



# ***BOARD REPORT***

**A Summary of the April 20, 2010 School Board Meeting**

The school board met in regular session on April 20, 2010 at Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School with approximately 40 members of the staff and interested patrons 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"). They presented a DVD produced by students in the Video Production class at Toledo Jr./Sr. about the proposed trust.

## **Mid Columbia Bus Co.**

CEO Tony Barnhart noted Mid Columbia Bus Co. 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 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.

## **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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Eddyville Charter School- Annual Report**

Eddyville Charter School 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."

## **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).

Yachats resident Phillip Schuster stated his concern regarding oral contraceptives and cancer risks.

## **Board Reports**

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

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

The Board Report is a summary from the latest meeting of the Lincoln County School District Board of Directors. For additional information, you may contact Laurie Urquhart, Secretary or Tom Rinearson, Superintendent at 265-4403.

## West Area Report

Sam Case Primary Principal Sandi Williams 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 Majalisse 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 to examine their approaches.

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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. INMS just completed a toilet paper drive wherein students gathered over 1000 rolls to benefit My Sister's Place. They are also planning for their Rogue River adventure trip. Principal Tolan 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 projections.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> 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 the program.

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated Sam Case Primary, attendance flag winners for March. He also reported 65 first and second grade students read to Newport Chamber of Commerce attendees at the last luncheon.

## Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board 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, including:
  - Resignations: Robert Gerl, Taft 7-12; Kathy Wilson, CVH; Kim Taylor, Newport Prep.; Joanne Shamey, Spec. Programs; Karen Johnson, TOES; Brenda McAlister, NHS; Marsha Eckelman, Sam

Case; Sharon Houghtaling, Tol. Jr./Sr., Ron Hahn, Tol. Jr./Sr.; Kathleen Roberge, TOES;

-**Temp. Licensed Hire:** Steve Kilduff, Taft 7-12; Stephanie Windle, CVH; Samantha Hirsch, School Psychologist, Intern; Greg Wood, Taft 7-12; Pat Westfall, Sam Case;

-**Licensed Hire:** Luis Gil, Sam Case; Elizabeth England, Tol. Jr./Sr.; Amie Lundquist, NIS;

-**New Classified:** Cheryl Masotto, Payroll;

-**Leave of Absence:** Cathy Rau, 3/8/10-3/19/10; Ruth McDonald, 4/12/10-4/16/10; Kristin Becker, extend thru 6/30/10; Margaret McClellan, extend thru 6/17/10; Dave Barnhart, 4/19/10-5/24/10;

•**Policy GBNA, Hazing, Harassment -Employees;**

•**Personal Services Agreement, Student Info. System;**

•**Agreements, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources Manager;**

•**Revised Intergovernmental Agreement, Construction Excise Tax.**

### **Approval of 2010/11 School Calendars**

The Board approved school calendars for 2010/11. 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. The calendars will be posted on the district website in the coming days.

### **Request for Proposals- Architectural Services**

The Board approved a Request for Proposals (RFP) for architectural services developed by Director of Support Services Rich Belloni.

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.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

The Board approved a resolution 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.

### **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.

### **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%).

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, and will return for their consideration at the next meeting.

### **Approval of Superintendent's Contract**

The Board began a discussion of the Superintendent's contract last month which they continued at the April meeting. They offered the Superintendent a new three-year contract, the longest allowed by state law. (This item was listed as a "Discussion" item, but the Board took action on it as well).

*Next Meeting: May 18, 2010, 2010- 7:00 p.m. @ Crestview Heights School*