

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, August 26, 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Jean Turner, Chairman

PRESENT: Jean Turner, Chairman; Jana Cowan, Vice-Chairman; Ron Beck, Amy Coulter, Directors

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 30 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

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

Introductions- New Administrators

New to the District administrators Mary Schaer (Principal, Crestview Heights), Majalise Tolan (Assistant Principal, Taft 7-12), Sharman Ensminger-Stapp (Principal, Sam Case) and Pedra Berenson (Principal, Toledo Elementary) were introduced to the Board and audience.

Board members presented the administrator from their respective areas with a welcome basket donated by local chambers of commerce, merchants and others.

Board Reports

Director Ron Beck noted the recent passing of two ardent school supporters in Lincoln County: Chris Martinson and Bob Spangler. Both contributed significantly to LCSD and will be greatly missed.

Vice-Chairman Jana Cowan noted the invitation all board members received to Sam Case's open house September 18.

Board Chair Jean Turner reported she recently attended the ODE Summer Institute. She found presentations by Dr. Spencer Kagan on brain based instruction particularly engaging.

Update on Synthetic Turf Field- Taft High

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported progress is moving quickly on the synthetic field in Lincoln City. Several dump trucks, a grader, two "Cats", a scraper and other heavy equipment converged on the field Saturday, August 23. By Sunday, the crew was grading the area. Curbs should

be poured this week. Mr. Belloni noted the collaborative efforts of all of the people involved, and said the field is on target to be completed by the projected date, October 1.

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented preliminary financial reports for the 2007/08 year, emphasizing the numbers are not finalized and saying projections are holding. She also presented financials of July 31, 2008. Preliminary student numbers indicate enrollment may be stabilizing, but staff is taking a “wait and see” approach. Ms. Baldwin reported Umpqua Bank offered the highest rate of return, so the largest amount of district funds is held there.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for their recent contributions to LCSD. The Tribal fund donated \$8650 to Toledo High volleyball; \$9916 to the Newport High Publications Center, and \$5000 to Taft 7-12 for a scoreboard.

The Superintendent recognized Morag Reid, Records Department (and parent) for coordinating a school supply drive for the Toledo schools. Ms. Reid gathered nearly 350 pounds of supplies. Mr. Rinearson noted the generosity found in Lincoln County with school supplies donated from multiple sources.

The superintendent reported all teachers started back to work August 26 (new teachers began earlier), and said the first day of school is September 2.

He led Board members through the “know your mountain” exercise, to determine if they could identify mountains by a slide shown.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 08/09-10

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

- Minutes, June 30, 2008 Special Session;**
- Minutes of the July 8, 2008 Regular Session;**
- Minutes of the July 17, 2008 Special Session;**
- Minutes of the July 27/28, 2008 Work Session;**
- Minutes of the August 7, 2008 Special Session;**
- 08-09 Alternative Education Programs (at Newport High and Toledo High);**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- Film as Literature Course, Newport High (added back to the Consent Calendar; left off in error.)**

Contract- Business Manager

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

AYP Report- Preliminary 07/08 Results

Title I Administrator Clint Raever provided information on the preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results. He reported that eight schools “met” AYP, seven did not, and one is pending. Mr. Raever made special note that Toledo High exceeded their special education targets and Taft Elementary met AYP this year. Areas on which to focus this year include students with disabilities and attendance.

Mr. Raever noted the several strategies in place to address improving student achievement, including alignment of curriculum, power standards, local assessments, interventions, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Growth rate requirements of “No Child Left Behind” increase by ten percent again this year, said Raever.

Mentor Program and New Teacher Induction

Mentor Program Coordinator/Community Curriculum & Resource Liaison Ruth McDonald summarized the new teacher mentor program in the District, as well as the new teacher induction held over four days. The District is the recipient of a grant from the Oregon Department of Education to provide resources for mentors to new teachers and administrators.

Teachers new to the district or in their second year received four days of training, a change from past years. They toured several parts of the county to become more familiar with our communities and to become a part of them. Teachers also received training in “classroom learning systems,” technology, power standards, curriculum guides and the K-12 alignment project.

K-12 Alignment Project- Update

Teacher Tiana Tucker updated the Board on the district’s K-12 Alignment Project. To date, science, language arts and social studies have been aligned by teams of teachers. The State is aligning math instruction; that will be shared after its completion K-12. Horizontal alignment is being examined currently, between subject areas and at each grade level.

Substitute Teacher Pay Rate

Assistant Superintendent Len Geiger presented the licensed substitute teacher daily pay rate for 2008-09. The formula to determine the rate is set by state law and is done annually.

Discussion on 09/10 Budget Calendar

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented a proposed budget calendar for the 2009/10 budget development. The calendar lists the first budget committee meeting as May 19, 2009, with adoption of the new budget scheduled for 6/23/09. The calendar will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

Personal Services Agreement- Murray Lein, Occupational Therapist

Special Education Administrator Susan Van Liew presented a personal services agreement with Murray Lein for occupational therapy services for identified students with disabilities. The contract will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

08/09 Board Goals and Work Plan

The Board met in a two day work session in late July to begin developing board goals. They were presented at the meeting, along with a work plan to accomplish them. Superintendent Rinearson expressed concern on the number of goals and the estimated time to complete them; he suggested the Board reduce the number of goals and target “a couple.” He reminded Board members of their offer during the retreat to take on the work of the goals.

Board members reached consensus to retain the first goal (acknowledging student achievement by recognizing elementary students who have learned multiplication tables, and students achieving physical education goals). Mr. Rinearson noted this could have a “huge effect on kids and parents.” Ron Beck suggested adding an attendance component to the goal.

The Superintendent asked the Board to consider removing the conversation on uniforms, and suggested the Board remain open if a school raised the idea. Director Coulter offered to research the issue of uniforms on her own, as part of a research project. The Board reached consensus to remove uniforms from the list of proposed goals.

Superintendent Rinearson suggested schools currently requiring senior projects present information on them to the Board.

The goals will return to the Board for further discussion and eventual adoption at an upcoming meeting.

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

Chairman

Superintendent