

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, April 20, 2010- 7:00 p.m.
Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Jana Cowan, Chairman

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

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approx. 40 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Cowan convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

Introductions- Student Representative

Newport Intermediate/INMS Principal Majalise Tolan introduced fifth grade teacher Patti Forcier, who in turn introduced student Sophie Goodwin-Rice. Ms. Goodwin-Rice presented a powerpoint on the history of the Yaquina Bay Bridge, then presented water bottles from the student council to the Board.

Children's Trust

Billie Jo Smith and Jane Holbrook of Stand for Children presented information on a proposed plan to provide an umbrella organization to fund programs for children in Lincoln County (the "Children's Trust"). Especially given the area's high poverty and lack of child care, the organization will focus on helping students to be ready for school and to provide the support they may need to graduate. They are exploring a five year property tax levy from which they could glean approximately \$2 million per year.

Ms. Smith and Ms. Holbrook presented a DVD about the proposed trust produced by students in the Video Production class at Toledo Jr./Sr. High. Currently they are engaged in community outreach and gathering feedback and support. They may move forward in 2012.

Mid Columbia Bus Co.

MidCo CEO Tony Barnhart noted that company provides four scholarships of \$500 each to graduating seniors at Taft, Toledo, Newport and Waldport high schools each year, as well as four \$100 library grants (one for each area). The company has provided transportation services in LCSD since 2003 and has purchased 36 new buses for the fleet during that time. Four to five buses may be purchased for the coming year.

Mr. Barnhart gave kudos to Mr. Rinearson, Mr. Belloni and District staff, calling them "a great group to work with."

Director Turner asked the age of the oldest vehicle; buses are driven for 12 years for regular service, then three additional years as a substitute bus. Director Brown asked about the turnover of drivers. The current year, turnover is 10% or less; other years it has averaged 15%.

Chairman Cowan asked the cost of a new bus. Mr. Barnhart replied that, given their company's volume purchasing, the price per bus is approximately \$90,000. Without that discount, the price would be about \$130,000 each.

Director Brown thanked Mid Columbia for their generosity in providing buses for different events. Mr. Barnhart noted it is a reflection of the company's owner, Bill Flatt, who "insists we give back to our communities."

Lincoln County Health Rankings

Joell Archibald of Lincoln County Health and Human Services (LCHHS) shared information regarding Lincoln County health rankings. She reported the county ranks 28th of the 33 counties ranked (in the bottom third of the state). Several factors play into this, including a high number of smokers, obesity, alcohol abuse, and poverty. LCHHS staff is sharing this information with stakeholders all over the county to engage them in ways to improve health for Lincoln County citizens.

In Lincoln County, approximately 28.5% of adults smoke compared to 19% of adults in Oregon.

Superintendent Rinearson asked how LCHHS is interacting with local economic development organizations to make a difference. Ms. Archibald replied it is challenging and that the health department needs to partner with economic development organizations.

Eddyville Charter School- Annual Report

Eddyville Charter School (ECS) Principal Don McDonald presented the annual report for the school. He introduced new principal Peggy Stock (Mr. McDonald is retiring following the conclusion of this school year after leading the school since its inception as a charter school in 2003). The school's mission is to "be a school where all students, including those who are underachievers or considered "high risk," will experience success."

ECS serves students from the entire district. Students at the school met AYP and rated "satisfactory" on the Oregon Report Card. The school offers a "full blown" horticultural program, and enjoys the talents of a number of volunteers including a cabinet maker and a guitar teacher. Significant amounts of money have been dedicated to the maintenance of the school, including a new roof.

Communications

Chairman Jana Cowan noted the receipt of an invitation to the science night at Sam Case and Newport Intermediate on May 6, 2010 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Newport resident Deb Lyman expressed her support of the revised anti-bullying policy (on the board agenda for approval that evening), and said training for staff is important.

Yachats resident Phillip Schuster stated his concern regarding oral contraceptives and cancer risks citing the "Dolle study." He reported the study suggests a strong association between use of oral contraceptives and triple negative breast cancer, and said school based health clinics should be notifying recipients of these prescriptions regarding the risks. "The CDC has not acknowledged this; we need to take action," said Schuster. He asked the Board to respond to his concerns.

Chairman Cowan noted the school based health centers are federally funded, and that neither the Board nor the school district makes decisions about how they are run. "All that changed recently is that contraceptives can now be dispensed on site; they could already issue prescriptions," said Cowan. She reiterated "We as a Board do not dictate how the doctors practice medicine, but we can pass this onto the health department."

Board Reports

Board member Karen Bondley said she received an email from Waldport resident Cathy Sorenson with input and questions about the proposed new high school in that area.

Ms. Bondley also reported a new health careers club has begun in Siletz.

West Area Report

Sam Case Primary Principal Sandi Williams stated she is honored to be serving as Principal at Sam Case. She noted the upcoming science fair at the school, and said site council bylaws were recently approved. She noted the focus on developing a K-6 alignment and planning for the Primary Years Program.

Mrs. Williams also reported the greenhouse formerly located at Yaquina View has been delivered to Sam Case and is in use. She noted Safety Coordinator Sue Graves conducted a safety audit at the school, looking at student arrivals, departures, recess, etc. Staff members will be wearing orange vests on the playground to be more easily identified by students.

Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School Principal Majalise Tolan said the west area is doing well with K-12 alignment, with constant communication between all three schools. She is working with Newport Prep/High Assistant Principal Aaron Belloni on common terminology for behavior consequences.

NIS sent representatives to observe reading programs at Toledo Elementary and Oceanlake and their approach.

Ms. Tolan conducted a recent parent training for upcoming field trips, reviewing policies and procedures. She noted INMS students presented a play on the Canterbury Tales recently ("phenomenal" said Ms. Tolan).

The principal is also working with Mr. Belloni on bell schedules at Newport Prep so that INMS students may be able to attend assemblies with fellow 7th and 8th grade students. INMS just completed a toilet paper drive wherein students gathered over 1000 rolls to benefit My Sister's Place, and are planning for their Rogue River adventure trip. She said she is "very happy to be here and grateful for the opportunity."

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of March 31, 2010. Student enrollment is slightly down from where projected.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated Homeless Liaison Senitila McKinley for her receipt of the "Individual Award of Merit" award from the Oregon Coalition on Housing and Homelessness. This award is given to an individual who has shown excellence in providing services to alleviate the suffering of homeless people.

The Superintendent also congratulated Oceanlake 4th/5th grade teacher Matt Falby, selected to attend the 2010 Mickelson Exxon Mobil Teachers Academy in New Jersey this summer. He will attend a one week, all-expense paid professional development with the other 199 highly qualified teachers selected from around the country.

Mr. Rinearson recognized Toledo Young Adult Skills students for their design and completion of a beautiful quilt, on display now at the District Office. Raffle tickets for the quilt are being sold to benefit their program.

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated Sam Case Primary, attendance flag winners for March. He also reported 65 Sam Case first and second grade students read to Newport Chamber of Commerce attendees at the last luncheon. Newport Chamber representatives expressed their hope to keep this event, but to add another related to Love of Reading week. One idea is to hold the luncheon at Sam Case, with Chamber members bringing their favorite book to be donated to the school's library.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 09/10-36

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

- Minutes, 3/9/10 Work Session;**
- Minutes, 3/16/09 Regular Session;**
- Policy JFCF, Hazing, Harassment....-Students;**
- Regular Personnel Items and addendum;**
- Policy GBNA, Hazing, Harassment...-Employees;**
- Personal Services Agreement, Student Information System;**
- Agreements, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Manager;**
- Revised Intergovernmental Agreement, Construction Excise Tax.**

Approval of 2010/11 School Calendars

Motion 09/10-37

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved the 2010/11 school calendars as listed in the April 20, 2010 board folder. Calendars for the east (Toledo), west (Newport) and south (Waldport) areas as well as Taft Elementary are very similar. Calendars for Oceanlake and Taft 7-12 are taking a different approach, with one week off for school improvement between semesters. Also, Taft 7-12 will continue with Friday interventions for students, as they did this year.

Request for Proposals- Architectural Services

Motion 09/10-38

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Turner, the Board approved a Request for Proposals (RFP) for architectural services as distributed 4/20/10, subject to input from the attorney.

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni developed a request for proposals for architectural services, which he sent to attorney Rich Cohn-Lee for review. Submittals may be due June 15, 2010; this date could change.

The Board discussed preliminary ideas for facilities improvements over the course of the last few months. Community meetings have been taking place to determine needs and desires of those in the respective areas. The RFP was based upon these preliminary discussions. Additional community meetings will be forthcoming.

The RFP is focused upon Phase I described therein. The proposals are to be limited to a defined number of pages, and must include the firms' capabilities, experience and fees. The selection criteria are contained in the RFP as well. Verbiage regarding an appeal process for firms must be developed and included. Director Beck asked if the Board and others would be interviewing all firms submitting proposals; Mr. Belloni replied there needs to be a two-step process so the interviews will involve a smaller number of firms.

Director Turner asked if the District would be limited by the selection criteria, for instance if a contractor had experience on the Oregon coast but whose work is unfamiliar. Mr. Belloni replied input could be gathered from clients of the company.

Representatives from area committees will be part of the interview process. Mr. Belloni asked for the Board's approval on the draft RFP in order to get it in process. He must still gather more input from attorney Rich Cohn-Lee.

Approval of Resolution, Teacher Appreciation Week

Motion 09/10-39

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2009/10-12 proclaiming the week of May 3-7, 2010 as "Teacher Appreciation Week" in LCSD. This week is set aside throughout the country to honor teachers for the vital work they do. Chairman Cowan read the proclamation to the audience, which will be distributed throughout the district.

High School Attendance Data

Data Coordinator Mary Kelly presented data on high school student absences over the past three years. Data shows improvement in attendance over the last two years. Superintendent Rinearson noted the focus on improving attendance over the past couple of years.

Trend data gathered indicates negligible differences between grades. Director Brown asked to see the percentages of absences compared to enrollment; Director Turner said she would like to see data from April and May of this year; Chairman Cowan said she would like to see the reasons for the absences. Ms. Kelly said she can gather most of the information and will return to an upcoming board meeting to share it.

Special Education Report Card

Special Education Administrator Susan Van Liew reported an increase of 21.9% in the graduation rate for special education students, and a decrease in the dropout rate for these students (over 3%). This is the fourth year for these report cards. Ms. Van Liew said she would like to see more growth next year, especially in reading.

Resolution- Board Zones

The Board has discussed realigning board zones over the past several months to better reflect current population and to follow precinct boundaries. The Superintendent recommended the Board move forward on the realignment using Option A as presented in the 3/16/10 board folder, making the changes effective June 16, 2010. A resolution was developed and presented to the Board at the April 20th meeting, and will return for their consideration at the next meeting.

Approval of Superintendent's Contract

Motion 09/10-40

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Beck, the Board unanimously approved a new contract for the Superintendent (this item was listed as a discussion item in the Board folder, though the Board decided to move it forward for a vote). They offered the Superintendent a new three-year contract, the longest allowed by state law. The Superintendent froze his salary for the current year. Next year, the Board offered to increase the Superintendent's salary by the same amount as will be received by administrators who froze their salaries this year. For the 09/10 year, administrators were offered an increase of 2.5%. For next year, they will receive a 1% increase.

Director Beck commented "There are a lot of districts out there looking for leadership right now; we are lucky to have you."

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent

