



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the March 10, 2009 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on March 10, 2009 at Taft 7-12 with approximately 40 members of the staff, media and interested patrons present. Chairman Jean Turner was excused from the meeting.

Student Representatives, Taft 7-12

Taft 7-12 Student Council representatives Andy Derringer (President), Crystal Connor (Historian), Marissa Fochtan (Freshman President), Doug Gakstatter (Sophomore President), Aly Viles (Treasurer) and Anne Marie Sketch (Secretary) addressed the Board about activities at their school.

Public Hearing, Siletz Early College Academy

The Board recessed into a public hearing to hear input on the proposed renewal of Siletz Early College Academy Charter School. No comments from the audience were generated, though Principal Bob Line noted the positive experiences of families at the school.

Annual Report, Siletz Early College Academy and Siletz Valley School

Principal Bob Line reported his report would cover both charter schools in Siletz (K-8 and 9-12). He noted the good collaboration between the school(s) and the District, and said most students attending them reside in Siletz. About 60% of students are of Native American descent; the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution fund supports many activities (including athletics) at the school. He noted the SMILE program (Science and Math Investigative Learning Experience) has offered many opportunities for staff and students.

The high school charter is up for renewal as of June 30, 2009. The Board will consider their intent to renew this charter at the next board meeting.

Board Reports

Vice Chair Jana Cowan reported Toledo Elementary is host to artist-in-residence Mamadou, who is teaching African drumming to students.

Director Ron Beck noted his presentation of 14 Certificates of Achievement to students at Yaquina View Elementary attaining multiplication table mastery.

Kent Hanrahan- BOSS Program

Taft 7-12 volunteer Kent Hanrahan described the “BOSS” (Basis of Student Study) program at the school. Students are encouraged to suggest ways the school might be improved. Students whose suggestions are selected are recognized in a variety of ways.

Taft 7-12 Report: Four Day Week, 09/10

Taft 7-12 Principal Scott Reed presented a proposed plan for four-and-a-half-day weeks in the coming year. As it stands now, the plan lengthens the school days Monday through Thursday by 26 minutes each, with Fridays reserved for staff development and student interventions. Students may also access additional learning opportunities on Friday afternoons such as internships, on-line, guest lectures, proficiency based learning and Oregon Coast Community College offerings.

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.

The proposal will save 1 FTE, but is suggested as a way to improve student learning rather than to save money. The plan will return to the board for consideration at the next meeting.

Taft High Eligibility Project

Taft 7-12 Athletic Director Mychal Williams updated the Board on the Taft High Eligibility project. (The project allows Taft students to follow different athletic eligibility requirements than those listed in LCSD policy IGD). Mr. Williams reported signs of positive improvement for students struggling academically but participating in athletics.

Financial Report

Ms. Julie Baldwin presented the financial report for February, 2009 showing the decline in state funding. Interest rates remain low, but student numbers are holding steady.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson reported Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown will visit Ms. Murphy's 4th period government class March 16. She will lead an activity on the importance of youth voting.

The Superintendent thanked the Waldport Lions Club, who presented a new bike and helmet to Crestview Heights second grader Brooklyn McElroy. She was selected from a pool of students completing books and their respective book reports.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Morag Reid and the Toledo community for their widespread support of Campbell's "Labels for Education" program. 20,000 points were generated from the labels collected, which will enable the "purchase" of a variety of PE/recess equipment. Ms. Reid coordinates this effort.

Superintendent Rinearson recognized the 16-member NHS Robotics team, who placed 11th of

54 teams in regional competition. The team is advised by teachers Brian Hanna and Mike Jakobsson.

Mr. Rinearson reported parent/teacher conferences will take place this week in the north, south and west areas. Though most conferences will take place Wednesday evening, Thursday afternoon and Thursday evening, patrons should contact the respective school for the exact hours. The east area will hold conferences the first week of April.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, Feb. 10, 2009 Regular Session;**
- Minutes, February 24, 2009 Work Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum, including:**
 - Resignations:** Lisa Craycraft, Community Learning Center; Lisa Renfrow, Eddyville; Ruth Boddy, Toledo Jr./Sr.; Ellen Gerl, Taft Elem.; Brian Montgomery, NHS; Sharon McClung, Fac./Maintenance; Katie Carmody, Toledo Elem.;
 - Licensed Hires- Temp.:** Michael Martin, Taft Elem. (.50); Patricia Westfall, TOES;
 - Classified Hire- Temp.:** Allison Tice, NHS;
 - Coaches:** Howard Richards, Toledo Jr./Sr.; Emilio Ortiz, Toledo Jr./Sr.; Tom Nordyke, NHS;
 - Leaves of Absence:** Gilbert Buring, 2/23/09-3/20/09; Jan Weeks, 2/23/09-3/13/09; Cindy Olivieri, 2/26/09-4/9/09;
- Renewals, Non-Renewals of Probationary/Licensed Personnel;**
- Policy DG, Banking.**

Intent to Renew Eddyville Charter

The Board declared their intent to renew the charter with the Eddyville Charter School (ECS). This approval will initiate negotiation of a new charter contract with ECS, which will come before the Board at a later date.

Approval of Custodial Contract, Sodexo

The Board approved a five-year contract with Sodexo for custodial services, through June 2014.

Approval of Resolution in Support of HB 2558 and HB 3401

The Board approved a resolution in support of HB 2558 and HB 3401, two bills currently being considered in the State Legislature and whose passage would lessen the severity of the economic downturn. HB 2558 would enable Toledo Jr./Sr. High to be considered a “small high school,” thus eligible for additional funding. HB 3401 would allow LCSD access to its PERS side account (an account established when the District bonded its PERS liability, currently unavailable to the district).

School Calendars, 2009/10

Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented school calendars for 2009/10. The east, west and south calendars will use a common calendar including five staff development days occurring on Mondays.

The north area proposes two separate calendars, one for the 7-12 school (the four-and-a-half-day week calendar) and one for the elementary schools. Principal Scott Reed described the proposed high school calendar earlier in the meeting. The proposed north area elementary calendar has a 5-day week and includes six staff development days on Fridays.

The calendars will return to the Board for approval at the next board meeting.

Policy IKF, High School Diploma...

Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented a revised policy IKF, High School Diploma including a new section on “credit options.” The new portion allows students to receive credit for work done in alternative settings, including performance-based work and demonstration of competency of a subject as defined by the district.

Information on Safe Schools Grant

Safety Coordinator Sue Graves and Operations Administrator Joe Novello described the “Safe

Schools Healthy Students” grant recently submitted. If successful, the grant would provide \$1.5 million per year for up to five years for Lincoln County communities and schools. Results of the grant application will be known between July 1 and September 30.

Information on Retirement Event

The annual retirement/recognition event is scheduled for Thursday, May 21st at the Embarcadero. Retirees and employees with years of service awards will be honored, along with employees of the year and volunteers.

Information on Cash Flow; TANS

Business Manager Julie Baldwin is exploring ways to address an expected cash shortfall prior to the receipt of property tax revenues in November. Tax anticipation notes (TANS) have been used in the past but because interest rates have declined, this method is no longer advantageous to the district. She will present a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

Discussion on Superintendent’s Contract

This agenda item was continued to the next meeting.

Information on Board Zones

Jack Nickerson, now with the Linn Benton Lincoln ESD, presented information regarding the current configuration of school board zones with the goal of realigning the zones along voter precinct boundaries, eliminating split precincts and balancing voter populations between zones. Mr. Nickerson presented two options for the Board’s consideration, and will present another at a future meeting.

Plan to Address 08/09 Budget Shortfall- 2009/10 Budget Outlook

Superintendent Rinearson reported the current year’s funding has stabilized. Staff is developing the budget for the next biennium, though the situation is and will remain extremely fluid. Information will be shared as it becomes available.

Next Meeting: April 14, 2009 at Siletz Valley School