

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors- Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, January 13, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sam Case Elementary School**  
**Newport, Oregon**

**Minutes**

**PRESIDING:** Jean Turner, Chairman

**Present:** Jean Turner, Chairman; Jana Cowan, Vice-Chairman; Ron Beck, Brenda Brown, Amy Coulter, Directors

**Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approx. 30 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

**Call to Order-Establishment of a Quorum**

Chairman Turner convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:03 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

**Audit Report**

Kenny Allen of Pauly, Rogers and Co. presented the audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. He reported the District received a “clean, unqualified” audit, the highest attainable. He commended Julie Baldwin and the business office staff for their professionalism and hard work. Board members Jean Turner and Ron Beck expressed their appreciation to the business office staff.

**Lincoln County Youth Film Program**

District Attorney Rob Bovett described the Lincoln County Youth Film Program, now in its fifth year in the District. The program combines education with the art of filmmaking, and features broadcast quality short films and television commercials about important local, regional and national issues. In addition, grant funds provide state-of-the-art filmmaking equipment. LCSD teachers Peter Vince, Ben Hensley and Ollie Richardson are coordinating the program for the district. Past years’ topics include methamphetamine awareness, tsunami awareness, and the dangers of underage drinking. This year’s project will focus on drug awareness; the films will be premiered at the Newport Performing Arts Center in late spring.

**United Streaming**

District Media Specialist Doug Hoffman demonstrated “United Streaming/Discovery Education Digital Media.” He reported the District subscribes to this service through Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD. Teachers may search for these digital materials in a variety of ways, including by state standards.

Teachers may show only portions of a program, and may embed digital media into a power point presentation.

The materials come with a curriculum guide, black line masters and editable quizzes. This year, the District purchased a server (using ESD Tier II funds) to be used exclusively for digital streaming. Mr. Hoffman reported teachers are actively using this service.

### **West Area Report**

Sam Case Principal Sharman Ensminger-Stapp commended staff at the school, saying they are “a great staff committed to kids,” and noted several areas of interest at the school including: •Sam Case was one of 32 schools in the state nominated by ODE for a Closing the Achievement Gap award; •the use of technology is a priority at the school, with nine Promethean boards currently in use; •writing goals are also a priority; •a staff development training was held with Yaquina View staff and another is planned; •the school will celebrate Oregon’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday in a variety of ways; •each Board member was presented with a book to autograph, take home and read, then return to the Sam Case library in honor of Board recognition month.

### **Financial Report**

Ms. Julie Baldwin presented the financial report for December, 2008. The District saw a slight increase in the number of students in December. Interest rates are declining slightly.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Board members for their service in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

The Superintendent presented a plaque and certificate to the Board and Chairman Turner from Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA). These Leadership awards are based on hours of OSBA training attended by the Board.

The Superintendent recognized Newport High alumnus Erin Dougherty, who was awarded a Skadden Fellowship to work in Alaska with the Native American Rights Fund. The work will help Native Alaskans who are being forced to relocate their coastal villages as a result of global warming. Erin also graduated from Willamette University and the University of Michigan Law School.

Mr. Rinearson congratulated Waldport High, recognized for the second consecutive year as one of the “Best High Schools” by U.S. News & World Report. The school earned a bronze award this year. Schools are ranked based on state test scores and how well all students are being served, including disadvantaged students.

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Oceanlake Elementary for raising 1,231 pounds of food for Lincoln County Food Share. For every five cans of food students brought in, they earned a ticket to “pie-in-the-face” the teacher of their choice. Principal Betsy Wilcox was also “pied.”

## **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**Motion 08/09-26**

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Beck, the Board approved the Consent Calendar items, as amended:

- Minutes, December 9, 2008 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- 08-09 Goals, Timeline (amended to delete goal number 3).**

## **Compliance with Division 22 Standards**

Each year by January 15, school district superintendents in Oregon are required to report to their communities the district's standing with regard to state standards. Curriculum & Assessment Administrator Sandi Williams and Operations Administrator Joe Novello reported the District is in compliance with Division 22 standards for public elementary and secondary schools.

Ms. Williams noted the seven categories on which districts were to focus this year: prevention of drug and alcohol abuse; diploma requirements; alternative schools; counselors; anabolic steroids; assessment of essential skills; and substantive appeal (appeals of Adequate Yearly Progress ratings).

## **Approval of Resolution, Vision/Dental Self Insurance Plan**

**Motion 08/09-27**

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2008/09-6, terminating the joint agreement with Corvallis School District for a self-insured dental and vision plan. A 2007 state statute changed the minimum number of participants from 1,000 to 500, thus eliminating the need for the joint agreement with Corvallis. The plan for LCSD will provide the same level of coverage as did the joint plan.

## **Explanation of Budget Plan, Remainder of 08/09**

A reduction in state revenue coupled with rising expenses resulted in an approximate \$1.66 million budget deficit this school year for the District. Superintendent Tom Rinearson and Business Manager Julie Baldwin described the way in which this year's shortfall will be dealt by reviewing a handout showing a breakdown of the reductions.

All employee groups agreed to give up at least three days of pay (some individuals donated additional days beyond that). As a result of this action by district employees and other reductions to central services, no layoffs will occur at this time. State funding continues to change, even for the current year. Superintendent Rinearson noted "It is the first time in my 27 year career that unions came together like this to give up days; it is really incredible."

Director Beck gave kudos to Superintendent Rinearson for his intimate knowledge of the budget and for the open, transparent communication. Chairman Turner stated "For such a troublesome subject, that was a great presentation" and said the giving up of days was a first in her long educational career as well.

## **Discussion on Custodial Contract**

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported the contract for custodial services will end June 30, 2009. After examining several options including rolling the current contract forward, going out for an RFP or having the District employ custodians, Director Belloni recommended continuing the contract with Sodexo for custodial services. If the District were to employ custodians, an estimated increase in costs of \$426,891 would occur the first year, and approximately \$241,891 the second.

Director Belloni emailed all districts in the state to determine vendors being used for custodial services. Only one district was using a company other than Sodexo. He noted the District is getting good service currently from Sodexo, though said he would like to use a different CPI (Consumer Price Index) rate from the one currently in use. The contract with Sodexo will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

## **Approval of Contract with gLAs Architects, LLC for Architectural Services (Added Item)**

**Motion 08/09-28**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved a contract with gLAs Architects, LLC for conceptual architectural drawings for Oceanlake Elementary School as described 1/13/09. With the possibility of federal funds for "shovel ready" construction projects, Director Belloni described the need to prepare the drawings. The plans will show conceptual drawings for adding several classrooms, a gym, drama room, and a kitchen remodel. Costs for the plans will be borne by construction excise tax proceeds.

Board members asked Mr. Belloni if there are other projects ready to go, should funds become available. He replied there are many; he would like to make improvements to Toledo Elementary and then Waldport High. Chairman Turner asked how he would begin work in Waldport; he responded that he would begin with infrastructure.

Mr. Belloni said he would likely be back at the next board meeting with more ideas.

## **Discussion on Connectivity RFP (Added Item)**

One of the two district contracts for internet connectivity services will terminate in June, 2009. In preparation for this, a request for proposals was published, with one firm responding (CoastCom, Inc.). Director Belloni added this item at this juncture due to the long wait for access to power poles. The Board expressed consensus to issue an "intent to award" letter to CoastCom, which will then have all such services under one contract. The contract will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

Director Beck noted that Darren Bricco is a CoastCom employee and is his brother-in-law. Mr. Beck said he would gain nothing from this contract. He noted the technology this company is proposing is "where the field is going." He said he would like the contract to note the ability to drop school sites, should it become necessary. CoastCom has a redundant system and a transmission route that may prove helpful to the District.

## Upcoming Vacancies, School Board

Three vacancies will exist on the LCSD Board of Directors as of July 1, 2009. The three seats to be filled during the May 19 election are those now held by **Ron Beck in Zone 3** (representing Newport, from Yaquina Head south to the bridge), **Jana Cowan in Zone 4** (representing inland areas including Eddyville, Siletz and Toledo), and **Jean Turner in Zone 5** (representing the south county including Elk City, Waldport and Yachats).

Those interested in running for these positions must live in the zone being sought, must be a registered voter, and may not be an LCSD employee. Potential candidates may file a \$10 filing fee or verified signatures with the Lincoln County Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. between February 9 and March 19, 2009. A resolution describing the vacancies will return to the Board at the next meeting.

## 08-09 Superintendent Evaluation- Form & Timeline

Each year the Board provides a performance evaluation for the Superintendent. The form to be used as well as a timeline were presented and will be distributed in the coming days. The format has been used for several years and is based upon the OSBA template. In addition to Board input, central administrators and building principals will complete the evaluation forms.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent