



# ***BOARD REPORT***

A Summary of the February 16, 2010 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on February 16, 2010 at Toledo Elementary School with approximately 40 members of the staff, media and interested patrons present.

## **Introductions- Student Representatives**

Fifth grade Toledo Elementary students Isabelle Williamson and Callie Cavanaugh shared their fundraising activities for Haiti with the Board. Students are taking part in a can drive and have raised close to \$300 so far.

Students from Mrs. Johnson's second grade class described their coin drive efforts for Haiti, and displayed maps of the continents followed by a song. They also demonstrated African drumming they learned from Artist in Residence Mamadou.

## **State Finalist- Presidential Award for Excellence- Brian Hanna**

The Presidential Award for Excellence for Mathematics and Science Teaching is the highest recognition a K-12 math or science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. In addition to honoring individual achievement, the goal of the award program is to exemplify the highest standards of math and science teaching.

Community Partnership Liaison Ruth McDonald nominated NHS teacher **Brian Hanna** for this award and he was selected as one of three finalists in Oregon. She presented Mr. Hanna with the finalist award. National winners will be selected by December, 2010. Mr. Hanna expressed gratitude for the award, and thanked "those who have inspired me."

## **Communications**

Board Chair Jana Cowan noted the receipt of a written communication from Waldport Mayor Herman Welch regarding moving Waldport High out of the tsunami zone.

## **Board Reports**

Director Brenda Brown reported she and Chairman Cowan attended budget training at the Linn Benton Lincoln ESD.

Director Turner noted the effort in Waldport to move Waldport High out of the tsunami zone, saying a citizens group met again to develop recommendations. They voted at the end of the meeting to determine their preference: a new high school to be located near Crestview Heights. Additional meetings are planned.

Director Karen Bondley reported she attended the meeting of the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution fund. One of the many donations they distributed was a contribution to purchase 20 student guitars for students at Sam Case.

Chairman Cowan thanked everyone for the cards and other memento's from last month's "Board Appreciation Month."

## **East Area Report**

Principal Bob Shindelman reported Toledo Elementary received the attendance flag for January; he congratulated students and staff for this achievement. He thanked Georgia Pacific for their donation of \$1800 and Let There Be Arts for a donation of \$400; these donations purchased time for Artist in Residence Mamadou.

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Mr. Shindelman noted the school has participated in the Reading First program for the past five years, which has significantly improved reading scores at the school. It has changed the way the school is organized, said Shindelman.

The Principal reported the next east area facilities planning meeting is February 25, 6:30 p.m. at Toledo Elementary School.

Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Brian Flannery reported that school improved attendance in January. Also, two half-day writing workshops for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students were held. Areas where students are struggling were identified so they may improve upon them. They will take practice tests whose results will be used to improve student achievement.

Mr. Flannery said the next music and art festival at the school is being planned; invitations will be forthcoming.

### **Financial Report**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of January 31, 2010. The rate of decline for student enrollment is slowing. She reported a large part of the recent anonymous donation to the Homeless program was placed in a certificate of deposit while staff determines the best use for the donation.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Crestview Heights Teaching Assistant Daniel Dillon for his procurement of a dishwasher for the Life Skills class at the school. The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund provided funds for this equipment.

The Superintendent reported SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) consultant Amy Ditton noted the District's effective use of SIOP processes. She has been training staff in these methods, and said LCSD has some of the most engaged staff she has seen.

The Superintendent recognized Toledo Jr./Sr. High student Sophia Berenson for her organization of a clothing drive for the Toledo Clothing Closet. Students Miranda Smith and Alissa Reid have spent hours sorting and folding the clothing, as have other community volunteers. The Clothing Closet provides clothing and other supplies for those in need; it is located at the former Arcadia building and is open the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon.

Mr. Rinearson thanked the Lincoln County Board of Realtors- Lincoln City branch for their donation of over \$4,000. The funds were raised during their annual "Realtors and Friends for Kids" trivia event and will be used for school supplies and other items for needy Lincoln City students.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked the Altrusa Club, who is sponsoring the "Something to Smile About" dental health project this year. Dental kits for all students in grades K-6 as well as dental supplies for older students were delivered to school offices. The dental van has also been visiting schools.

Mr. Rinearson congratulated Toledo Elementary, "capture the flag" attendance competition winners for January. He wished Board members Jean Turner and Karen Bondley "happy birthday" in the coming days.

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

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 1/19/10 Regular Session;**
- Policy JHFF, Reporting Requirements...**;
- Policy KL, Public Complaints;**
- Regular Personnel Items, including:**
  - Resignations:** Robin Eversage, Taft 7-12; Kathryn Deane, NIS; Karen Stein, Taft 7-12; Rebecca Poteat, TOES; Mary VanderMeiden-Koch, CVH; Doreen Halvorson, Taft Elem.; Bryan Long, Taft 7-12; Evelyn Silen, Oceanlake; Carla Williams, Toledo Jr./Sr.; Margaret McClellan, Oceanlake;
  - Classified Hires:** Susan Sproul, D.O.; Lucus Pearson, Tech.; Cheryl Ashard, Olalla;

**-Temp. Licensed Hire:** Reyla Zumhoff, O'Lake; Amie Lundquist, NIS; Margaret Clegg, NIS;

**-Leave of Absences:** L. Micky Willoughby, 2/2/10-5/25/10; Claude Conway, 1/7/10-2/7/10; Margaret McClellan, 1/18/10-4/20/10; Evelyn Silen, 1/25/10-5/1/10; Sherri Defilippis, 1/15/10-1/27/10.

•**Renewal and Non-Renewal; Extension and Non-Extension of Probationary/Permanent Licensed Employees;**

•**Pauly, Rogers & Co. Audit Services, to 6/30/11;**

•**Western States Insurance, Agent of Record Services, to 6/30/11;**

•**Revised Local Service Plan, ESD Resolution Services, 2009/11.**

### **Budget Assumptions/Revenue Forecast**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported the state of Oregon issued a revenue forecast February 8<sup>th</sup> showing a decline in revenue at the state level of \$183 million since the last forecast. Though the economic recovery has begun, it appears to be a jobless recovery at this time.

A state reserve fund of \$200 million may be available to schools this biennium. Staffing sheets for 2010/11 were distributed to principals based on a state funding level for K-12 education of \$6 billion. Administrators have been asked to identify reductions of five, ten and 15% should that become necessary. The next revenue forecast from the state will occur in May.

### **Information on Special Revenue Funds**

Ms. Baldwin presented information on district special revenue funds, including federal Title grants, ARRA (American Reinvestment and Recovery Act) funds, and other grant funds. Total revenue for all of these funds is approximately \$9.7 million, which provides resources for 76 FTE.

### **Discussion on Policy DIE, Audits**

Policy DIE, Audits has been revised to include the possibility of annual extensions not to exceed three years beyond the initial five year contract for

district audit services. The policy will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

### **Discussion on Policy EI, Insurance Agent of Record**

Policy EI, Insurance Agent of Record (for other than health benefits) has also been revised to include the possibility of annual extensions (not to exceed three additional years) beyond the initial five year contract for insurance agent of record services. The policy will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

### **Discussion on Policy DJC, Bidding Requirements**

Policy DJC, Bidding Requirements has been revised to comply with recent legislation requiring a cost analysis and feasibility process for procurements estimated to be in excess of \$250,000. This policy will also return to the Board at the next meeting.

### **Discussion on Supplemental Plan, Transportation**

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni presented a revised supplemental plan for transportation as required by state law. With school closures and realignments over the past few years, a new plan was needed. Generally, the district must transport high school students to school if they live more than 1.5 miles from school, and K-8 students living more than one mile from school. Safety hazards are also considered in the plan, which will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

### **Discussion on Food Services Contract**

Director Belloni presented a one year extension to the current food services contract for the Board's consideration. The contract will return to the Board at the next meeting.

### **Discussion on Facilities Planning**

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni presented information on possible upgrades and construction

projects around the district. The information was gathered from meetings with administrators, site councils and community members from all areas. Additional meetings are planned to continue these preliminary discussions.

One long standing district priority is to phase out the use of portables, and another is to move Waldport High out of the tsunami zone. Both of these priorities continue to be discussed during area conversations.

Though talk of a new bond measure for facilities has occurred, Superintendent Rinearson cautioned the Board that we "need to figure out what we need and why, before we talk about a bond."

A board work session will be held in the coming weeks to continue the facilities conversation.

### **Wireless Network Request for Proposals**

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni presented a Request for Proposals for wireless networks for Taft Elementary, Oceanlake, Toledo Elementary and Crestview Heights. These schools qualify for 90% reimbursement for this work from the federal government due to their "free and reduced" lunch counts. The contract will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

### **Public Statement- Superintendent's Evaluation**

Chairman Cowan shared the results of the Board's annual evaluation of Superintendent Rinearson. As in past years, board members, principals and Learning Support Team members took part in the evaluation. Chairman Cowan commended the Superintendent for his performance, especially giving him kudos for moving the district forward despite extremely trying financial times.

***Next Meeting: March 16, 2010- 7:00 p.m. @ Taft High School***