

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, May 13, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Arcadia Building- Toledo, Oregon

Minutes

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

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Brown convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:08 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Coulter was excused from the meeting.

East Area Report

Toledo Elementary Principal Fanny Drews reported east area schools held a community open house May 9th to highlight the opportunities and accomplishments of schools in Toledo. Over 300 people attended the event, which included a meal, songs by Kindergarten students and a video montage by Toledo High video production students. Toledo Boosters sponsored the event.

Toledo Elementary (“ToES”) is winding up testing; Kindergarten results are particularly good. Staff at the school voted to continue the Reading First grant in the coming year. In addition, staff will expand the work they do with Toledo Jr./Sr. High to transition sixth graders.

Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Brian Flannery reported they will be close to testing 100% of students, and said attendance has improved at the school. Students held a canned food drive and will be performing other community service work in Toledo in the coming days.

Board Reports

Board members Brenda Brown and Jana Cowan attended the recent community open house, saying it was impressive and a very positive event.

IB Middle Years Program Update

NMS/INMS Principal Marsha Eckelman and teacher Stephanie Zandoli reported staff is exploring the IB Middle Years Program to determine if it could meet the needs of the

community. Eight subject areas are covered using five different approaches and interactions. The site council at the school is the driving force behind the effort.

This coming fall a group will visit Obsidian Middle School in Redmond, the only IB middle school in Oregon at present. Ms. Eckelman reported the effort at Obsidian took six years to come to fruition. The middle level program is school-wide. More information will be shared with the Board as it is learned.

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of April 30, 2008, reporting no unusual expenditures or revenue. Interest rates continue to fall slightly. Refinancing of the District's general obligation bonds should occur in the near future.

Insight School of Oregon Update

Charter School Liaison Tom Zandoli presented enrollment information from Insight School of Oregon. 220 students were initially enrolled full-time; enrollment as of April 30 was 148. Part-time student enrollment was initially 269, with 158 as of April 30. Part-time students are those enrolled in LCSD and taking one or more courses through Insight. Mr. Zandoli explained many of these students signed up for courses before realizing they would not work with their schedules. 124 classes are offered.

Because the state board of education did not grant a waiver sought by Insight School of Oregon, the school will not continue as a charter school in Oregon next year. Instead, it will be a private alternative school seeking contracts with school districts around the state. LCSD has signed a contract for the coming year with Insight; the school targets students not currently enrolled in school. Districts entering such contracts will be able to purchase single online classes for students attending 'brick and mortar' schools in their district.

Chairman Brown asked the number of LCSD homeschoolers that have enrolled in Insight full time. Mr. Zandoli will respond in the near future. Superintendent Rinearson said it would be nice to compare assessments of Insight students with those in brick and mortar schools.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Crestview Heights students for their efforts in raising funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Sorority Epsilon Theta organized the effort.

The Superintendent congratulated Newport High Senior Megan DeBlois, one of 20 students nationwide selected to take part in a two-month Arabic language institute in Amman, Jordan.

Mr. Rinearson gave kudos to Taft High teacher Pam Simpson, one of 33 educators nationwide to receive a 2008 ProStart Educator Excellence Award. She will travel to Chicago to receive her award and take part in the National Restaurant Association's annual convention.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked several individuals and organizations for their donations to the District's Homeless, Teen Parent and North Area Literacy Center. Along with one anonymous donor, Central Coast Unitarian Fellowship, the Perrill family of Newport, Anita Shackelford, the Faith Baptist Women's Ministry team, Gary and Ann Nees, the Guiwits family of Corvallis and the Congregational Church of Lincoln City contributed to these programs.

Mr. Rinearson noted the last day of school for students this year is Wednesday, June 11, with the last day for teachers June 12.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 07/08-43

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

- **Minutes of the April 8, 2008 Regular Session;**
- **Minutes of the April 22, 2008 Work Session;**
- **Policy Code EFA, Local Wellness Program;**
- **IB Planned Course Statements- Newport High;**
- **08/09 East Area School Calendar;**
- **Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 5/13/08;**
- **Policy EEA, Student Transportation Services;**
- **Policy EEAC, School Bus Safety Program;**
- **Five-Year Renewal, Lincoln City Career Tech (to 6/30/13).**

Policy GBNA/JFCF- Hazing/Harassment...

Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented this policy, revised to reflect changes in state law. The policy adds "cyberbullying" as a form of harassment. In addition, the policy reflects the addition of language now contained in the administrative rules. It will return to the Board for consideration at the next board meeting.

Policy JOA- Directory Information

Revisions to this policy were necessitated by a change in an Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR). The student's electronic address will be added to the list of items identified as Directory Information. The policy will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Policy JOB, Personally Identifiable Information

This policy was revised by a change in an OAR adding a student's ID number as a personal identifier. Also the "state regional program" (ESD), courts and juvenile justice agencies were added to the list of exceptions to prior consent. (The district may disclose personally identifiable information without prior written consent in certain circumstances). The policy will return to the Board at the next meeting.

Discussion on NHS New Courses- OR Outdoors, Algebra 1A and 1B

Algebra 1A and 1B will be presented at the June board meeting. Newport High teachers Kurt Hargett, Ollie Richardson, Dave Campbell and Adam Scarberry presented information on “Oregon Outdoors,” a new course planned for the coming year. The four teachers will divide into teams of two to teach each semester. The class will allow students a wide variety of experiences involving the natural environment of Oregon, including surfing, hunting, fishing, animal identification, scuba diving, snorkeling, archery and other natural sciences. It will provide a P.E. credit and perhaps a science credit. The planned course statement will return to the Board for consideration June 10.

Information on Wind for Schools Oregon

Principal Jack Nickerson and Director Rich Belloni presented information on “Wind for Schools Oregon,” a state based program developed by Western Community Energy. The objective of the program is to engage rural America in a discussion of wind energy while encouraging the development of a knowledge base for that industry. The goal is to place small-scale wind energy systems at Lincoln City schools (Pacific Power is part of the program) as a platform to educate about renewable and alternative energy principles. Administrators will continue their exploration of this opportunity and will share more information as it becomes available.

Policy EH, Data Management

Rich Belloni presented policy EH- Data Management, revised to include information about electronic records. The policy will return for the Board’s consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on 08/09 Board Meeting Calendar

Superintendent Rinearson presented a proposed board meeting calendar for the coming year. The Board typically meets on the second Tuesday of the month at varying schools during the school year. During the summer, the Board usually meets at Newport High. Work sessions may be scheduled on the fourth or fifth Tuesday of the month. The calendar will be considered at the next board meeting.

Information on 2008 Graduation Schedule

Graduations in the District are scheduled as follows; ceremonies will take place at the school, unless otherwise noted.

Eddyville- Friday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.

Career Tech- Friday, June 6, 5:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center, Lincoln City

Siletz- Saturday, June 7, 2:00 p.m.

Insight School- Sat., May 31, 1:00 p.m. at Gateway Mall, Eugene

Waldport- Saturday, June 7, 2:00 p.m.

Toledo- Saturday, June 7, 4:00 p.m.

Taft- Saturday, June 7, 6:00 p.m.

Newport- Saturday, June 7, 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent