

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, April 8, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Crestview Heights School
Waldport, 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 7:03 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

South Area Reports

Crestview Heights teachers Ms. Sears, Ms. Olson and Ms. Medici and selected Kindergarten, first and second grade students addressed the Board regarding writing and technology goals at the school. A group of students sang to the Board, and others (part of the “Star Writers Club”) read stories they wrote.

Waldport High Assistant Principal Brian Gardner reported the school will have a learning lab seven periods per day next year, and said the school is committed to developing an alternative program for high school students in the south area. He reported nine WHS students will perform at “Music in May” at Pacific University, and said two students (Sharissa Thayer and Misty Corwin) will represent the school as scholar athletes. Gardner noted ten WHS students took part in a recent DECA (a marketing and management organization) competition, with two students placing second in state competition for business ethics.

Communications

Chairman Brenda Brown noted the receipt of one written communication.

Annual Charter Schools Summary- Siletz

Principal Bob Line summarized activities at Siletz Valley School and Siletz Early College Academy for the current year. He reported partnerships make the school possible, and recognized the good relationship the schools have with the District. The schools’ mission is to “provide pathways for all students to excel in lifelong learning.” Currently the K-8 school has 180 students, and the high school has 65.

12 of the 15 seniors are involved with internships for the Career Related Learning Experience (CRLE). Younger students' school day will be shortened.

Mr. Line reported the K-8 school received a "strong" rating on the state report card for the past two years. Staff is working to improve attendance at the school, and uses the Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) program.

Update- Homeless Program

Charla Guiwits, North Area Family Literacy Center/Homeless Program Coordinator updated the Board regarding the Homeless program in the north area. She reported the program has about 350 students at this time. That area has seen an increase in high school aged students this year. Staff is working to put these students in touch with agencies to help them with services (food stamps, etc).

Ms. Guiwits noted there are fewer camping families in the north end, though that has increased in other areas. She said the program enjoys great support from the communities, including churches and individuals. Monies received in this manner may be used as "discretionary" funding, paying for nights in a motel, an electric bill or other expenses of this nature.

Homeless Liaison Senitila McKinley reported the program has good support from the transportation and food service departments. She said literacy centers are used to help students improve and as a support system for them. Referrals for homeless students are received every week; it is a continual process.

One Board member asked what happens to these students during summer months; Ms. McKinley replied the literacy centers are used to offer support then. Director Cowan asked if the decrease in "camping" families was related to recent "sweeps" of homeless camps. Ms. McKinley said that probably was not the case, as the sweeps do not usually involve children.

Director Turner asked how the Homeless Program is funded. Administrator Cathy Russell responded that federal dollars are used to support the program, including Title IA and McKinney Vento funds. Ms. McKinley said different community groups are starting programs, including a church offering its kitchen and Saturday breakfasts in Waldport.

Update- 21st Century After School Program

21st Century After-school Coordinator Senitila McKinley reported this program is supported by a grant, and is in its second year. She thanked Director Rich Belloni and his staff for their help and flexibility in developing spaces for the program. There are now centers in four areas of the district with stable staff, functioning as the grant intended. Ms. McKinley said the centers are intended to help students be "successful and safe," and are helping improve attendance. She said she is hopeful for sustainability for the centers once the grant funds are exhausted.

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of March 31, 2008. Interest rates continue to decline slightly.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Lumbermens of Newport and Gary Williams, along with Mike Rivers of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, for their efforts in replacing the greenhouse at Yaquina View Elementary. Lumbermens donated the greenhouse, and Mike Rivers helped construct it.

The Superintendent reported Crestview teacher Jim Bodle's third/fourth grade students made piggy banks and sought donations from local businesses for HALO (Helping Animals Live On) Animal Rescue. They raised over \$500 for the organization.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Sodexo Food Services, Sodexo Custodial Services and Mid Columbia Bus Company for their continuation of scholarships for graduating seniors. Each entity offers four \$500 scholarships annually.

The Superintendent reported two district programs will receive "Outstanding Community Partnership" awards from ODE: Lincoln City schools for the 'Backpacks for Kids' program (which began at Oceanlake), and the Siletz schools for their partnership with the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz. Only seven such awards were given statewide.

Superintendent Rinearson reported Friday, April 18 is the end of a six-week grading period, and said the Board will meet in a work session on April 22 to learn about "proficiencies." Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for April 24 and 25 in all areas except the north, whose conferences were held in March. Please check with individual schools about specific times conferences are to be held.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 07/08-40

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Coulter, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar items (with the caveat of checking dates for one item on the addendum, a leave request), including:

- **Minutes of the March 11, 2008 Regular Session;**
- **Music Standards/Curriculum Guide;**
- **Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- **Contract, Sodexo for Food Services 08/09;**
- **Special Education Policy Codes IGBA (Students with Disabilities/Child Find Procedures); IGBAE, (Special Ed., Participation in Regular Ed. Programs); IGBAF, (Special Ed. Procedural Safeguards); IGBAH, (Special Ed. Evaluation Procedures); IGBAI, (Special Ed.- Private Schools); IGBAJ, (Special Ed., Free Appropriate Public Education); IGBAK, (Special Ed.- Public Availability of State Application); JGDA/JGEA, (Discipline of Disabled Students);**
- **Resolution 2007/08-7, Imposition of Construction Excise Tax;**
- **Amendment Five to Contract between LCSD and Superintendent Tom Rinearson.**

Approval of Resolution 2007/08-9, Tax Anticipation Notes

Motion 07/08-41

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2007/08-9, Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note Authorization, as noted in the April 8, 2008 board folder. As in most years, the District anticipates the need to borrow funds to cover expenses prior to the receipt of property tax revenue in November, 2008. With this approval, the Board

authorized the participation by the District in a “TanPool” sponsored by OSBA and assisted by Seattle Northwest Securities Corporation.

Business Manager Julie Baldwin explained that, with the refinancing of the district’s general obligation bonds along with the Tax Anticipation Notes, the amount involved will likely exceed \$10 million thus triggering more scrutiny from the IRS. If a deficit exceeds \$10 million, the actual amount must be stated, rather than a projected amount. Ms. Baldwin requested the Board’s approval of the resolution, and said the final number to be borrowed will be reported to them when it is known.

Approval of Resolution, Teacher Appreciation Week

Motion 07/08-42

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Beck, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2007/08-8, proclaiming the week of May 5-9, 2008 as “Teacher Appreciation Week” in the district. Chairman Brown read the proclamation to the audience, and thanked teachers for the vital work they do.

Discussion on Policy EFA, Local Wellness Policy

Policy EFA, Local Wellness Policy, has been revised based on input from OSBA and a review committee comprised of teachers, principals, parents and community members. The policy will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Contract Renewal, Lincoln City Career Tech

Charter School Liaison Tom Zandoli and Principal Marie Jones presented a contract renewal for Lincoln City Career Tech Charter School. The school has been operating as a charter school since 2000 through the auspices of Community Services Consortium (CSC); the contract has been revised to mirror those of other charter schools in the district. Though the contract states the charter school’s audit must be complete by November 1st each year, Career Tech may not be able to meet this date due to the structure of CSC. (Business Manager Julie Baldwin noted the District’s audit could be closed without the Career Tech audit). A written annual report will be given to the District each year, ten days prior to the May board meeting.

Principal Marie Jones suggested raising the number of students to 70 to accommodate students from Angell Job Corps who are seeking their high school diploma. The Lincoln City location can accommodate 60 students; the additional number would be served in another manner. Questions arose regarding this idea; Ms. Jones will explore the idea further and report back to the Board at a later date.

The Board reached consensus for a renewal of five years, with an enrollment cap of 60 students. The contract will return to the Board for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Discussion on Calendar Revision 08/09- East Area

Area principals were given the opportunity to develop school calendars for their respective areas that may be different from the adopted 08-09 district calendar. East area administrators presented the input of site council members and staff, which proposes four full-day school improvement days: Mondays on October 13, 2008, January 5, 2009, February 23, 2009 and April 13, 2009. The calendar will return to the Board for their consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on IB Planned Course Statements

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program will be offered at Newport High School beginning in fall, 2008. Teresa Atwill, NHS IB Coordinator and Principal Jon Zagel presented planned course statements for one new course (Theory of Knowledge) and two modified courses (IB English and IB History) that are part of the IB program. The planned course statements will return to the Board for approval at the next Board meeting.

Information on Retirement Event

The annual retirement and recognition event is planned for Thursday, May 22, 2008 at the Embarcadero. The social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. Retirees, employees of the year and other honorees will be recognized.

Information on Effects of Additional ADM on Stop Loss

Superintendent Rinearson provided an overview of one aspect of school finance in Oregon: "stop loss." He explained this occurs when a district is in declining enrollment, and receives revenue from the state based on the highest number of students between the current and just-past year.

In LCSD, various programs have brought students back into school, which creates a cash flow issue. The District must have enough cash on hand to handle the influx of students.

Discussion on Transportation Policies

Director Rich Belloni and driver Carolyn Smyth presented revised policies EEA (Student Transportation Services) and EEAC (School Bus Safety Program), both revised to comply with new state statutes. The policies will return for the Board's consideration at the next regular session.

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

Chairman

Superintendent