

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, February 12, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Taft Elementary School
Lincoln City, Oregon

Minutes

- Presiding:** Brenda Brown, Chairman
- Present:** Brenda Brown, Chairman; Jean Turner, Vice-Chairman; Jana Cowan, Amy Coulter, Directors
- Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary
- Excused:** Ron Beck, Director

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Brown convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Beck was excused from the meeting.

Taft Elementary Students

Fourth grade students Terin Trachtenberg and Emily Rodriguez demonstrated the money management tool they are using in Ms. Griffith's class. Students use play money for rewards and consequences, keep ledgers, and take part in entrepreneurial activities using the program. Teacher Darlene Noteboom helped design the program.

Public Hearing, Lincoln City Career Tech

The Board recessed into a public hearing to hear input on the proposed renewal of Lincoln City Career Tech's charter. Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented a flowchart and described the process to renew the charter as prescribed by state law. After an introduction by Principal Marie Jones, J. Ken Gregg, Ashley Anderson, Brian Butts, Bill Hall, John Sollers, Casey Robertson, Linda Armstrong, Randy Butts, Dori Bennett, Mark Peery, and Brian Maninger spoke in favor of the renewal. No one voiced opposition. The board meeting was then reconvened.

Student Representative, Taft High

Taft High student representatives and ASB co-presidents Joel Barrett and David Philips updated the Board regarding activities at that school, including: ●an "explosion" of Tiger pride has occurred at the school; ●the number of clubs has increased substantially; ●a blood drive took place at the school with great participation; another is planned; ●administrators at the school are contributing to the positive atmosphere there and have been instrumental in suggesting several activities; ●at the suggestion of students, both students and staff traveled to Vernonia, Oregon to help residents there after December

storms left the town devastated; ● student leaders are enhancing the courtyard, and hope to have concrete poured and tables/chairs in the courtyard later in the spring.

North Area Report

Taft High Principal Steve Kilduff reported “things are getting better and better” at the school, with both academics and attendance improving. He reported new Assistant Principal Julie Lafayette has significant experience in high school accreditation based on a proficiency program, while Assistant Principal Scott Reed is a state trainer in Positive Behavior Supports. “I am privileged to be here,” said Kilduff.

Communications

Chairman Brown noted the Board’s receipt of a written communication from Lincoln City Mayor Lori Hollingsworth.

Lincoln City resident Mike Barrett addressed the Board regarding the proposed development of a soccer field in Lincoln City (the same topic as Ms. Hollingsworth’s letter). He noted the “hot buttons” in the letter (a 25-year lease and the city of Lincoln City in first position to schedule the field). Chairman Brown urged Mr. Barrett to work with Director Belloni and district office staff.

County Commissioner Bill Hall addressed the Board regarding the runaway and homeless youth coalition. The group has attained some funding and is seeking additional grants to move the project forward. Several district staff, including Senitila McKinley, Cathy Russell, Joe Novello and Brian Gardner, are working with this group.

Public Statement, Superintendent Evaluation

Chairman Brown shared results of the Board’s annual evaluation of Superintendent Rinearson. As in past years, Board members, Learning Support Team members and building principals took part in the evaluation. Chairman Brown commended the Superintendent for his performance, and noted “his highest marks come in the area of Values and Ethics of Leadership,” where he received the highest rating available from 100% of the 19 respondents. The Board will discuss terms of the Superintendent’s contract at the next regular session.

Consultant/Staff Reports

Julie Baldwin presented the financial reports as of January 31, 2008. The business office just completed its first month using the new business information system, which went very well. Interest rates continue to decline slightly.

Board member Amy Coulter gave kudos to Julie Baldwin and the business office for investing funds wisely in accounts with the highest interest rates offered.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated senior students Kian Flynn of Taft High and Dana Fleck of Newport High, who were named National Merit Scholar finalists. Of the 1.4 million students taking part in the beginning of the process, Kian and Dana are among 15,000 students nationwide selected as finalists. About half of these will be selected to receive a Merit Scholarship.

The Superintendent thanked the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for funding 11 different awards to District schools and programs. Schools in all areas of the District received awards.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Fred Meyer stores for presenting a check for \$3,684 from proceeds from their "Support Our Schools" campaign. The program runs for nine weeks between July and September, with selected vendors donating one dollar for each of their items purchased that week. Fred Meyer also donates one dollar. Funds raised in a community stay there.

The Superintendent wished Directors Coulter and Turner "Happy Birthday" for their upcoming February birthdays.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 07/08-29

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

- **Minutes of the January 8, 2008 Regular Session;**
- **Minutes of the January 29, 2008 Work Session;**
- **Personal Services Agreement, Bobby Woods (Da Vinci Studios);**
- **Name Change: Toledo 7-12 to Toledo Junior/Senior High School;**
- **Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- **Resolution 2007/08-6, Authorization to Refinance General Obligation Bonds;**
- **2007/08 Board Goals Timeline.**

Approval of Policy IKF, High School Diploma...

Motion 07/08-30

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Coulter, the Board unanimously approved Policy IKF, High School Diploma, Certificate of Attendance, Graduation Ceremony Requirements. Revisions to the policy were necessitated due to changes in state law.

Approval of Intent to Renew Contract

Motion 07/08-31

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved their intent to renew the contract between LCSD and Lincoln City Career Tech High School/Community Services Consortium. Superintendent Rinearson reminded the Board of time constraints required by the new state law, and said they could approve the proposal the evening of the Board meeting, if they so chose.

Approval of Proposal- Career Tech**Motion 07/08-32**

On motion of Director Coulter, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved the proposal presented 2/12/08 from Lincoln City Career Tech High School pursuant to the renewal of the charter. The charter contract amendment will be developed and presented to the board at a future meeting.

Approval of Solution Tree Contract**Motion 07/08-33**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Solution Tree for facilitation services related to LCSD's Professional Learning Communities at Work, as noted in the February 12, 2008 board folder. Three trainings for two groups per training will be provided.

Approval of Real Estate Broker**Motion 07/08-34**

On motion of Director Coulter, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved Prudential Taylor & Taylor to market the former Taft Elementary property. Three firms submitted proposals.

Approval of Classified Employees Week**Motion 07/08-35**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2007/08-5, proclaiming the week of March 3-7, 2008 as "Classified Employees Week" in Lincoln County School District. Chairman Brown read the proclamation and thanked Classified employees for their many contributions.

Approval of Revised ESD Local Service Plan**Motion 07/08-36**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved the ESD Revised Local Service Plan 07-09 as noted in the February 12, 2008 board folder. Two amendments were made to the plan with the establishment of a Student Achievement Service Center and the addition of the business information system service to Tier 1.

Information on Taft High Athletic Eligibility Pilot Program

Principal Steve Kilduff presented preliminary results of the Taft High athletic eligibility pilot program. Though still early, the program indicates that students are improving performance by staying in sports and participating in an academic plan of assistance. The Board asked to receive feedback after each semester grading period, and asked that data on attendance be added. Superintendent Rinearson noted it would be interesting to do a random sampling of students.

Discussion on OSBA Policies

Superintendent Tom Rinearson and administrators Sandi Williams and Joe Novello presented several new or revised policies recommended by the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA). Changes are required due to revisions in state or federal law. Policies include:

AC, Nondiscrimination- Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation;

CBC, Superintendent Contract- Prohibits “golden parachute” clauses;

CCD, Contracts, Administrative- Prohibits “golden parachute” clauses;

GBA, Equal Employment Opportunity- Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation;

GBDA, Mother Friendly Workplace- Accommodations for employees who are breast-feeding and needing to express milk;

CBDC/GDBDC, Domestic Violence...- Allows leave from work to deal with domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking;

JB, Equal Educational Opportunity- Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation;

JEC, Admissions- Allows students under 21 years at the beginning of the school year and who’ve not completed grad requirements to attend a district high school;

JHFE, Reporting Child Abuse- Training to be provided to identify and prevent child abuse;

IGAI, Human Sexuality- replaces current policy IGAEA.

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

Renewal of Probationary/Permanent Licensed Personnel

Each year by March 15, the Board must take action on all licensed staff. Assistant Superintendent Len Geiger presented a list of teachers and administrators being considered for contract extensions. Licensed staff currently on temporary contracts are automatically non-renewed; this action is not based on performance.

The list will return for the Board’s consideration at the March 11th meeting.

Discussion on Copier Services

The current contract for copy machines will conclude at the end of May. A committee was formed to review copier services and presentations by four copier suppliers. Based on price and favorable references, committee members recommended IKON Business Solutions as supplier for the District’s copy machines. A contract for the Board’s consideration will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

Update, Construction Excise Tax

The state legislature approved a bill in the last session allowing school boards to implement a construction excise tax on new construction in districts. One of the precursors to implementing the tax is the procurement of intergovernmental agreements with each taxing entity.

Superintendent Rinearson and Director Belloni are working with taxing entities to procure agreements, which have been approved by the cities of Lincoln City and Newport. Lincoln County also approved an agreement, contingent upon receiving “endorsements” from cities using the County as a taxing entity.

The Superintendent and Director are scheduled to visit all of the cities involved to address this requirement.

Once the interagency agreements and endorsements are in place, the board will consider a resolution imposing the tax.

Update, Food Services Request for Proposal

A committee was formed to consider Request for Proposals (RFP) for food services; two responses from Sodexo and Chartwell were received. The committee scored the RFPs and Sodexo received the highest score. A recommendation to name Sodexo as provider of food services will be considered by the Board at the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent