



# BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the June 23, 2009 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on June 23, 2009 at Newport High School with approximately 50 members of the staff, media and interested patrons present. Directors Coulter and Beck were excused from the meeting.

## Public Hearing, 2009/10 Budget

The Board recessed into a public hearing of the 2009/10 budget approved by the Budget Committee on May 28, 2009.

Toledo teacher Ron Hahn stated his belief that teaching positions could be saved by reducing three administrators at the District Office.

Parent Clifford Ryer expressed his concern with reducing one teacher at Isaac Newton Magnet School.

Newport teacher (and parent) Lori Miller asked if the possibility of closing a school could be revisited if the state legislature appropriates additional funds. The regular session then resumed.

## Communications

Ms. Lori Miller addressed the Board regarding processes (including those for 504 plans and IEPs) and “thinking out of the box.”

Newport High student Kaitlyn Beck asked the Board to retain NHS band teacher Matt Sadowski, saying he has vastly improved the band.

## Board Reports

Director Brenda Brown reported both houses of the state legislature approved the “small schools” bill, which will result in additional funding for Toledo High. Chairman Turner thanked Ms. Brown for her concerted efforts on this legislation.

## Insurance Carriers, 2009/10

District Agent of Record Mark Collson summarized insurance proposals for the coming year. He recommended PACE/Special Districts for liability, property, and auto insurance, and SAIF for workers

compensation insurance. Cost for this coverage will stay about the same as current year costs.

## Cognitive Guided Instruction/Improving Math Achievement

Mentor teacher Deb Gaffney described several programs in the District designed to improve student achievement in mathematics, including: •**Cognitive Guided Instruction** (helping teachers understand how students learn and providing effective teaching strategies); •**Math Instructional Coaches K-8** (two trained math instructional coaches will support staff in implementing the new national and state math standards); •**Moving Math Forward** workshops (ODE-sponsored training focused on understanding and implementing new K-12 National Council of Mathematics standards); •**Math Alignment Project** (north area project lead by teacher Allison Samuels over the past four years to align math instruction); and •**High School Math Cadre meetings** (Brian Hanna and Teresa Atwill are facilitating high school math discussions on how to implement new national standards).

## West Area Report

Newport High Principal Jon Zagel reported 151 seniors graduated from NHS this year. Approximately 90% of these students stated they will be continuing their education. He noted two ongoing summer programs in the west area: the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning program and the SEAS (Science, Engineering and Art School) program.

Mr. Zagel described the process leading to the possible reconfiguration of schools in the west area for next year, saying a “perfect storm” of conditions exists with declining enrollment, rising costs and less funding from the state. With substantial reductions looming, it became evident that keeping all four schools open would result in draconian cuts to all of them. West area principals are recommending restructuring schools in Newport. A community meeting for patrons to hear the plan and give input or ask questions is planned for Tuesday, June 30, 2009- 6:30 p.m. at Newport High

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School. The Board will learn more about the proposal in a work session July 7, and will be considering it at their July 14<sup>th</sup> regular session meeting.

### **Financial Report**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin shared financial reports as of May 31, 2009. She reported state timber revenue is down in Lincoln County, and said interest rates continue to decline.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Director Jean Turner for her service as Board Chairman this year, and presented her with a plaque.

The Superintendent reported Facilities Manager Tim Kaufman was recognized by the Oregon School Facilities Management Association as a "Certified School Facilities Specialist." He was also pictured in the newsletter.

Mr. Rinearson gave kudos to Oceanlake Elementary for winning the attendance flag for May.

The Superintendent thanked Fred Meyer for their donation of \$3,278 to the District from their "Support Our Schools" campaign. Selected vendors donate \$1 for each of their items sold during a nine week period.

Superintendent Rinearson reported the Board will be meeting in several meetings in July: a work session July 7 (7:00 p.m., Newport High); a retreat work session July 10 and 11 (location to be determined), and a regular session July 14 (7:00 p.m., Newport High).

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

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, May 12, 2009 Regular Session;**
- Life of An Athlete Program;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum, including:**
  - Resignations:** David Humphrey, Taft Elem.; Susan deBelloy, Oceanlake; Ann Dodd, Spec. Programs; Susan Musgrove, D.O.; Len Geiger, Asst. Superintendent;
  - Dismissal- Probationary:** Linda Osborne;
  - Leaves of Absence:** Ron Hahn, 5/21/09-6/11/09; Patricia Whetstone, 2009-2011 School Years; Sundarah Baran, 6/1/09-6/11/09; Mary Poling, 5/20/09-6/10/09;
  - Coordinator Hire, Personnel Services:** Chelsi Sholty;

-**Licensed Substitute Rates 09/10:** \$156 per day; after ten days - \$183;

•**Food Service Contract, Sodexo, 09/10.**

A proposal to give termination notice of the agreement for school based health centers (pending review of protocols to ensure safety) was removed from the Consent Calendar. This item will be considered at an upcoming meeting.

### **Approval of Charter- Siletz Early College Academy**

The Board approved the charter contract for Siletz Valley Early College Academy for the July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014 time period.

### **Approval of Charter- Eddyville Charter School**

The Board approved the charter contract for Eddyville Charter School for the July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014 time period.

### **Approval of 09/10 Area Calendars**

The Board approved school calendars for 2009/10. Calendars in the east, west and south areas of the District are very similar, with school improvement days occurring on Mondays.

In the north area, Taft 7-12 will be going to a four-day regular school week with Fridays set aside for staff development and student remediation.

The calendar for elementary schools in the north area is very similar to the one used this year, with a five-day regular school week. School improvement days will occur on Fridays for north area elementary schools.

The calendars may be accessed on the district's website, [www.lincoln.k12.or.us](http://www.lincoln.k12.or.us).

### **Approval of Writing Prime- Planned Course Statement and Syllabus**

The Board approved the syllabus and planned course statement for a new course at Waldport High School: Writing Prime. The course is designed to assist students struggling with writing. With the Board's approval, all district schools may access the course.

### **Approval of Resolution Adopting 2009/10 Budget**

The Board approved a resolution adopting the 2009/10

budget as approved by the Budget Committee in May. The budget delineates an appropriation level that is likely higher than the spending plans to follow.

### **Approval of PACE and SAIF Insurance Carriers**

The Board approved PACE/Special District of Oregon for general liability, property, vehicles, and errors/omissions insurance, and SAIF for workers compensation insurance for the 2009/10 year.

### **Approval of Facilities Agreements**

The Board approved rental contracts for the coming year for several organizations around the county.

### **Approval of Resolution 2008/09-12, Certification of May 19, 2009 Election Results**

The Board approved a resolution certifying election results of the Special Districts election held May 19, 2009. Directors Beck, Cowan and Turner were re-elected to four year terms in the election.

### **Oaths of Office**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin administered oaths of office to Directors Cowan and Turner.

### **2009/10 Alternative Education Programs**

Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented a list of alternative education programs for the 2009/10 year. They are the Toledo High Alternative program, the Carolyn Brown School, and Insight School of Oregon. The list will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

### **Information on Lincoln City Career Tech Report**

Operations Administrator Joe Novello reported Lincoln City Career Tech staff sent the school's annual report electronically prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Novello noted great strides have occurred with the school's program.

### **Information on New Field Trip Form**

Mr. Novello noted a recent arbitration decision was the impetus to a revised field trip form for the district. The form adds several components, including an overnight supervision plan.

### **Title Audit- Corrections on Findings**

Earlier this year, the district took part in an audit of Title programs by ODE. Title Programs Administrator Clint Raever presented a corrective action report to the Board under separate cover. Mr. Raever is working closely with ODE to correct the findings (mostly related to notifications and non-uniformity of program implementation).

### **Discussion on 2009/10-1, Organizational Resolution**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented the annual "Designation of District Officers, Clerks, Agents and Depositories of Fund" resolution. Changes for the coming year include the change in ADA coordinator to the Director of Human Resources and the Director of Support Services; lowering of the mileage reimbursement rate to \$0.55 per mile; and Budget Committee vacancies in Zones 2 and 3.

### **PSA- Murray Lein- Occupational Therapy**

A Personal Services Agreement for the 09/10 year with Murray Lein, Occupational Therapist, was presented. The agreement will return to the Board at the next meeting for consideration.

### **09/10 Board Meeting Calendar**

In previous meetings the Board expressed a desire to change the week of monthly board meetings to the third Tuesday of the month. A calendar reflecting this change was presented and will be considered at the next meeting. (Note: the July 09 meeting is scheduled to take place on the second Tuesday of the month, July 14<sup>th</sup>.)

### **Summer Board Retreat**

The Board met in a retreat over two days last summer and asked to have a similar meeting this year. Board members were asked to forward topics for discussion to Laurie Urquhart.

Several audience members asked if the Board could examine how responses to "blue cards" communications requests are handled (to be discussed at the Board retreat).

***Next Meeting: Work Session- July 7, 2009- 7:00 p.m. @ Newport High School; Regular Session- July 14, 2009- 7:00 p.m. @ Newport High School***