

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors- Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, February 10, 2009- 7:00 p.m.**  
**Toledo Jr./Sr. High**  
**Toledo, Oregon**

**Minutes**

**PRESIDING:** Jean Turner, Chairman

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

**Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approx. 40 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 four board members present. Director Beck was excused from the meeting.

**Public Hearing, Eddyville Charter**

The Board recessed into a public hearing to hear input on the proposed renewal of Eddyville Charter School (ECS). ECS board member Sam Eddy spoke in favor of the school, saying “we want to continue the march.”

Deborah LaCroix, parent of two students attending the school, extolled the school’s virtues, saying it has a “modern twist to a good old fashioned school.”

**Student Representative, Toledo High**

Toledo Jr./Sr. High ASB President Guy Leech addressed the Board regarding the climate at the school, saying the blend of middle and high school students is going well and improving every month. The younger students have been included in assemblies and are planning one themselves for Valentines Day.

**Board Reports**

Board Vice-Chair Jana Cowan reported she took part in a community meeting in Toledo to discuss upcoming budget cuts to district schools. She noted the process is respectful and going well, despite the gloomy forecast. Ms. Cowan also noted an upcoming sesquicentennial celebration in Salem for Oregon’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Board member Brenda Brown noted her attendance at ESD budget training. She also reminded attendees of the upcoming rally sponsored by Stand for Children on the steps of the state capitol on President’s Day. Transportation on buses is free; they depart from Newport High at 8:00 a.m. and lunches are also included. “The more voices, the better,” said Brown.

Chairman Jean Turner reported community meetings are also taking place in Waldport to study plans for Waldport High, now and in the future.

### **Tobacco Prevention Presentation**

Toledo Jr./Sr. teacher Peter Vince and student Guy Leech presented three student produced public service announcements (PSAs) on tobacco prevention. Ann Way of Lincoln County Health and Human Services procured a grant that funded the PSAs.

In addition, Mr. Vince showed an in-progress PSA commissioned by Sandy Adams (also from Lincoln County Health and Human Services) seeking eligible students' enrollment in children's health insurance. (The enrollment criteria match those for free/reduced lunches).

### **Public Statement, Superintendent's Evaluation**

Chairman Turner shared results of the Board's annual evaluation of Superintendent Rinearson. As in past years, board members, principals and Learning Support Team members took part in the evaluation. Chairman Turner commended the Superintendent for his performance, and stated "His respect for each individual shows he is a man that cares deeply about the District and the students we serve. The example he sets is living proof of the high standards he holds for all employees."

The Superintendent offered to freeze his salary for the remainder of his contract, given the financial situation in the district, state and country. The board will discuss terms of the Superintendent's contract at the next regular meeting.

### **Financial Report**

Ms. Julie Baldwin presented the financial report for January, 2009. The report reflects lower revenue, property tax projections and interest income. One bright spot is the slight increase in ADM for January.

Ms. Baldwin reported Tax Anticipation Notes will be necessary again next year.

### **Information on Senior Projects**

Operations Administrator Joe Novello shared information on senior projects and career related learning from the four district high schools. All four schools have some form of a senior project, with differing approaches in each area. Career Information Systems (CIS), an online career exploration tool, is used by all four, and partnerships with the business community are working well.

### **East Area Report**

Toledo Elementary Principal Pedra Berenson shared highlights at the school, including: •a school wide assembly organized by the fourth grade teachers is planned to honor Oregon's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday; •reading scores have steadily improved during the last four years, since inception of the Reading First program; •third grade does a marketplace once per month wherein students earn play money and participate in buying, selling and trading good and services.

Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Brian Flannery reported the school is the recipient of an Americorps grant and will now have ASPIRE (Access to Student assistance Programs In Reach of Everyone) at the school. This program matches students with volunteer mentors to help guide them in post high school education and training programs.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rinearson gave kudos to Morag Reid of the Records Department for organizing a free clothing and personal hygiene products giveaway in Toledo. Over 300 people attended the event.

The Superintendent recognized Crestview Heights teacher Jim Bodle and his students for a feature article in Kind News, a newsletter published by the Humane Society. Mr. Bodle's students made paper mache piggy banks and distributed them to area businesses to collect donations for HALO (Helping Animals Live On). Students collected \$583 in donations to help animals.

Lincoln City Career Tech was awarded a \$5,000 grant by the PGE Foundation for a "Community 101" program. The program involves students in community service, leadership and philanthropy, and is aligned with Oregon's essential skills for career related learning.

Superintendent Rinearson reported the "tooth taxi" made a several-day long stop in Newport. This new service is sponsored by ODE and the Oregon Dental Foundation, and provides free dental services to students. The "taxi" was parked at Sam Case, and served 107 students from all over the county at a dollar value of \$22,315.

The Superintendent noted Crestview Heights staff held an appreciation tea for board chair Jean Turner in honor of school board recognition month.

Mr. Rinearson wished board members Jean Turner and Amy Coulter "happy birthdays" this month (the 29<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> respectively).

### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**Motion 08/09-29**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Coulter, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar items, as amended (the custodial contract (8.f.2) was removed from the Consent Calendar and placed under Discussion, (10.e.1)) including:

- Minutes of the January 13, 2009 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- Connectivity Contract, CoastCom, Inc.**
- Resolution 2008/09-7, Board Vacancies.**

### **Approval of Contract with gLAs Architects, LLC Toledo Elem. and Waldport High**

**Motion 08/09-30**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved a contract with gLAs Architects, LLC for architectural services at Toledo Elementary and Waldport High

Schools, as noted in the February 10, 2009 board folder. With the possibility of federal funds for “shovel ready” construction projects, Director Belloni said there is a need to prepare the drawings.

### **Classified Employees Week, March 2-6**

**Motion 08/09-31**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Coulter, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2008/09-8 proclaiming the week of March 2-6, 2009 as “Classified Employees Week” in LCSD. Chairman Turner read the resolution to the audience, and thanked classified employees for their important work.

### **2009/11 ESD Resolution Services**

**Motion 08/09-32**

On motion of Director Cowan, seconded by Director Coulter, the Board unanimously approved the 2009-11 Resolution for the Local Service Plan, Valley Coast Superintendent Association, as noted in the February 10, 2009 board folder.

Every two years, the ESD superintendents from all twelve districts within the ESD boundary develop a resolution describing services to be provided and funded with “Resolution” dollars. These services are offered to districts when approved by two-thirds of the districts representing over one-half of the average daily membership of the 12 districts. These are services deemed to be essential to all, and include the business information system, courier service, data warehouse, school registration and tracking, home school registration and tracking, education/consultation center, severely disabled support and network support services.

### **Eddyville Charter- Annual Report**

Eddyville Charter School Principal Don McDonald described the K-12 charter school, its mission and operation. Mr. McDonald said his presentation serves two purposes: to provide an annual report and to begin renegotiations for a new charter. “When we opened the school six years ago, we wanted to make sure it would attract students from all areas,” said McDonald. The school has an enrollment cap of 200 students, and has a waiting list which is filled by lottery. ECS follows the East area calendar.

The school had no high school drop outs, though attendance is still an issue. ECS has a 13-member board, the largest of any charter school in the state. Staff administered a parent survey, with 100% of respondents citing lower class size and the small school size as key features.

Mr. McDonald asked the Board to take the notebook presented them home to review it, as he would like to renegotiate a new charter. The Board will consider their intent to renew the charter, as well as the charter contract itself, at a future meeting.

### **Discussion on Probationary/Permanent Licensed Personnel**

Each year by March 15, the Board must take action on contracts for all licensed staff. Superintendent Rinearson presented a list of teachers and administrators being considered for contract extensions. Licensed staff currently on temporary contracts are automatically non-renewed; this action is not based on performance.

The list will return for the Board's consideration at the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Calendar- RFP for Banking Services**

Current board policy requires a Request for Proposals (RFP) for banking services be circulated every three years. Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented a calendar for this RFP, with proposals due April 15. Oregon Coast Bank currently provides district banking services, with which staff is very satisfied.

### **Discussion on Policy DG, Banking**

Pauly, Rogers & Co., auditors for the District, recommend banking services be retained for five years at a minimum. Also, factors other than cost alone should be considered when selecting a bank. Julie Baldwin presented a revised policy DG, Banking stating the length of contract at five years with annual extensions of up to three years. Also, the award criteria will include factors including, but not limited to, cost. The policy will return for the board's consideration at the March meeting.

### **Discussion on Custodial Services (Removed from Consent Calendar)**

Director Brenda Brown requested the proposed rollover contract with Sodexo for custodial services be removed from the Consent Calendar to allow further discussion. (The proposal on the Consent Calendar was a recommendation to continue the current custodial contract with Sodexo for five years). Copies of the existing contract will be mailed to the board. Director Rich Belloni asked that Board members advise him of their questions on the contract and what other information they would like to see as soon as possible.

Board members received a packet of information in the mail from OSEA regarding custodial services (District staff did not receive the packet). Mr. Belloni cautioned the Board about timelines required to do a Request for Proposals. He shared information at the last board meeting noting that a return to providing custodial services in-house would mean an increase in costs of approximately \$440,000 the first year, and over \$200,000 the second. Superintendent Rinearson stated the costs would be determined at the bargaining table.

The contract will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

### **Budget- Current Year and Next Year**

Superintendent Rinearson presented a power point report demonstrating potential reductions to the District's budget, both this year and next. Expected payments from the state for this year are questionable, and administrators project a shortfall next year of approximately \$5 million. "The Governor's budget results in deep cuts, despite what he says. I expect more cuts this year and \$5 million in cuts next year," said Rinearson. He commended Congressman Schrader for his connection with the District.

Mr. Rinearson noted the Open Books project demonstrates LCSD directs more resources into classrooms than other districts of similar size, with less at the central structure (2% in LCSD versus the state average of 3%).

Effects of potential federal stimulus package are unknown at this point; staff are preparing for a worst case scenario which may or may not occur. “We are preparing for a 60 foot tsunami, rather than not planning and getting hit by a 20 foot one,” said the Superintendent.

If the district does not receive state school fund payments it is expecting for the current year, schools will have to close early. In order that seniors graduate and high school students do not lose credits, elementary and middle schools may have to close as early as the first part of April. A plan for this scenario (if no additional funds are received from the state this year) will be shared at the March board meeting.

At a minimum, projected cuts next year include 23 teaching positions, 3 administrative positions and an undetermined number of support staff positions. The district website will be updated regularly on the budget situation.

The Superintendent noted that student learning remains the focus. “What we do is all about the kids, not about programs or staff,” said Rinearson.

**Other**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin shared responses to information requested by Director Brown on a variety of topics, including cash flow and charter schools, expenses related to former school buildings, utility and other costs at the district office, and planned construction/remodel projects for 2009/11. Ms. Baldwin presented a handout with the information.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent