

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors- Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, November 17, 2009 7:00 p.m.**  
**Waldport High School**  
**Waldport, Oregon**

**PRESIDING:** Jana Cowan, Chairman

**Present:** Jana Cowan, Chairman; Ron Beck, Vice Chairman; Jean Turner, Karen Bondley, Directors

**Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approx. 20 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

**Excused:** Brenda Brown, Director

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

Chairman Cowan convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:06 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Brown was excused from the meeting.

**Introductions- Student Representative**

Waldport High student representative and ASB President Olevia Bittick updated the Board on activities at that school, including: •the school is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at its present location by displaying pictures from that era; •student council is planning to construct a concrete planter in front of the school with green capstones; •trophy cases will be moved to a new location; •sports teams and individuals did well this year; •trainings with freshman students took place to show them how to be successful in high school; •homecoming went well, with stellar decorations.

**Communications**

Director of Lincoln County Health and Human Services Paula Sampson addressed the Board regarding comprehensive reproductive health care at school based health centers, requesting the Board change the contract to allow full dispensing of contraceptives. She noted the Board received significant amounts of information on the issue last year, and said some in the community asked her about starting a letter writing campaign in support of reinstating full dispensing at the centers. "I asked them not to," said Sampson.

Lori Miller addressed the Board on behalf of her daughter Mary regarding her school experience and disagreement with the use of the Corrective Reading program. She read a letter to the Board written by her daughter.

**Board Reports**

Director Jean Turner thanked the Lions Clubs of Waldport and Yachats for their donation of \$2,100 to Crestview Heights, to be used for field trips.

Chairman Jana Cowan reported three board members attended the annual Oregon School Boards Association conference and said it was worthwhile. She distributed information regarding ballot measures 66 and 67 (to be voted upon in January, 2010) and effects to businesses and individuals should the Measures be approved.

### **South Area Report**

Crestview Heights Principal Mary Schaer heralded the school's attainment of an "Outstanding" rating on the Oregon Report Card. Ms. Schaer thanked those responsible for developing a memorial garden at the school to commemorate local students who have lost their lives over the last few years.

Waldport High Principal Von Taylor reported Health and PE teacher Mike Moser is new to the school this year, and thanked Brian Gardner for continuing to hold DECA meetings each Wednesday evening, though he is no longer a Waldport High staff member. He thanked Director of Support Services Rich Belloni for the new front doors at the school, and said the school attained the bronze level award from US News and World Report for the second consecutive year.

Industrial Tech teacher Dave Wirick presented a video demonstrating cutting edge technology employed by the school in wood working, metal working and drafting courses. He presented a milling machine that uses computer generated drawings to create products, and said the school will be using grant funds to purchase a plasma cutting table this year.

### **Financial Report**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of October 31, 2009. A negative fund balance occurred as expected in October, with funds borrowed from Oregon Coast Bank to cover payroll costs. The funds were repaid with property tax revenue as soon as it was received. Interest rates continue to decline slightly.

### **Update on Hungerford Training**

Director of Human Resources Sara Johnson reported the goal district-wide is for every student to receive excellent instruction, every day. To that end, Ms. Johnson and the Human Resources Department have developed a plan for principals to help them carry out their duties in ensuring excellent instruction. Two training sessions with attorney Nancy Hungerford took place over the last month, with more planned.

To offset costs of the sessions, Ms. Johnson has opened the trainings to administrators outside the district. The staff development is focused on school improvement and is "good, positive and productive work," said Johnson.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Crestview Heights, Isaac Newton Magnet School (INMS), and Sam Case for their "Outstanding" rating on the Oregon Report Card. Last year only one school (INMS) received the highest rating. Ten schools were rated "Satisfactory" and several of them are "knocking at the door of Outstanding," said Rinearson.

The Superintendent reported the District, as part of its partnership with the Sea Grant Education Program at Hatfield Marine Science Center and Oregon Coast Aquarium, received the 2009 Coastal American Partnership award. This presidential award represents the highest national recognition for multi-agency collaborations that accomplish coastal restoration and education projects. He noted the work begun by Kristin Becker and Ruth McDonald (Community Liaisons) as well as the new Aquarium education representative is paying off.

Mr. Rinearson noted Toledo Elementary has completed DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) testing and students have been placed in appropriate reading instruction levels. OAKS (Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) testing for math and reading, with science added in grade five, has also taken place at the school. Monthly data team meetings with an instructional coach are also taking place at Toledo Elementary.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Optometric Physician Rick Letherer for his donation of six eye exams and glasses for those of the six who need them. Dr. Letherer has provided this service every year, beginning in 1994.

The Superintendent thanked the Oregon School Employees Association for their donation of \$300 to the Homeless program. He also thanked Heather Heisler, who generated \$430 for the program from a bellydance-tango dance benefit.

Mr. Rinearson thanked the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution fund for their recent donations to the District, including: \$4320 for arts and science field experiences, including bus transportation; \$1100 to Taft Elementary for after school art club supplies; and \$1350 to Taft Elementary for riding fees and field trips to a therapeutic riding center.

The Superintendent wished Director Brenda Brown a “happy birthday,” and congratulated the Board for their receipt of the “Continuing Outstanding Board Achievement” award from Oregon School Boards Association for the second year.

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

**Motion 09/10-24**

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

- Minutes, 10/20/09 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum.**

#### **Approval of Resolution 2009/10-6, Amended Small High School Grant Budget**

**Motion 09/10-25**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Beck, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2009/10-6, Amended Small High School Grant Budget. The resolution corrects allocation functions contained in the originally adopted budget. Funds in specific function categories for the Small High School Grant were misstated; the resolution corrects this.

**Resolution 2009/10-7, American Education Week****Motion 2009/10-26**

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Beck, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2009/10-7 proclaiming the week of November 15-21, 2009 as "American Education Week." This event is celebrated nationally to honor educators and their vital work.

**School Based Health Centers Agreement****Motion 2009/10-27**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board approved by a vote of three "aye," one opposed (Director Beck) a revision to the agreement between Lincoln County Health & Human Services (LCHHS) and LCSD pursuant to school based health centers, deleting the part of the agreement added last August. This change will allow dispensation of prescription and other methods of birth control, including Plan B. Following the Board's notice to LCHHS last summer of the District's intent to terminate the agreement, District and LCHHS staff have worked diligently to correct and enhance protocols and ensure student safety.

Prior to the vote, Operations Administrator Joe Novello and LCHHS Program Manager Julianne Sedlachek updated the Board on several aspects to the centers. Ms. Sedlachek presented the "Client Handbook," given to students visiting the centers. She also reported LCHHS has developed a policy to align with LCSD's regarding dispensing any type of prescription medication. The meds are placed in a bag with a sticker; students pick them up at the end of their school day.

Mr. Novello reported a quality assurance program is being redeveloped at LCHHS. Complaint procedures have been revised, and public relations/communications issues are going well. Mr. Novello meets with LCHHS staff at least weekly. He also reported a shipment of H1N1 vaccine would allow medically fragile children to be immunized November 19 and 20, by appointment only.

Director Turner asked the agreement be moved to a "Decision" item, saying she is satisfied with the new contract and with the changes described by Mr. Novello and Ms. Sedlachek. "I am pleased with the relationship of our two organizations, and am aware that additional counseling has been added for students seeking birth control," said Turner.

Director Beck commented that he still feels this "is an eight month solution to a 12 month problem, and does not address those students not in school." Director Bondley said she would like to address these issues as well. Superintendent Rinearson asked that this be raised at the next board meeting.

**Approval of Resolution 2009/10-8, OSBA Election****Motion 09/10-27**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2009/10-8, Oregon School Board Association Election. This resolution summarizes four resolutions developed by OSBA, along with a slate of OSBA officers as noted in the November 17, 2009 board folder. The resolutions address issues related to OSBA governance.

## **Consolidated Improvement Plan**

Curriculum/Instruction Administrator Sandi Williams and Operations/Title Administrator Joe Novello presented the Consolidated Improvement Plan for 2009/11. The plan provides a framework to guide our district in improvement efforts. Criteria have changed from those in the 07/09 plan.

Ms. Williams acknowledged the efforts of Taft 7-12, saying “they are very focused on raising student achievement.” Needs were identified, resulting in these goals: **1.** Test scores for all grade levels will exceed state averages by spring 2011. All subgroups will meet growth targets at all grade levels in mathematics and English language arts annually. **2.** In spring 2011 all schools will rate “Outstanding.” **3.** We will meet and maintain a level of 100% Highly Qualified staff.

Director Turner asked for the goals in writing, which Mr. Novello will provide.

## **Policy IKF- High School Diploma...**

Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented a revised Policy IKF, High School Diploma, Certificate of Attendance, Graduation Ceremony Requirements, necessitated by changes in state law. The Oregon Department of Education is meeting in early December to address requirements for the current year’s modified diplomas; the policy will again be presented to the Board at the December meeting with changes likely.

## **Class Size Update**

Director of Human Resources Sara Johnson presented results of a recent Class Size Committee meeting. The Committee found a range of class sizes in our district, with the highest class sizes in schools in Newport and Lincoln City. She also compared LCSD class sizes with those of like-sized districts, finding that most are quite close to the class sizes found here.

Ms. Johnson reported the committee realized the tough budgetary constraints facing the District and that leaders are doing what they can.

## **Board Directives for Budget Planning**

Superintendent Rinearson reported recent information shared at state and local meetings suggests the December state revenue forecast will likely be significantly lower than forecast. More firm numbers will not be known until later in the year.

The Superintendent said he would be thrilled to be able to maintain everything we currently have. Director Turner agreed, saying focus must be on maintaining current programs that are working.

Mr. Rinearson noted the current economic outlook will not allow “band-aid solutions for a year,” but will likely be a long process of recovery. “We think too short term sometimes. Our depth of thinking over the next few months will be critical,” said Rinearson.

**Board Resolution, Ballot Measures 66 & 67**

The Board examined a sample resolution from OSBA supporting passage of ballot measures 66 and 67 to go before voters in January, 2010. The state legislature enacted increases to the corporate minimum tax, the corporate income tax, and income taxes on high income households and individuals. Opponents of the revenue measures gathered enough signatures to refer them to voters. Defeat of the measures would be a reduction in revenue to LCSD next year of approximately \$2.8 million. The Board will discuss the issue at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent