Board's support of their efforts. Both provided data regarding the use of alcohol by underage residents in Lincoln County and the "enormous costs" it generates.

Parents Brian Fowler and Terry Long addressed the Board regarding concerns about their student's education. Staff will follow up on these concerns.

Consultant/Staff Reports

Julie Baldwin presented the financial reports as of December 31, 2007. The ending fund balance is stable; district ADM will likely increase due to the new online charter school. Interest rates are slipping a bit.

Ms. Baldwin asked Board members their opinion of the purchased services report she provided. Directors Brown and Beck expressed their desire the report continue.

Joe Novello, on behalf of Superintendent Rinearson, presented the District's standing with respect to Standards for Public Elementary and Secondary Schools per OAR 581, Division 22. He reported the District is in compliance with these requirements, and noted evidence of how the requirements are being met will be available via links online. The Board received a workbook on the standards via email prior to the board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Newport residents Doug and Sue Wills, who donated their entire state "kicker" check to Sam Case Elementary.

The Superintendent thanked the Central Lincoln PUD for their award of an \$1800 grant to Waldport High's electric car club. Dave Wirick is advisor for the club.

Mr. Rinearson reported an anonymous donor purchased coats for all 15 students attending the Toledo 21st Century after school program. The donor selected coats to match students' sizes and personalities.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital for their support of Taft High via donation of the proceeds from their recycled toner cartridges. Mr. Jim Sealy is the hospital's representative in this endeavor. The program, in existence for over five years, has allowed the school to purchase several new computers.

The Superintendent recognized Grant Forrest of Copeland Lumber for a significant donation of paint to the District. Copeland mixed the paint to District specifications; its worth is valued at approximately \$36,000.

Mr. Rinearson noted the location for the January work session on curriculum alignment and other topics has changed to Arcadia.

He thanked Board members for their service, noting January is “school board recognition month.” T-shirts with “Big Dogs” emblems were presented to Board members. The District enjoys a partnership with Big Dogs, who sold the shirts at a significantly lower rate and paid the shipping. Mr. Rinearson thanked the corporation for their involvement with the district.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 07/08-26

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

- Minutes of the 12/11/07 Regular Session;**
- History of Rock & Roll Course, NHS;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 1/8/08;**
- Policy BDDC, Construction of Agenda;**
- Supt. Evaluation Instrument, Timeline;**
- 07/08 Board Goals;**
- District Goals/Priorities.**

Approval of Marketing Plan, Insight School of Oregon

Motion 07/08-27

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved the Insight School of Oregon Student Recruitment Marketing Plan as described in the January 8, 2008 board folder. The online charter school will be opening its virtual doors the second semester of this year.

Approval of Long Term Facilities Plan

Motion 07/08-28

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Coulter, the Board approved a long-term facilities plan as amended 1/8/08 (absent the last bulleted item pursuant to discussions in the west area). The plan seeks to: •move Waldport High out of the tsunami zone; •phase out the use of portables; •remodel the band room at Newport High to conform with ADA requirements and explore the development of a performing arts room at Newport High; •continue working with Booster clubs and communities to further develop athletic/recreational facilities.

Deadlines pursuant to the construction excise tax will change slightly as intergovernmental agreements and the resolution are finalized.

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Discussion on Policy IKF, High School Graduation

Revisions to Policy IKF, high school graduation were necessitated due to changes in state law. The Board suggested minor corrections; the policy will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Name Change, Toledo 7-12

Principal Brian Flannery presented a proposal from the Toledo High site council suggesting the school's name be changed to "Toledo Junior/Senior High School." The group maintains that the proposed name will better recognize 7th and 8th graders at the school. Staff is checking with TSPC to ensure teacher licensure will not be affected by the name change. Also, Mr. Flannery will double check with the site council and others regarding the selection of the name. The proposal will return for the Board's consideration at the next regular session.

Discussion on PSA, Bobby Woods, Taft High

Principal Steve Kilduff reported the need for better communication between Taft High and its communities became clear over two years ago when discussions about combining Taft Middle and High Schools began. A nationally known communications consultant (Bobby Wood) moved into the area about the same time the need became more defined. The two-year agreement will provide several communication tools and strategies that may be shared among schools, and will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Bond Refinance

Declining interest rates make refinancing the district's general obligation bonds possible. Underwriter Carol Samuels with Seattle Northwest Securities noted rates should be low enough by early spring to allow this action to occur. Refinancing the bonds could save local taxpayers between \$350,000 and \$400,000. The district will incur no direct expenses for the refinance; a resolution will return for the Board's approval once state regulations governing such transactions are met.

Discussion on Interagency Agreements, Construction Excise Tax

The state legislature approved a new law allowing school districts to implement a construction excise tax on new construction. School districts must enter into intergovernmental agreements with each taxing entity prior to imposing the tax. Director of Business/Support Services Rich Belloni presented a draft agreement agreed upon in principal by attorneys from the cities of Newport and Lincoln City, as well as Lincoln County. The County is the taxing entity for several smaller towns. (The attorneys must now present it to their councils). The Board will consider the agreements once they are finalized.

Discussion on Resolution, Construction Excise Tax

Another requirement of the construction excise tax is the approval by the Board of a resolution imposing the tax. Mr. Belloni presented a draft resolution developed by the Oregon School

Board Association for the Board's consideration. It will return for approval at a subsequent meeting.

Discussion on RFP, Food Services

LCSD released a food services request for proposals due on January 23, 2008. Two contractors (Chartwell and Sodexo) attended the job showing; Jana Cowan and Brenda Brown will serve on a committee reviewing the proposals. Ms. Cowan suggested someone from the community also serve on the committee.

Information on Solicitation for Realtors, Taft Elem. School

With the "old" Taft Elementary School vacant, the district is exploring selling the property. Several "solicitation of interest" packages have been distributed to local realtors to determine interest in marketing the property. The District would like to retain a small portion of the property for the North area shop.

Discussion on Timeline, Board Goals

Earlier in the meeting, the Board adopted Board goals for the current year. The Superintendent developed a timeline to accomplish the goals, and presented it to the Board for their review.

Format for Taft High Athletic Eligibility Information

Last July, the board approved a proposal from Taft High administrators for a waiver of a portion of Policy IGD, Lincoln County Athletics Association dealing with academic eligibility. The waiver is in the form of a pilot project requiring students to pass five classes of a seven period day at the semester grading period. The first feedback from the pilot project is scheduled for presentation February 12. For that presentation, the Board would like to see: the number of students affected and if their grades changed, the amount of staff time devoted to the project, and preliminary information on how students were affected this semester.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent