



# BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the December 15, 2009 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on December 15, 2009 at Newport High School with approximately 20 members of the staff, media and interested patrons present.

## Budget Committee Interviews/Appointments

Board members briefly interviewed two applicants to the District's Budget Committee, then appointed them.

Newport resident Lill Hockema was appointed to the Zone 3 position, and Siletz resident John Miller was appointed to Zone 2. The first meeting of the Budget Committee is May 20, 2010.

## Financial Forecast, Part I

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented information related to the economic outlook for LCSD prior to remarks by State Rep. Jean Cowan. Ms. Baldwin reported though the recession is technically over according to the state economist, the recovery and job growth in Oregon is expected to be slow. She described the tax measures to go before voters in the January 26<sup>th</sup> election and effects of their passage or failure on LCSD. The state's current budget includes revenue raised by these measures.

\*Measure 66 affects personal income tax rates for households earning over \$250,000 (\$125,000 for individuals). This would affect approximately 28,000 income tax filers statewide.

If the measure fails, LCSD would have a reduction in revenue of approximately \$1.8 million next year if the state legislature takes no further action.

\*Measure 67 affects corporate taxes. For S-Corps and LLCs, the minimum filing tax increases from \$10 to \$150. For C-Corporations reporting no Oregon profits, the tax is increased from \$10 to \$150 for those having less than \$500,000 in Oregon

sales. For those with sales above \$500,000, the minimum tax is increased from \$10 to approximately 1/10 of 1% of Oregon sales (e.g., a corporation with \$1 million in Oregon sales would pay \$1,000).

\*For C Corporations reporting Oregon profits, the tax rate is 7.9% (from the current rate of 6.6%) for all corporate income above \$250,000. The rate decreases to 7.6% in 2011 and 2012, and in 2013 and beyond, the income threshold increases from \$250,000 to \$10 million. (\*Information from COSA and the State Legislative Office)

Rejection of this measure would result in a reduction of approximately \$1 million of revenue to LCSD next year, if the state legislature takes no further action.

## Update- Rep. Jean Cowan

State Representative Jean Cowan noted the state legislature has demonstrated their commitment to K-12 education. She expressed how "excruciatingly difficult" it is to balance the state budget during these trying financial times.

Rep. Cowan stated the "size of the pie" (state resources) is inadequate, and that Oregon's dependence on the income tax is particularly vulnerable to downturns in the economy. She also said LCSD's falling student numbers contribute to the lack of resources here.

## Introductions- Student Representative

Newport High student representative Dallas Kay updated the Board on activities at that school, including: •school spirit is great this year, with lots of participation in Homecoming activities; •sophomore Jake Robison raised approximately

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\$1500 for Doernbecher Children's Hospital in the Mr. NHS contest; •fall sports went well; •students are involved in a variety of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, including the dance team, Robotics Club, Junior Optimists, and the new "Friday lunch jam" where students read poetry or play music.

### **Audit Report**

Kenny Allen of Pauly, Rogers and Co., P.C. presented the audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, reporting the District earned a "clean, unqualified" audit, the highest attainable.

### **Communications**

Lori Miller addressed the Board regarding the Corrective Reading program and how it fits with Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

### **Written Communications**

Vice Chairman Ron Beck reported the receipt of a letter from the Department of Environmental Quality regarding their testing of air quality at Toledo Elementary. The letter states tests show concentrations well below levels of concern. The monitoring will continue to determine long-term health concerns until they have results from the 60-day monitoring period.

Superintendent Rinearson reported receipt of a letter from Gov. Kulongoski regarding "Race to the Top," a federal grant competition.

Mr. Rinearson also reported receipt of a letter regarding concerns about student athlete concussions. Operations Administrator Joe Novello reported coaches are certified by the American Sport Education Program and are trained to respond to concussions. Also, helmets are certified every year. LCSD exceeds required standards, said Novello.

### **Board Reports**

Chairman Cowan reported Chris McKenney at Sam Case and Sarah Ball at Toledo Elementary are

offering a free ten-week classical guitar course at those respective schools. Forty students total may participate.

Director Jean Turner reported she will be distributing "Math Facts" certificates to students at Crestview Heights who have mastered "times tables" to 12.

### **West Area Report**

Newport High Principal Jon Zagel reported staff have moved on from the merger of west area schools to focusing on student achievement. Though the school met Adequate Yearly Progress standards, the goal is to markedly increase the percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards in reading, math and writing. To help students needing assistance with writing skills, 118 students received six hours of individual writing instruction. Future plans for the west area include developing the International Baccalaureate program for grades K-12 (expanding from the current grades of 9-12).

Mr. Zagel noted all four areas of the District have seen improvement in student achievement, and thanked the Board for their foresight in hiring Superintendent Rinearson.

Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School Principal Kristen Becker noted her students must reach even higher goals while at the intermediate school level in order to reach milestones set at the high school level. She reported the primary focus at the intermediate school is math.

Sam Case Primary Principal Marsha Eckelman said the focus at that school is on reading and math. She said it is exciting to see her young students "rising to the occasion" in several areas.

Ms. Becker reported she will be on maternity leave beginning some time in February, and said Taft 7-12 Assistant Principal Majalisse Tolan will take the reins at Newport Intermediate/INMS for the rest of this school year. Ben Hensley and Mychal Williams at Taft 7-12 will help fill in at that school.

## Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of November 30, 2009. Property taxes arrived in November as expected; interest rates remain low.

## Financial Forecast Update (Part II)

Ms. Baldwin continued her financial forecast, noting LCSD's revenue is dependent upon state dollars. For the 2009-11 biennium, the state allocated \$6 billion for K-12 education. \$200 million of that has been set aside in the event state cash reserves go below \$300 million as noted in the May, 2010 state revenue forecast. LCSD will not know its share of this allocation until after May, 2010 (well into development of next year's budget).

If Measures 66 and 67 on the January 26<sup>th</sup> ballot fail, LCSD could see a revenue shortfall of \$2.8 million for the coming year. Therefore, if the ballot measures fail and the state does not distribute any of the \$200 million set aside, LCSD will see a decline in revenue next year of at least \$5 million if the state legislature takes no further action.

## Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated Taft 7-12 Assistant Principal Julie Lafayette for her award as Oregon's "Assistant Principal of the Year." The award is administered by the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators, who entered her name for consideration for the national honor.

The Superintendent reported an anonymous donor has given the District 1200 shares of stock to benefit the District Homeless program. Staff is exploring how to best administer the gift, which is currently valued at approximately \$75,000.

Mr. Rinearson noted teachers at Oceanlake Elementary are currently using two books for professional development in improving reading instruction: *The Daily Five* and *The CAFÉ* (Comprehension/Accuracy/Fluency/Extended vocabulary).

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Newport residents Yen Nguyen and Lee Vogelmann for their donation of \$500 to the District's homeless program.

The Superintendent congratulated Newport Intermediate School for winning the November "Capture the Attendance Flag" competition.

He thanked Toledo Jr./Sr. High staff for their donation and delivery of over 70 pounds of bathroom supplies to the east area homeless cupboard at the former Arcadia School. This "cupboard" is open to those in need of bathroom supplies, clothing and bedding every third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon.

Mr. Rinearson wished Board member Jana Cowan a belated "Happy Birthday" (December 7<sup>th</sup>) and reported the last day of school before winter break is Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. School resumes January 4<sup>th</sup> in the north area (Lincoln City), with the other three areas having a school improvement day then. School resumes in those areas on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

•**Minutes, 11/17/09 Regular Session;**

•**Regular Personnel Items and Addendum including:**

-**Resignations:** Linda Hill, Leave of Absence; Marie Sawyer, Special Programs; James Andrews, Tech.; Sandra Westfall, RIF; Darby Mabe, RIF; LuAnne Schroeder, RIF; Sarah Wheeler, WHS; Virginia Tardaewether, Transition Coordinator;

-**Classified Hire:** Kari Sparks, Sam Case;

-**Temp. Licensed Hire:** Marie Sawyer, Special Programs;

-**Coaches:** Richard Russell, NHS; Angela Sremba, NHS;

-**Leave of Absences:** Doreen Halverson, 11/23/09-2/26/10; Brenda Wampler, 11/30/09-12/8/09; Donna Sanders, 11/19/09-12/18/09; Judy Clark-Upton, 12/8/09-12/18/09; Peter Vince, 11/30/09-1/1/10; Sarah Wheeler, 11/23/09-12/8/09.

## **Board Priorities/Budget Planning**

The Board reached consensus on their priorities for the development of the coming year's budget. They would like to keep as many dollars as possible in the classroom, and to maintain programs that are working.

## **Resolution, Measures 66 and 67**

The Board approved a resolution in support of Ballot Measures 66 and 67 in the January 26<sup>th</sup> election.

## **Policy GCPB/ GDPB, Resignation of Staff**

A revised policy GCPB/GDPB, Resignation of Staff, was presented. The policy will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

## **Property Inventory**

During a board retreat last summer, the Board raised the idea of having a property inventory completed. Director of Support Services Rich Belloni presented a portion of the inventory to determine if it met Board members' expectations. He will complete the inventory and distribute it to the Board in the coming weeks.

## **Superintendent Evaluation- Instrument**

Last year, the Board briefly examined a new form to evaluate the Superintendent. After further review, the Board reached consensus to use the old form and to revise the new, proposed form for a future evaluation.

The Board, Learning Support Team and Principals will complete the evaluation form in January.

*Next Meeting: January 19, 2010- 7:00 p.m. @ Sam Case Elementary*



*Happy Holidays to All!!*