

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors- Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, August 18, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Newport High School**  
**Newport, Oregon**

**Minutes**

**PRESIDING:** Jana Cowan, Chairman

**Present:** Jana Cowan, Chairman; Ron Beck, Vice Chairman; Jean Turner, Brenda Brown, Directors

**Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approx. 30 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

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

Chairman Cowan convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present.

**Communications**

Tanya Jorgenson expressed her concern about contraceptive counseling at school based health centers, as well as concern regarding sharing medications. She noted her support of “option 2” in the proposed agreement between the District and Health/Human Services, wherein condoms may be dispensed from the centers, and asked why Option 1 would not also be reviewed in December. “I am not against birth control, per se,” said Jorgenson.

Tom Graham addressed the Board on the same subject, questioning how the complaint process will work (what happens if a complainant is not satisfied after talking to HHS). He also asked why “option 1” (dispensation of all contraceptives) would not have a review in December. He expressed concern that a comprehensive plan must still be developed. “The liability is tremendous; it is hard to believe that in 30 days you have come up with all the options,” said Graham. “It would be insane to accept Option 1.”

Sal Smith expressed her support of the school based health centers and their importance to students without health insurance.

**Board Reports**

Chairman Jana Cowan reported she attended the OSBA Summer Board Workshop and found it helpful.

**Financial Report**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented unaudited 08/09 year end information and said the District’s decline in enrollment appears to be flattening. Interest rates continue to decline slightly.

Ms. Baldwin also presented financial reports as of July 31, 2009. She will be using an average based on the last three years for the financial report. Activity is typical for this time of year. ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) monies are in Title and IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Act) funds said Baldwin.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Columbia Sportswear for the donation of rain gear and backpacks to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century after school program.

The Superintendent reported Crestview Heights will host a "volunteer fair" on Tuesday, August 25, 6 to 7 p.m. to share volunteer opportunities with community members.

Mr. Rinearson noted public service announcements produced by students regarding drug awareness were being shown on national television, and were shown during an MTV award show.

Area breakfasts are scheduled as follows: **North Area-** Tuesday, 9/1/09, 8 a.m. at Taft 7-12; **West Area-** Wed., 9/2/09, 8:30 a.m. at Newport High; **East Area-** Thursday, 9/3/09, 8:30 a.m. at Toledo Elementary; **South Area-** Friday, 9/4/09, 8:00 a.m. at Crestview.

The Superintendent wished Director Ron Beck "Happy Birthday" as of August 7<sup>th</sup>. He also reported west area administrators are planning events for September 9<sup>th</sup> to commemorate opening and closing of schools. More information will be shared as it is developed.

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

**Motion 09/10-7**

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

- Minutes, July 7, 2009 Special/Work Session;**
- Minutes, July 10-11, 2009 Work Session;**
- Minutes, July 14, 2009 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- Olalla ODE Contract 2009-2011;**
- Juvenile Detention ODE Contract 2009-2011;**
- Policy JGAB, Use of Restraint & Seclusion.**

### **School Based Health Centers Agreement**

**Motion 09/10-8**

Superintendent Rinearson began the discussion by giving kudos to Joe Novello, Julie Turner and Julieanne Sedlachek for their "exceptional job given the time they had" on the review of school based health centers. The Superintendent stated it is important the Board come to an agreement during the meeting to keep the health centers open. "The county would prefer to have total dispensing of contraceptives, but they know we must have an agreement to keep the centers open," said Rinearson.

Operations Administrator Joe Novello, District Nurse Julie Turner and LCHHS Program Manager Julie Sedlachek presented a notebook containing a review of school based health centers including the

proposed revised contract. Earlier this summer, the Board approved giving notice of the District's intent to terminate the contract with LCHHS.

The intent of this notification was to examine protocols at the centers to ensure student safety and meet legal requirements. After an extensive review of the centers, including district and LCHHS policies and procedures, staff revised the contract to address deficiencies. Three options related to dispensing of contraceptives were included in the proposed contract: **Option 1** would allow school site dispensing of birth control methods including Plan B and condoms; **Option 2** would not allow the dispensing of prescription birth control but **would** allow dispensing of condoms; and **Option 3** would not allow dispensing of birth control methods of any kind.

All board members spoke on the proposed options.

**On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Turner, the Board defeated a motion to approve the Interagency Agreement with Lincoln County Health and Human Services for school based health centers, utilizing Option 1 as noted on page 65 of the 8/18/09 board folder by a vote of two aye (Directors Brown and Turner), one opposed (Director Beck).** Chairman Cowan declared a conflict of interest and did not vote on either of the motions related to school based health centers. (She may be employed by a center at some point in the future).

#### **School Based Health Centers Agreement**

**Motion 09/10-9**

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved the Interagency Agreement with Lincoln County Health and Human Services for school based health centers, utilizing **Option 2** (condoms may be dispensed; the Board amended the motion to include "other barrier methods" (foam, etc.)). This option includes a review of the dispensing policy by LCHHS and LCSD no later than December 1, 2009.

#### **School Board Zones**

Board Chair Jana Cowan tabled this agenda item indefinitely. Discussions with an attorney revealed the proposed plan would mean the current Zone 2 representative could no longer serve on the board, as she would no longer live in that zone. The Board may consider re-zoning prior to the next election (May, 2011).

#### **Vacancy, Zone 1- School Board**

**Motion 09/10-10**

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously declared a vacancy in Zone 1 of the school board. Former Director Amy Coulter submitted her resignation via email late in July.

#### **Process/Timeline to Fill Board Vacancy**

**Motion 09/10-11**

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved the process and timeline to fill the board vacancy in Zone 1, revising the dates slightly from those in the board folder (the due date for applications and the date for applicant interviews will be adjusted based on board member availability. Director Brown will be out of town on the original interview date of September

15). Interested applicants must reside in Zone 1, must be registered voters, and may not be employees of Lincoln County School District.

Applications may be obtained on the District website, the administration office in Newport, all Lincoln City schools, the Driftwood Library, or by calling 541 265 4403.

### **Approval of School Name Changes**

**Motion 09/10-12**

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved school name changes as part of the west area reconfiguration as follows: Sam Case Primary (grades K-3), Newport Intermediate School located at the former Newport Middle School site (grades 4-6) and Newport Preparatory Academy located on the west side of the Newport High campus (grades 7-8).

### **Preliminary AYP Findings**

Operations Administrator Joe Novello shared preliminary information on the District's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) rating. Twelve of the district's 16 schools (which may increase to 13) "met" AYP this year, up from eight last year. The district's overall rating is being closely examined. Though first rated as being in "school improvement," the district expects to move out of that category.

AYP is a key component of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2002. Schools are expected to meet state-set goals based on student achievement data. It is important to note that if just one of nine specific subgroups of students within a school does not meet AYP in any one area, the school does not meet AYP either.

### **K-12 Curriculum Alignment Update**

Teacher Tiana Tucker reported the K-12 curriculum alignment project is progressing well. Teachers will be using an electronic grade book this year, which will enable students and parents to view grades, assignments, and how the assignments relate to state standards.

Teachers will use the electronic grade book for one subject this year, with full implementation next year. At the elementary level, math or reading will be selected, while high school teachers will use one of the subjects they teach.

### **Entry Requirements**

School staff have been discussing how to ensure students are academically ready to learn at each level as they advance through the grades. Joe Novello shared samples of draft entrance requirements. Goals for the effort are to raise rigor and accountability at all levels. This effort will align with the K-12 curriculum alignment project.

### **Discussion on Board Goals**

The Board continued their discussion on Board goals for this year, begun at a summer retreat. Draft goals include recognizing student achievement, realigning board zones, analyzing the licensed contract, and continuing their support of initiatives already in process.

Board members discussed methods to learn about all the great things happening in the district; one idea was to contact Oregon Coast Council for the Arts to determine activities in which they are involved. Board members also discussed meeting with site councils to hear their school improvement plans; this would occur in board work sessions. The Board will revisit the goals at the next meeting.

Chairman Cowan noted she learned of “listening sessions” at the recent OSBA training she attended. She will bring more information about them back to the Board for their consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent