



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the July 14, 2009 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on July 14, 2009 at Newport High School with approximately 40 members of the staff, media and interested patrons present.

Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair

The Board elected Jana Cowan as Chairman and Ron Beck as Vice Chair for the 2009/10 year.

Communications

Yaquina View teacher Wren Clark shared thoughts on the proposed closure of Yaquina View Elementary and the many wonderful legacies of the school throughout its long history.

Board Reports

Chairman Jana Cowan noted the Board met in a productive annual retreat over the weekend.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated Safety Coordinator Sue Graves for the award of the Readiness and Emergency Management for School ("REMS") Program grant from the US Department of Education. The \$304,000 grant will be expended over two years and will improve and strengthen the district's emergency management plan.

The Superintendent recognized Crestview Heights students for holding a coin drive in late spring, raising over \$200 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Mr. Rinearson congratulated Oceanlake Kindergarten teacher Jennifer Napoleon, who wrote two successful grant proposals to the Siletz Charitable Contribution fund. One grant will purchase sets of guided reading books, and the other will help purchase computers.

The Superintendent reported the Board will next meet on Tuesday, August 18th (7:00 p.m. at Newport High).

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, June 16, 2009 Work Session;**
- Minutes, June 23, 2008 Regular Session;**
- 09/10 Alternative Education Programs;**
- Personal Services Agreement, Murray Lein, Occupational Therapist;**
- 09-10 Board Meeting Calendar.**

Approval of West Area Reconfiguration; Closure of Yaquina View Elementary

The Board approved a proposal to reconfigure schools in the Newport area, including closing Yaquina View Elementary School. The new plan will see students in grades K-3 at the current Sam Case site, grades 4-6 plus Isaac Newton Magnet School at the current middle school site ("Newport Intermediate School"); and grades 7-12 at the Newport High campus. In that scenario, 7th and 8th grade students will attend Newport Prep Academy on the west campus of the current high school. Students in grades 9-12 will attend most of their classes on the east campus.

West area administrators proposed the plan after learning of an even larger budget shortfall for the 09-10 year. Though the decision was a very difficult one, the plan will preserve over four teaching positions and will put approximately \$375,000 back into the west area's budget this and subsequent years.

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.

Board members shared their feelings that though the decision to close the school was a sad one, it represents the best choice currently available for students.

for the systems to be operational before school starts in the fall.

Approval of Revised West Area Calendar

Due to the reconfiguration of west area (Newport) schools, administrators requested modifications to the west area calendar. Changes include giving teachers “transition days” to have time to organize their new classrooms, a day for opening and closing ceremonies, and students beginning school two days later than originally planned. The revised calendar is posted on the District’s website.

Approval of 09/10 Organizational Resolution

The Board approved the annual “organizational resolution” denoting district officers, clerks, agents of record and depositories of funds. For 2009/10, the mileage reimbursement rate will decrease to 55 cents per mile (same as the IRS rate).

Director Brown asked staff to research a question related to selling surplus; this portion of the resolution may be reexamined at the next board meeting.

Information on Human Resources Questionnaire

Director of Human Resources Sara Johnson described results of an information gathering questionnaire she sent to LCSD administrators and other employees prior to her start date. She noted many positives shared by staff about the District, including a shared focus on student achievement and success. The returned questionnaires were remarkably aligned, said Johnson.

Addendum- Purchase of Backup Servers and Email Archive System

The Board approved purchase of a backup server and email archive system through Xiologix. This item was included in the Technology budget. Though this item was added to the agenda as a discussion item, the Board approved it to allow time

Next Meeting: August 18, 2009- 7:00 p.m. @ Newport High School