



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the January 13, 2009 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on January 13, 2009 at Sam Case with approximately 30 members of the staff, media and interested patrons 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 recognized Julie Baldwin and the business office staff for their professionalism and hard work.

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. LCS D teachers Peter Vince, Ben Hensley and Ollie Richardson are coordinating the program for the district. This year’s project will focus on drug awareness.

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. Mr. Hoffman reported teachers are actively using this service.

West Area Report

Sam Case Principal Sharman Ensminger-Stapp noted several areas of interest at that 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; •one staff development training was held jointly with Yaquina View staff, and another is planned; •the school will celebrate Oregon’s 150th 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 small increase in the number of students in December. Interest rates are declining slightly.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson 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.

The Board Report is a summary from the latest meeting of the Lincoln County School District Board of Directors. For additional information, you may contact Laurie Urquhart, Secretary or Tom Rinearson, Superintendent at 265-4403.

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.”

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

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, December 9, 2008 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum, including:**
- Resignations:** Joyce Staffenson (6/11/09); Valencia Pillion, TOES;
- Classified Hire:** Karla Brouhard, TOES; Piper O’Brien, TOES;
- Leaves of Absence:** Oletta Lewis, 10/30/08-1/15/09; Janet Johnson, 12/18/08-1/9/09; Doreen Halverson, extended through 6/11/09; Marnie Cogswell, extended through 1/30/09;
- 08-09 Goals, Timeline** (revised to remove 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.

Resolution, Vision/Dental Self Insurance Plan

The Board approved a resolution to terminate a 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.

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. Superintendent Tom Rinearson and Business Manager Julie Baldwin described the way in which this year’s shortfall will be dealt.

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 this year given the current financial picture.

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, Director Belloni recommended continuing the contract with Sodexo for custodial services. The contract will return for the Board’s consideration at the next meeting.

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

The Board approved a contract with gLAs Architects, LLC for conceptual architectural drawings for Oceanlake Elementary School. With the possibility of federal funds for “shovel ready” construction projects, Director Belloni described the need to prepare the drawings. The conceptual drawings will show added

classrooms, a gym, drama room, and a kitchen remodel.

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.). This topic was brought before the Board now due to the long wait for access to power poles. Board members expressed consensus to issue an intent to award letter with CoastCom. The Board will consider the contract at the next meeting.

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 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 and timeline were presented for the Board's review 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.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2009 at Toledo Elementary School