

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, September 9, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Toledo Jr./Sr. High School
Toledo, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Jean Turner, Chairman

Present: Jean Turner, Chairman; Jana Cowan, Vice-Chairman; Ron Beck, Brenda Brown, 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 Chairman Jean Turner convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Amy Coulter was excused from the meeting.

Student Representative

“Through unity and participation, we the Toledo High School ASB officers will open the windows for change and progress by enriching the students’ relationship with the community and strengthening the perception of Toledo High.” ASB President Guy Leech shared the school’s new vision statement, which is posted throughout the school. Their goal is to uplift school spirit to make this “the best year ever” for students.

Student body officers are planning two homecoming celebrations this year, one in fall and one during basketball season. Mr. Leech noted the “Link Crew” students will be active all year, rather than only at the beginning and end of the year. “We want to put ourselves on the map in a positive way,” said Leech.

Communications

Board Chair Jean Turner noted the receipt of letters from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, as well as the Oregon Education Association (both are pro forma).

Mid-Coast Christian School administrator Rick Russell thanked the Board for the opportunity to rent space at the Arcadia building. The school has 59 students this year, from all communities. They serve students in grades K-12.

Board Reports

Vice-Chair Jana Cowan shared invitations from the Toledo community. The city is sponsoring a “back to pool” party September 13 to raise money for a new heater for the Toledo pool. Also, Habitat for

Humanity is hosting a fundraiser September 20 featuring dog-friendly events (“Doggie Dash”- 1 to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds).

Ms. Cowan also reported her six-year-old son started school and is doing well (as is she).

School Based Health Center Presentation

Jan Kaplan, Director of Lincoln County Health & Human Services (LCHHS), along with Paula Sampson, Sharron Kelley and Bill Hall requested a change in the agreement governing school based health centers to allow dispensation of contraceptives at the centers. Mr. Kaplan noted LCHHS has a 20-year partnership with LCSO pursuant to the school based health centers, and said the request is the culmination of a two-year process involving numerous stakeholders. The group developed a comprehensive plan to address teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (both on the rise in our county). Mr. Kaplan said dispensing birth control is the only thing done at county health clinics but not at school based health centers, and cited research showing adolescent sexual responsibility increases when contraceptives are provided with counseling through school based health centers.

Paula Sampson, an RN with LCHHS, said there is no one answer or approach to teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Teen moms are less likely to finish high school or go on to college, and many live in poverty. Children of teen moms many times go on to become teen moms themselves. “The consequences of becoming a teen mom are multiple and long lasting,” said Sampson. She said data shows that dispensing contraception at school based health centers does not increase sexual activity or make it begin sooner, but does demonstrate more responsibility.

Sharron Kelley made four points on the issue: 1) primary care clinics already dispense contraceptives; 2) students inquiring about contraception at school based health centers receive information prior to receiving them; 3) several hundred people took part in this effort; and 4) the number of youth targeted is small in number.

County Commissioner Bill Hall noted part of a commissioner’s role is to protect public health, and said he wants to protect our children. “Contraception is only one part of a multi-faceted plan that still stresses abstinence and parental involvement. But almost half of our students do not choose abstinence,” said Hall.

Director Jana Cowan asked the source of data cited by the group; one of the main sources is “Emerging Answers: Research Findings on Programs to Reduce Teen Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Diseases,” also known as the Kirby report. Ms. Sampson stated the report was peer reviewed.

Superintendent Tom Rinearson noted teen pregnancy and STDs are community issues, rather than school issues.

Ms. Sampson noted the comprehensive approach being sought and said it would provide a chance for kids taking risks to talk to medical professionals.

Director Beck asked about prescriptions; the contraceptives are usually dispensed on site, rather than providing a prescription.

Chairman Turner noted several speakers referenced the Oregon law allowing students to obtain birth control without parental notification, and asked how many kids “would we lose if we notified parents.” Mr. Kaplan reported young people seeking birth control cannot be denied service, but said the policy of LCHHS is to strongly encourage parental involvement. Sandy Adams added that state law requires documentation describing why the family was not notified, should that occur.

Director Beck asked about the legal perspective, with regard to the school district’s liability. Superintendent Rinearson said he would talk to the district’s attorney to learn the answer to this question.

The Board will discuss this topic again at its next meeting October 14th.

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of August 31, 2008. Interest rates have increased slightly. The 2007/08 year is being closed out; information on final numbers will be shared later.

East Area Report

Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Brian Flannery reiterated the new vision statement and said attitudes at the school are showing more respect, caring and ownership. He thanked all involved with the remodel of the school’s office, the new bleachers, painting of the gym, and the major re-work of the football field.

Mr. Flannery noted staff is working on interventions to address each student where they are, using several strategies (including RTI, MAPS testing, leveled math instruction for middle level students, use of strands, and a double block of reading). A communication standard will be incorporated into all curricula, and three teams are working on school climate, math and language arts, respectively. They plan to “kick it up a notch,” said Flannery. He noted a partnership with Newport High to study DNA from jelly fish and wheat germ; “We want to challenge the advanced students too,” said Flannery.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Crestview Special Education Teaching Assistant Bernie Murry for her efforts in recycling ink cartridges. Her efforts resulted in a donation to the school of \$1433, to be used to purchase electronics for students.

The Superintendent recognized Olivia Beach, LLC for their donation of \$5,000 toward the new all weather field in Lincoln City. Mr. Rinearson expressed his sincere appreciation for this and the several other donations that made this project a reality.

He reported the Writers in Residence program will occur again this year the week of October 6-9, 2008. Several teachers participated in a week-long writing workshop over the summer, which will enable them to host a visiting writer at their school. This effort is affiliated with the Community of Writers organization. Four schools will host a Family Write Night; more information will follow when it is finalized.

Superintendent Rinearson noted the Board will help the sustainability effort in the District by eliminating the use of plastic water bottles at board meetings after the current stock is gone.

The Superintendent reported the opening of school this year went smoothly overall. He noted a few “speed bumps” this year, but significantly fewer than past years.

Director Ron Beck recognized the Superintendent and West area administrators for the “great job” at the Newport Chamber lunch September 5th.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 2008/09-11

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

- Minutes, August 26, 2008 Special Session;**
- Policy JFCF/GBNA, Hazing/ Harassment/ Intimidation/Bullying;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- 09/10 Budget Calendar;**
- Personal Services Agreement, Murray Lein- Occupational Therapist.**

Approval of Contract- Director of Support Services

Motion 2008/09-12

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved the employment contract between Rich Belloni, Director of Support Services and the LCSD Board of Directors for the July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011 time period.

Approval of Contract- Business Manager

Motion 2008/09-13

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Beck, the Board unanimously approved the employment contract between Julie Baldwin, Business Manager and the LCSD Board of Directors for the July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011 time period.

Discussion on Insight School of Oregon Contract

School Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented a contract between LCSD and Insight School of Oregon for alternative education services. The payment schedule has been adjusted to reflect payment by LCSD to Insight after LCSD has been paid by the State.

Generally, students who were not enrolled in LCSD schools last year and ask to attend Insight will be enrolled there. Students requiring supplemental services may attend part-time. Part-time students are those enrolled in three classes or less; the District has many students enrolled in a variety of programs such as this (purchased services).

Update on Facilities/Maintenance Summer Projects

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni described the myriad of projects completed by Facilities and Maintenance staff this summer. They include: •**Technology.** 60 new computers were deployed throughout the District, mostly for student use; 16 Promethean Boards were installed; 12 document

cameras were deployed; 35 Dell refurbished laptops were configured; two Mac mobile carts were purchased for Newport High (each containing 20 laptops) and configured for school use; ceiling mounted data projectors were installed in most Toledo High classrooms. Ranges for IP addresses were expanded; a new computer lab at Newport Middle was constructed; monitoring software was purchased and installed at the four high school e-learning labs; hardware for LCSD TV was completed; two former students optimized 30 laptops; a fiber connection near Burgess was updated to a gigabit-e. Director Belloni thanked the four Technology staff members (Lynn Smith, James Andrews, Brent Barth and Steve Nielsen), along with Julie Becker who has been assisting them, for their great work.

●**East Area.** The office at Toledo Jr./Sr. High was remodeled (Darla Zagel and Kay Chambers helped design it); new bleachers were installed in the gym; the old bleachers went to the shop at the school for use in other building projects; the tech building was improved (including painting the floor) and shop tools refurbished (the final goal is to have a cabinet shop in Toledo); fire alarms, phones and internet are tied together between the two east area schools; a large trash compactor was relocated; an old storage building at TOES was removed; a rock climbing wall there was installed; also at TOES, a wall was built to separate the Media Center into two spaces (first grade moved into the old lab and special ed. moved into the first grade classroom); extensive work was done on the football field, including installation of 7,000 feet of 2" drain pipe and placement of special sand to help with drainage (many volunteers helped over several days with this project, but special recognition must be given to Ron Manning and Jerry Prior); 7,000 feet of drain pipe was installed in Toledo's baseball/softball field.

●**North Area.** The office at Oceanlake was remodeled (Darla Zagel and Sue DeBelloy helped design it); carpet in some areas of that school was installed; tile was placed in three classrooms and the halls at Oceanlake; the halls there were painted by volunteers and the District's painter; at Taft 7-12, the floor was re-tiled; a privacy wall was built in the office; bookshelves were constructed in the Media Center at Taft 7-12; the exterior of Taft Elementary is still in the process of being painted; a girls' bathroom there was completed; a new special education building was constructed by volunteers (organized by Collette Page) at Taft Elementary and finished (sheetrock, insulation, paint, etc.) by the District; a new all weather field is being constructed at Taft 7-12 (the field has been the result of great cooperation between the city of Lincoln City and the District, as well as a huge volunteer effort by many businesses and community members there);

●**South Area.** The new weight room at Waldport High was completed; a shop room was completed; a Special Education room at Crestview was completed; a new storage room at Crestview was built; a wall was constructed at the Waldport community center building; a major brush clearing project was undertaken near Crestview;

●**West Area.** New tile was installed at Yaquina View and Sam Case; Boosters painted the hallways at Yaquina View; the Special Education room at YVE was remodeled; also at Yaquina View, a new entry for the sick room was constructed; a funnel ball was installed at that school; a new fence was installed around the perimeter of the school property on the south side; the special education room was remodeled at Sam Case; balance beams were placed on the playground at Sam Case; new windows and bricks were installed across the front of Newport High (Angell Job Corps students installed the bricks); a 1000 gallon propane tank and a 12,000 gallon fuel tank were removed at that school; electronic locks were installed at the school, thanks to a grant procured by the City of Newport.

Mr. Belloni said the major projects in the District this summer (all weather field in Lincoln City, football field at Toledo Jr./Sr. High, bricks and windows at Newport High, and brush clearing in Waldport) involved the support and contribution of community members and Boosters Clubs. He thanked all involved and said community spirit is on the rise all over the District.

08/09 Board Goals and Work Plan

Draft Board goals developed over a two-day work session were presented at the last board meeting, along with a work plan to accomplish them. The consideration of uniforms was removed from the list. The Board continued their discussion at the board meeting and will revisit them at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairman