

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors – Regular Session
Tuesday, July 8, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

Presiding: 07/08 Chairman Brenda Brown; 08/09 Chairman Jean Turner

Present: Directors Brenda Brown, Jean Turner, Jana Cowan, Ron Beck, Amy Coulter

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 20 members of the staff, media and interested patrons present.

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

07/08 Board Chairman Brenda Brown convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

Election of 08/09 Board Chair

Motion 08/09-1

Nominated by Director Cowan, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously elected Jean Turner as Chairman of the Board for the 2008/09 year.

Election of 08/09 Board Vice-Chair

Motion 08/09-2

Nominated by Director Brown, seconded by Director Coulter, the Board unanimously elected Jana Cowan as Vice-Chairman of the Board for the 2008/09 year.

Communications/Staff Recognition

Superintendent Rinearson introduced new Sam Case Principal Sharman Ensminger-Stapp, and welcomed her to the District.

Board Reports

Director Brenda Brown gave kudos to the east area 21st Century program, noting 102 students are registered for the six-week program.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Mike Phillips, Dan Kauffman, Darrell Richards and Taft High ASB for their efforts in building a 6500 square foot courtyard at Taft High. The equipment, materials and labor were all donated to make the courtyard a reality. Taft High seniors, alumni and parents collaborated on the project.

The Superintendent thanked the Altrusa Club of Yaquina Bay for their donation of \$550 to the Newport/Toledo Teen Parent program. The funds will be used to support teens in need of services healthy and in school.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Epsilon Theta Sorority in Waldport for their donation of \$200 to the Waldport Family Literacy Resource Center and Teen Parent program. The funds will be used to purchase school supplies, diapering necessities, car seats, parenting classes, etc.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution fund for their donation to seven different LCSD programs during their last round of giving.

The Superintendent wished Board member Ron Beck “Happy Birthday” on August 7th.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 08/09-3

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

- Minutes, June 10, 2008 Regular Session;**
- NHS Planned Course Statement, Algebra 1A and 1B;**
- WHS Planned Course Statement, Zoology;**
- Termination of Charter Contract, OCOL;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 7-8-08;**
- Policy DJ, District Purchasing;**
- Policy JHCC, Communicable Diseases;**
- Policy JHCD, Administering Non-Injectable Medicines to Students;**
- Policy JHCDA, Administering Injectable Medicines to Students;**
- 08/09 School Meal Prices.**

Approval of West Area Calendar, 08/09

Motion 08/09-4

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Coulter, the Board unanimously approved the West Area calendar for 2008/09 as presented 7/8/08. The basic changes include moving from seven half-day inservices on Wednesdays, to five full day training on Mondays. The calendar will be available on the District’s website.

Approval of North Area Calendar, 08/09

Motion 08/09-5

On motion of Director Coulter, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved the 08/09 North Area Calendar as presented 7/8/08. The North area will have full-day inservices on Fridays.

Approval of Organizational Resolution

Motion 08/09-6

On motion of Director Coulter, seconded by Director Beck, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2008/09-1, Designation of District Officers, Clerks, Agents and Depositories of Funds as amended 7/8/08 (the Board changed the mileage reimbursement rate to 58.5 cents per mile- same as the IRS rate, and removed “to the limit of \$25,000” from the ‘Disposal of Surplus Property’ portion of the resolution).

Approval of Revised Board Meeting Calendar, 08/09

Motion 08/09-7

On motion of Director Coulter, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved the Revised Board Schedule of Meetings for 2008/09, as presented 7/8/08. The August meeting was rescheduled from August 12th to August 26th.

Discussion on 08/09 Alternative Education Programs

School Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented alternative education programs at the Carolyn Brown School in Newport and Toledo High School for the Board's consideration (as required by policy). Both schools meet the lengthy criteria specified by board policy; there are 40 students in each program.

Chairman Turner asked about a timetable for having alternative education programs in the north and south areas of the District. Mr. Novello explained there is nothing stopping those areas from having alternative education programs; it is decided locally.

Information on Taft High Eligibility Pilot Program

Taft 7-12 Principal Scott Reed and Athletic Director Mychal Williams presented information on the school's academic eligibility pilot project. The pilot has completed year one of three, and suggests that allowing students struggling in the classroom to participate in co-curricular activities results in improved student achievement. Mr. Williams commented that it "feels better" using this program, by not eliminating some students that otherwise would not qualify to participate.

The Taft High pilot employs a waiver of Policy IGD which delineates the academic criteria students must meet to participate in co-curricular activities (i.e., a 2.0 GPA with no more than one "F.") Students at Taft who fall below this threshold must participate in a plan of assistance in order to participate in co-curricular activities. Plans for the new year include additional study tables; students will take part for 30 minutes daily, or possibly three times per week. Mr. Williams recognized Kevin Graves for his help in administering the program last year.

Principal Reed noted the goal is not to lower expectations, but to raise them. "It is our job to help all kids, not just the ones already succeeding," said Reed. Director Cowan asked if there are plans in place to help struggling students who do not participate in sports. Mr. Reed responded that several avenues exist to help students, including the music program and efforts of Kevin Graves, through the Commission on Children and Families. More data will be shared with the Board after the conclusion of the next semester.

Discussion on New Course, NHS: Film as Literature

Newport High teacher Samantha Murphy and counselor Reyna Mattson presented the planned course statement for a new class being considered for Newport High: "Film as Literature." The class will study different genres of film, mainly from the 1930's to the 1960's. It is a writing intensive course that will focus on both the societal and historical impact of each film studied. Issues include: racism, gang conflict, integrity and armed conflict, among others.

This type of course is becoming more common at the high school level, and is offered at the college level routinely. Ms. Murphy explained the films being considered are not available for sale or rent in local businesses. Twenty six students are pre-enrolled; the number is expected to grow. Ms. Mattson noted the school would like to build a several year plan where classes are alternated.

Curriculum Administrator Sandi Williams explained that courses have been well vetted by the time the Board is asked to consider them, and gave kudos to Ms. Murphy for her “incredible research.” Superintendent Rinearson noted that each time the Board approves a planned course statement, that course becomes available for all district schools. The course will return for the Board’s consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Policy JFCF/GBNA, Hazing, Harassment...

Policy JFCF/GBNA applies to students, and adds “cyberbullying” as a form of harassment. The Board approved the same policy as applicable to employees at the June board meeting. The policy will return to the Board for their consideration at the next board meeting.

Update on Construction Excise Tax Activities

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported an additional community meeting to gather input regarding uses of the Construction Excise Tax is scheduled for July 9, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Lincoln City Mayor Lori Hollingsworth.

Mr. Belloni reported over \$51,000 has been collected to date, mostly from Lincoln County.

Discussion on Board Goals, 08/09

Each year the Board develops Board goals, so began the process by reviewing the 07/08 goals. They will continue their discussion at a work session retreat July 27/28.

Discussion on Logistics, Board Retreat

A Board work session retreat is scheduled for late July at the WorldMark in Gleneden Beach. Chairman Jean Turner asked Board members to email suggestions for topics to Laurie Urquhart.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent