



# ***BOARD REPORT***

**A Summary of the November 17, 2009 School Board Meeting**

The school board met in regular session on November 17, 2009 at Waldport High School with approximately 20 members of the staff, media and interested patrons present.

## **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 freshmen 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.

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

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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 have taken place to date, 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.

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**

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 10/20/09 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum including:**
  - Resignations:** Sharon Hay, O’Lake; Bonnie Brice, School Psych.; Jo Rauch, Amended Resignation;
  - Temp. Licensed Hire:** Margaret Clegg, Sam Case; Sharon Hay, O’Lake; Jacob Tolan, Sam Case; Luis Gil, Sam Case; Bonnie Brice, School Psych.; Jo Rauch, Newport Intermediate;
  - Leave of Absences:** Doreen Halverson, 11/2/09-11/30/09.

### **Amended Resolution, Small Schools- Budget**

The Board approved a resolution to correct 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.

### **American Education Week**

The Board approved a resolution 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**

The Board approved a revision to the agreement between Lincoln County Health & Human Services (LCHHS) and LCSD pursuant to school based health centers to allow dispensation of prescription and other methods of birth control. 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.

### **OSBA Election**

The Board approved a resolution summarizing four Oregon School Board Association resolutions 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. Goals for the new plan include: **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.

### **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.

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.

### **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 during its last session 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 the measures 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.

***Next Meeting: December 15, 2009- 7:00 p.m. @ Newport High***