

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, March 11, 2008
Newport High School
Newport, 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 7:02 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

Eddyville Charter School Annual Report

Eddyville Charter School (ECS) Principal Don McDonald updated the Board on the school's progress. He displayed several examples of student art and science projects, and presented a notebook summarizing Eddyville Charter School. The school focuses on four areas: intervention with students in the early years, horticulture/natural resources, technology and service learning. The school was rated "strong" on the last Oregon Report Card, and achieved a "met" Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) rating. ECS serves 225 students (145 of whom reside in areas outside of the Eddyville community) in grades K-12. The school currently has a waiting list which they will fill by lottery.

He noted the school's new music room, nearly ready for use, and said ECS is responsible for maintenance of the building (owned by LCSD).

Mr. McDonald introduced ECS Board members Hannah Wilson and Dick Krog, in the audience. Goals for the year include improving some scores on the state report card that declined slightly and improving attendance at the school.

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of February 29, 2008. Enrollment has increased due to the start up of Insight School of Oregon. Interest rates continue to decline slightly.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated NHS Spanish teacher Cindy McConnell for her receipt of the 2008 University of Oregon College of Education Alumni Association's "Distinguished Alumnus" Award.

Mr. Rinearson also congratulated Taft High's Culinary Arts students and teacher Pam Simpson for their excellent showing in recent competition. Ms. Simpson was awarded the "Inspirational Leader" award, and the team was awarded a plaque for "most professional."

The Superintendent thanked the Newport Symphony Orchestra musicians and conductor Adam Flatt, who visited the band class at Newport Middle and the orchestra class at Crestview Heights to mentor students.

Congratulations are also in order for the Newport High Academic Decathlon team for placing second in the state in a close two-day match.

Mr. Rinearson recognized Waldport High junior Alex Turpin, who was chosen as a LEDA (Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America) scholar. He will attend a summer session at Princeton University, all expenses paid; one of only 100 students nationwide so chosen.

Congratulations to DECA teams from Taft and Waldport High Schools for their great showing at the recent State Career and Development conference in Portland (more information is available on the district website, www.lincoln.k12.or.us).

Superintendent Rinearson also congratulated Newport High School, who will offer an International Baccalaureate (IB) program beginning next fall. The announcement followed a multi-year effort begun by the Partners in Education (PIE) group.

The Superintendent extended an invitation to the Board from Chinook Winds to "An Evening with Sonny Turner" on March 14. Chinook Winds is hosting an event for students and others to learn more about the intricacies of the performing arts.

He reminded the Board of Spring Break the week of March 24-28; all district schools will be closed.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 07/08-37

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

- Minutes of the February 12, 2008 Regular Session;
- Minutes of the February 26, 2008 Work Session;
- Policy Codes: AC, Nondiscrimination; CBC, Superintendent Contract; CCD, Contracts, Administrative; GBA, Equal Employment Opportunity; GBDA, Mother Friendly Workplace; CBDC/GDBDC, Domestic Violence...; JB, Equal Educational Opportunity; JEC, Admissions; JHFE, Reporting Child Abuse; IGAI, Human Sexuality;
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;
- Renewal of Probationary/Permanent Licensed Personnel;
- IKON Business Solutions for copier services, 3/31/08 through June 30, 2012;
- Sodexo as provider of food services.

Approval of Amended Budget Calendar

Motion 07/08-38

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved an amended 08/09 Budget Calendar as noted in the March 11, 2008 Board Folder, amended to hold the first Budget Committee meeting May 6, 2008. The revision was proposed to allow additional time for variables at the state level to become known. The District will see lower revenue from the state due to reductions in local revenue (property taxes, the Common School Fund, and the elimination of federal timber revenue).

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreements, Construction Excise Tax

Motion 07/08-39

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Coulter, the Board unanimously approved Intergovernmental Agreements with the cities of Newport and Lincoln City, and the County of Lincoln, pursuant to the construction excise tax.

The Oregon legislature approved a bill in the last session allowing school districts to implement the tax on new construction after entering into an intergovernmental agreement with each taxing entity. With this step complete, the Board must approve a resolution imposing the tax in order to begin collecting it.

Demonstration of Promethean Activboard

Newport Middle Assistant Principal Clint Raever and teachers Brian Hanna and Stephanie Zandoli demonstrated the Promethean Activboard at Newport High. This interactive whiteboard enables teachers to create, customize and integrate text, images, quizzes, etc. to capture students' attention. Mr. Hanna noted he uses the activboard in his classroom every period of every school day.

Mrs. Zandoli demonstrated the technology by having board members and others use handheld response units, allowing the teacher immediate feedback. The district currently has 13 of the boards in use.

Information on District PE Offerings

Administrators Joe Novello and Sandi Williams and presented data regarding physical education offerings and facilities in the district. Passage of HB 3141 in the last legislative session mandates by 2017-18 the number of minutes of PE the district must offer students in grades K-8. Though the District currently has a K-12 plan for physical education, the number of minutes of PE is not delineated in it.

Discussion on Music Standards

Teacher Sarah Ball presented the K-12 Guide to Music Standards, developed in collaboration with district music teachers, C&I Administrator Sandi Williams and Ms. Ball. It was sent to Board members electronically, and is available on the District website. She extolled the benefits of music on students' learning and said the local area offers many musical opportunities. She noted the District is connected to some of the professional musicians in the area including the Newport Symphony, and said students would benefit by increased connectivity. The music guide will return to the Board for consideration at the next board meeting.

Discussion on Special Education Policies

Special Education Administrator Susan Van Liew presented several policies recommended for revision by OSBA (Oregon School Boards Association). The policies are: IGBA, Students with Disabilities/Child Find Procedures; IGBAE, IGBAE-AR, Special Education- Participation in Regular Education Programs; IGBAF-AR, Special Education, Individualized Education Program; IGBAG, IGBAG-AR, Special Education- Procedural Safeguards; IGBAH, IGBAH-AR, Special Education-Evaluation Procedures; IGBAI, IGBAI-AR, Special Education- Private Schools; IGBAJ, IGBAJ-AR, Special Education- Free Appropriate Public Education; IGBAK, Special Education- Public Availability of State Application, and JGDA/JGEA, JGDA/JGEA-AR, Discipline of Disabled Students.

The changes must be in place by April 15, 2008 due to changes in the federal Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).

Discussion on Resolution, Construction Excise Tax

Earlier in the Board meeting, members approved the intergovernmental agreements with the cities of Newport and Lincoln City, and Lincoln County for the Construction Excise Tax (CET). The next step in the process is consideration by the Board of a resolution imposing the tax. A draft resolution was presented for the Board's review and will return for their consideration at the next meeting.

Superintendent Rinearson and Director Belloni visited all cities in the county to discuss the proposed tax. It may be imposed thirty days after passage of the resolution, and may be rescinded upon 90 days notice by either party.

Discussion on Superintendent's Contract

The Board conducted the annual evaluation of the Superintendent during February, 2008. A public statement was issued at that time, and they began a discussion of the Superintendent's contract during the March 11 meeting. The Board would like to offer the Superintendent a three-year contract (the longest allowed by law) and a salary increase mirroring the latest CPI for Portland. The Superintendent suggested his monthly travel allowance be adjusted to the IRS rate, to which the Board agreed. The contract amendment will return to the Board at the next meeting.

Discussion on Summer Board Retreat

During prior discussions, the Board raised the possibility of meeting in an extended Board retreat to develop goals during the upcoming summer. Late July may work for all members; more information on the work session will be shared at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent