



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the September 15, 2009 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on September 15, 2009 at Toledo Jr./Sr. High School with approximately 30 members of the staff, media and interested patrons present.

Introductions- Student Representatives

Toledo ASB President Brittaniy Klish reported the first day of school went exceptionally smoothly. An “introduction pep assembly” is planned for September 18th.

Senior class President Dani Bell described upcoming fundraising events for the class.

East Area Report

Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Brian Flannery called site council members forward and introduced site council President Polly Chavarria. Mr. Flannery reported the school received the small schools grant from ODE, which made a significant difference to the school. He presented flowers and a certificate of thanks to retired teacher and former board member Billie Jo Smith, who was instrumental in the effort.

Mr. Flannery introduced Clint Raever who is serving as Assistant Principal and athletic director at the school this year. He also reported the school is using new curriculum for corrective reading, and will offer math instruction in new ways this year. “I am excited about how it will change things,” said Flannery.

Communications

Lincoln City resident Linda Kreutzer expressed her concerns regarding safety and Wind for Schools, a wind energy project being developed in Lincoln City.

Board Reports

Board Vice Chair Ron Beck noted his attendance at the closing ceremony for Yaquina View and opening ceremony for Newport Intermediate School. The Coast Guard performed the flag ceremony at YVE, and attendees were escorted by the Newport Police Department as they moved from YVE to Newport Intermediate.

Board Chair Jana Cowan thanked Director of Support Services Rich Belloni and staff for their work at Toledo Elementary School. She also thanked all who stepped forward to help in Principal Bob Shindelman’s absence.

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of August 31, 2009. Activity is typical for this time of year; interest rates continue to decline slightly.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked KBCH radio and Tanger Outlet mall for their hosting of the annual “stuff a bus” school supply drive. The effort netted approximately \$15,000 in school supplies and cash for Lincoln City schools.

Mr. Rinearson reported an anonymous donor gave \$5,000 to Newport High to help waiver athletes with fees. In addition, JC Penney donated \$500 to the school for the Robotics Club.

The LDS Church donated a large amount of school supplies to Sam Case Primary, and Chuck and Patti Littlehales and H.J. Holen gave cash donations to the school.

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 superintendent reported a welcome event is planned for NOAA families on the weekend of October 10, 11 and 12 with an information fair on Sunday, October 11. LCSD will host a booth at the event to share information about schools.

Preliminary enrollment numbers were shared, though Mr. Rinearson cautioned the Board that the numbers will continue to change over the coming weeks. At this point, it appears student numbers are lower in the south and west areas and higher in the north. More definitive information will be shared as it is known.

Mr. Rinearson noted back-to-school events are planned in the coming weeks and provided dates and times to the Board. He also presented them with the “Be a Hero” book, which administrators will be reading this year.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, August 18, 2009 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum including:**
 - Resignations:** Krystal Flohr, TOES; Gerald Conrady, Taft 7-12; Sandra Williams, C&I; Pauline Masters, Recall; Karen Dummer, Recall;
 - Licensed Employment:** Kristoffer Cook, NHS/NPA; John Bringetto, NHS/NPA; Stella Lohonyay, NHS/NPA; Violet Brown, Toledo Jr./Sr.; Matthew Olsen, Taft schools; Scott Metz, Toledo Jr./Sr.;
 - Temp. Licensed Hire:** Jennifer Witter, NHS/NPA;
 - Other Temp.-** Nathan Dickerson, School Psych Intern;
 - Classified Hire:** Diane Kittle, WHS;
 - Leave of Absences:** Shawnee Johnson, 9/8/09-11/30/09; Kathleen Ritzman, 9/30/09-12/31/09; Melody Wagener, 9/9/09-11/1/09;
 - Athletic Coaches:** Derick Smith, WHS; Kristi Cline, Toledo Jr./Sr.; Danyel Scott, Taft 7-12; Alex Ward, Taft 7-12.
- Revised 09-10 Board Meeting Calendar.**

Resolution, Inter-fund Borrowing

The Board approved a resolution authorizing borrowing between district funds. These transactions are short term in nature, and provide another option for managing cash flow. The funds will be repaid upon receipt of tax collections in November and December.

Superintendent Rinearson noted this option is used many times in districts whose cash has been spent down.

Resolution, Tax Anticipation Borrowing

The Board also approved a resolution authorizing borrowing funds from Oregon Coast Bank to meet cash flow needs prior to receipt of property tax revenue. This tax anticipation note is different from those done in the past as it is through a local bank rather than the OSBA TANS pool. The borrowing is akin to a line of credit; it will be drawn upon as needed, and repaid as soon as tax revenues are received. The District will incur lower interest expense using this method.

Consolidated Improvement Plan/Budget Narrative Process

Operations/Federal Programs Administrator Joe Novello and Curriculum/Instruction Administrator Sandi Williams shared the “continuous improvement planning cycle” with the Board. As the Board expressed interest in meeting with site councils pursuant to budget development, the planning cycle document was created to demonstrate timing and the several processes ongoing simultaneously. Later in the meeting Business Manager Julie Baldwin shared a similar exercise regarding development of the budget. The two documents will be woven together.

With this information, the Board can decide upon its involvement with the various activities.

Mentoring and Coaching Update

Ruth McDonald and Deb Gaffney shared mentor grant activities and coaching trainings over the past year. Last year LCSD received a grant from ODE

for mentoring new teachers and administrators. Thirty-three beginning teachers (including 16 first year teachers) and seven beginning principals took part last year.

LCSD received the grant again this year, though it was funded at a lower level. Two first year teachers, one first year principal, eight second year teachers and four second year principals will take part in the training this year.

Monthly seminars on a variety of topics (classroom discipline, parent communication, dealing with difficult children, etc.) were held throughout the year, and new teachers and administrators received one-on-one support as well. Though funded by grants to date, the hope is to sustain mentoring as “the LCSD way.”

Policy GBEC, Drug-Free Workplace

Joe Novello presented a revised Policy GBEC, Drug Free Workplace. After several questions arose, Mr. Novello offered to bring back this and similar policies to the Board as a package.

H1N1 Flu Update

District Nurse Julie Turner reported the H1N1 immunization is now down to one shot; it should be available in mid-October. Clinics to administer the vaccine will occur at school sites; we will have a seven-day notification window prior to the clinics.

Ms. Turner is working closely with Lincoln County Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The most important recommendations include increasing hand washing, covering one’s cough/cold and staying home if ill. Hand sanitizers have been installed in all district computer labs, and keyboards are being cleaned twice per day.

Ms. Turner is working with Toledo High teacher Peter Vince to create public service announcements to air on LCSD TV.

Discussion on 10/11 Budget Timeline

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented a proposed budget timeline for development of the 2010-2011 budget. The timeline is significantly different from budget calendars of past years, and includes internal processes staff must complete prior to developing the budget. The hope for the expanded timeline is to enhance communication and understanding of the budget process.

The budget timeline will be combined with the “continuous improvement planning cycle” document shared earlier in the meeting. Final adoption of the 2010-11 budget is scheduled for June 15, 2010.

Review of Special Education Staff Development

Special Education Administrator Susan VanLiew reported three days of training were held this summer for special education staff, including teachers, classified and administrative staff. The Fall Special Education Inservice day provided an opportunity for Ms. VanLiew to share start-of-year thoughts, expectations and direction for the year.

Other trainings included Non-violent Crisis Intervention, Reading Mastery, Corrective Reading, autism and transitions. Approximately 70 employees took part all three days.

Review of Summer Projects

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported Facilities/Maintenance staff were assisted this year by National Guard, Job Corps, and community service members, as well as several church groups. As in most years, an overwhelming number of projects were completed in all areas of the district. Over 60 classrooms in Newport were moved due to the west area reconfiguration.

Mr. Belloni will share a list of summer project activities in the coming days.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2009- 7:00 p.m. @ Taft Elementary School