

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors- Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Crestview Heights School**  
**Waldport, 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 40 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

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

Chairman Jean Turner convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:12 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Amy Coulter was excused from the meeting.

**Board Reports**

Director Brown reported Superintendent Rinearson, Director Cowan and she attended the OSBA Spring Regional meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>. There are many unknowns regarding the state budget at this point, reported Brown.

**Taft 7-12 DECA Project (added item)**

Teacher Vince Dye and student Amber Lafayette shared information about the proficiency based sale of surplus items they have undertaken. District surplus items stored at the old Taft Elementary were organized and sold at the Great Oregon Coast Garage Sale, on E-bay and on Craigslist. One more sale is planned prior to the project's conclusion June 1<sup>st</sup>. Taft 7-12 will be the beneficiary of money raised from the sale (approximately \$11,000).

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported the students and staff did the District a great service by organizing and selling the surplus items. "They did an awesome job," said Belloni.

**Flu Update- District Nurse**

District Nurse Julie Turner reported the many preventive measures taken regarding the H1N1 flu, including: sending information to families, the initiation of student illness tracking, showing a video to all students about coughing and hand-washing, and the increased cleaning of common areas and equipment. Hand washing with soap and water is the single most important action to be taken to combat the flu, said Turner.

No cases of this type of flu have been identified in Lincoln County. Ms. Turner noted students and staff should stay home if they are sick.

Director Cowan gave kudos to Ms. Turner.

### **Summer Institute**

Taft Assistant Principal Majalise Tolan shared information on the upcoming Summer Institute June 15-19, 2009 which she and teacher Tiana Tucker developed. LCSD K-12 Alignment Project and Taft 7-12 Oregon GEAR UP grant are working together to fund a five-course institute. Teachers will be able to network and share information regarding K-12 alignment and student learning. Registration forms, schedule and descriptions of the courses are available on the District's website: [www.lincoln.k12.or.us](http://www.lincoln.k12.or.us).

The institute is open to teachers outside the district as well; two such teachers are registered to date. Ms. Tolan noted she is working to obtain college credit for most courses is given to attendees.

Chairman Turner asked about a minimum number of registrants needed for the conference to continue. Ms. Tolan replied it is important to have the event in order to build momentum, regardless of the number of attendees.

### **LCSD H.E.L.P.**

Lincoln County School District is currently applying for the 2009/10 McKinney-Vento sub-grant to support the education of homeless students. Clint Raever and Senitila McKinley reported 492 students to date have been identified as homeless in the district. If the grant is successful, plans for the program include establishing a Literacy Center in the central area (currently they exist in the north, south and east areas), and expanding the number of half-time advocates from two to four.

Ms. McKinley read a poem she wrote after hearing a song written by a homeless student. She reported meal and clothing programs have been established all over the county, but added she would like the effort to be stronger and more organized. The goal is to make the centers a "one-stop shop" to connect those in need to tutoring, food and clothing assistance and other services.

Mr. Raever noted the program enjoys many partnerships, both official and unofficial. The Board reached consensus for the Board chair to sign a letter of support for the program to be included with the grant application.

### **Youth Symphony Partnership**

The Newport Symphony Orchestra (NSO) recently hosted the Oregon Pro Arte Youth Orchestra from Portland. This group of young musicians was joined by 21 Lincoln County music students in two performances on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Also, LCSD fifth and sixth grade students attended the afternoon performance on a field trip. Music educator Sarah Ball, NSO Education Committee Chair Tom Hurst, NSO Board Chair Michael Dalton and NHS band director Matt Sadowski described the current program as well as future plans.

Mr. Dalton noted the ultimate goal is a youth symphony here in Lincoln County. Tom Hurst said the partnership between NSO and the District began more than two years ago by NSO reps polling LCSD music teachers to see what they would like the symphony to do. Though several schools have bands, many students play instruments not part of a band (stringed instruments). Bringing the youth orchestra to Lincoln County provided an opportunity for those students to play in a group and observe what other students their age can accomplish.

Newport High teacher Matt Sadowski noted this event is “not just a resource for our kids, but for theirs as well.” He added this should be cultivated as it is uncommon and is “really a gem.”

Mr. Hurst reported symphony members have also been visiting Newport Middle, Isaac Newton Magnet and Crestview Heights. Director Cowan extended an invitation from Toledo schools. The presentation ended with a recording by students of a portion of the William Tell Overture.

### **Science/Math Partnership Grant (added item)**

Community Liaison Ruth McDonald reported the District received a three-year math and science partnership grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the Oregon Coast Aquatic and Marine Science Partnership (“OCAMP”). The grant will provide approximately \$300,000 per year for three years for professional development for science. Partners include Oregon State University, OHSU, Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon Coast Aquarium, Oregon Hatchery Research Center, Oregon Sea Grant, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, and the Bureau of Land Management Yaquina Head. LCSD is the only grantee this round to win the award.

### **Crestview Heights Report**

Principal Mary Schaar provided an overview of accomplishments this school year, noting Crestview met its goal of reaching Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards. Goals for reading, math, attendance and special education subgroup were met as well.

Students at the school have high mobility, and the rate of homeless students is currently 24%. 76% of students qualify for free/reduced meals.

Ms. Schaar presented a powerpoint showing the above information as well as highlighting field trips, assemblies and other positive events at the school.

### **Financial Report**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin shared financial reports as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. Though the number of students in the district continues to decline, the district will likely complete the year with more students than projected. Ms. Baldwin called attention to the State School Fund, from which the district has received \$11.9 million this year (budgeted at \$16 million).

### **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Rinearson noted the many positive activities in the District, and said it is important to focus on kids even in the midst of trying financial times.

The Superintendent reported students in C.J. Griffith's classroom at Taft Elementary raised money to purchase exercise balls, which they now use as chairs in the classroom.

The Superintendent recognized the Alpha Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society who donated dictionaries for all Crestview Heights third graders. The donation is in memory of Virginia Gillmore, who passed away this year and who presented the dictionaries to Crestview students the past four years.

Taft Elementary's student council purchased two new signs for the street in front of the school reading "Taft Elementary, the Safest School in Lincoln County" with a SLOW sign for motorists.

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated winners of the 2009 Yaquina Bay Optimist Club's Oratorical Contest. First place went to Tatiana Gil (Sam Case), second place to Makennah Tate, INMS, and third place to Jessica Hyduchak, Sam Case

The Superintendent noted the presentation of 21 Math Facts certificates to Oceanlake students by Board member Amy Coulter. He also said the student art show is ongoing at the Newport Visual Arts Center through May 29.

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

**Motion 08/09-43**

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

- Minutes, April 14, 2009 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- Memorandum of Agreement, Lincoln County Education Association** (date change to open contract extension negotiations from January 15 to March 1<sup>st</sup>).

#### **Approval of Oregon Coast Bank for Banking Services**

**Motion 08/09-44**

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Cowan, the Board unanimously approved Oregon Coast Bank for banking services for the July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014. Proposals were received from three banks, with one of the three eliminated for not meeting one key requirement. The other two (Umpqua Bank and Oregon Coast Bank) were solid, competitive bids. Oregon Coast was selected using overall cost and the presence of their banks in several communities (including a branch to be built in Toledo).

#### **Appropriations Transfer- Short Term Debt**

**Motion 08/09-45**

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Beck, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2008/09-11, Appropriations Transfer-Short Term Debt. Tax Anticipation Notes were used this year to deal with a shortage of cash prior to receipt of property tax revenues. As appropriations in the short-term debt retirement category were not large enough to handle the interest expense, an appropriations transfer was needed. Budget law allows the Board to authorize transfers of appropriations after declaring the need, purpose and amount of the transfer. This transfer will allow the district to remain in compliance with state laws.

## **Eddyville Charter School Contract**

Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented a new contract for Eddyville Charter School (ECS) July 2009 through June 2014 time period. The contract is based on a template used for other district charter schools.

Director Brown said she has some questions on the contract which she will email in for sharing with the administration and board.

Eddyville Principal Don McDonald is proposing an increase in the number of students allowed to attend the school, suggesting an additional 30 students over five years. There is currently a waiting list of 45 students. Mr. McDonald addressed the board on the issue, saying the Eddyville school board realizes finances in Oregon are stretched thin, but said their board wanted to propose some increase in the number of students to acknowledge the school's success.

Director Cowan asked where students on the waiting list live; Mr. McDonald replied it is fairly evenly divided. Director Beck said he is in a quandary about how to proceed. Ms. Brown said the Board should keep in mind our current enrollment and what this would mean. Mr. Beck said the Board also has to keep in mind what the Superintendent said: it is about kids.

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

## **Siletz Early College Charter Contract**

Mr. Novello presented a new contract for Siletz Early College Academy using the same template as the ECS contract. The enrollment cap for this school is 100 students; they currently have about 60. This contract will return for consideration at the next board meeting.

## **2009 Graduation Schedule**

Graduations around the District are scheduled as follows:

Eddyville Charter-	June 5, 7:00 p.m.
Lincoln City Career Tech-	June 5, 5:30 p.m.
Siletz Early College-	June 6, 2:00 p.m.
Waldport High-	June 6, 2:00 p.m.
Taft High-	June 6, 2:00 p.m.
Toledo High-	June 6, 4:00 p.m.
Newport High-	June 6, 6:00 p.m.

All ceremonies will take place at the respective schools, except Career Tech (Lincoln City council chambers).

## **Title I Parental Involvement Adm. Rules (IGBC-AR)**

Title Programs Administrator Clint Raever presented new administrative rules for Policy IGBC, Title I/Parental Involvement. The rules bring the district into compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act.

Director Brenda Brown asked if a parental advisory committee exists. Mr. Raever explained it does, though has not met recently.

## **Budget Update, 2009/10**

Superintendent Rinearson noted the proposed budget for 2009/10 was released the day of the board meeting, along with a DVD of a supplemental budget message. The proposed budget, the supplemental message, and a Powerpoint presentation are available on the District's website, [www.lincoln.k12.or.us](http://www.lincoln.k12.or.us).

The Superintendent explained the proposed budget is based upon state level funding of \$5.9 billion for K-12 education for the biennium. Though a state revenue forecast will be released May 15, the state legislature will then have to do its work; final numbers to school districts may not be known for weeks.

If funding for schools is reduced from the \$5.9 billion level, spending plans will be developed to address that scenario.

## **Renewal of Food Services Contract**

Sodexo District Manager John Stone and General Manager Steve Kappler shared information on the food services program provided by Sodexo. They noted the emphasis on nutrition and movement toward "green" products.

Mr. Stone presented a check for \$2,000 for four \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors (one each for Taft, Toledo, Newport and Waldport High Schools. Sodexo custodial and Mid Columbia provide the same type scholarships).

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni noted food services contracts must be one year in length per state law. He said food services with Sodexo are going well, and recommended they continue for the coming year. A contract will be considered by the Board at the next meeting.

## **Board Zones**

Jack Nickerson presented information to the Board in March showing a possible realignment of board zones along voter precinct boundaries, eliminating split precincts and balancing voter populations between zones. The Superintendent recommended the Board discuss this possibility during a summer board retreat.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent