

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, May 18, 2010- 7:00 p.m.
Crestview Heights School
Waldport, 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

The school board met in regular session on May 18, 2010 at Crestview Heights School with a quorum of all board members present as well as approximately 40 members of the staff and interested patrons.

Introductions- Student Representative

Waldport High student representative and Junior class vice president Alexis Powell updated the Board on activities at that school: •students took part in a centennial event sponsored by the Port of Alsea, including preparation of a dinner by Rose Burbee's home economics students; •students held an "Are you smarter than a freshman?" assembly (teacher Rohn Russell won); •the school passed a recent accreditation visit with "flying colors;" •students are building new planters and planting flowers at the school; •track coach Mick Bittick was named the Track Coach of the Year in their division.

Communications

Tidewater resident Richard Ballentine expressed support for a new high school in Waldport, saying he is in favor of renewing the construction bonds that will be ending soon. He also said he does not support relocating the high school in stages using portables.

Staff Recognition- Ruth McDonald

Superintendent Tom Rinearson presented Community Liaison **Ruth McDonald** with the Coastal America Partnership presidential award. The award was given on behalf of the OCEAN project, honoring the several community partners for their work in restoring and protecting the coastal environment.

District Nurse **Julie Turner** was presented the Oregon School Nurse of the Year award by Special Education administrator Susan Van Liew. Ms. Van Liew cited the many accomplishments by Ms. Turner, including a new illness tracking data system, updated health assistant handbooks, hand sanitizers at all schools, among several others.

Board Reports

Board member Karen Bondley noted the need to ensure the school based health center in Waldport maintain its 900 square feet of space if a new high school is built. She encouraged school and health center staff to work together to best benefit students.

South Area Facilities Steering Committee

Waldport Mayor Herman Welch spoke on behalf of the South Area Facilities Steering Committee. He expressed hope for a new high school built on high ground to move students out of the tsunami zone. The committee's hope is to locate the proposed school near Crestview Heights and Oregon Coast Community College, to create a community education center. He also noted the group's support of a new facilities bond to replace those expiring in 2012.

Steering Committee member Andrew Kittle also expressed his hope for a new high school for Waldport, saying he felt it would attract families and jobs to the community.

South Area Report

Crestview Heights Principal **Mary Schaer** invited board members to walk through the school to view the student work on display. Students and staff are working hard on state testing. She introduced 8th grade teacher Jason Nehmer, who stepped forward to ensure the continuance of student government after funding for student council was eliminated. Mr. Nehmer introduced student Lexi Larson, who described the ambassador program at the school.

The ambassador program is a group of eighth grade students who check the hallways to ensure students are "doing the right things." Students are rewarded with "pirate gold," which they can exchange for free recess, items from the student store, etc.

Ms. Schaer also shared preliminary AYP information for Crestview, saying 94.16% of students tested met the standard for reading, and 91.83% met for math.

Waldport High Principal Von Taylor noted his school's preliminary AYP information, reporting 86% met for reading and 65% met for math. He reported the school will be getting a three-D printer as a result of an ODOT grant. Tech students are also using a plasma cutter this year for the first time.

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of April 30, 2010, and reported nothing unusual or unanticipated. ADM is down slightly but is holding steady.

Director Brown inquired about the capital construction fund; Ms. Baldwin replied the fund has approximately \$285,000 at present with more expected as the summer construction season gets underway. Some expenses appeared to be higher than projected, but can be explained by the way accounts payable runs occurred.

Sodexo Food Services Presentation

Sodexo representatives Steve Kappler and John Stone described changes and additions to the food services program. Menus for the coming year will be redone to include more fresh fruits and vegetables; Styrofoam plates will be replaced with biodegradable ones; bulk napkins will be replaced with single serving; more environmentally friendly cleaning solutions will be used, and more recycling is encouraged. Using less processed food is also in the works.

Mr. Kappler noted Sodexo is exploring school gardens and how the company may be able to partner with the District around this idea. He also said he is looking into serving Mo's clam chowder and local seafood products once per week next year.

Director Brown noted the Chinese food now being served at some schools is a "big hit." Chairman Cowan asked if sodium content is being examined. Mr. Stone replied that Sodexo is working to improve this, and said part of the problem is the food received from USDA.

Mr. Kappler said Sodexo will have 16 "feeding sites" this summer; this information will be shared using public service announcements on the radio, in the newspaper and from LCSD. Director Brown asked if the company works with the Backpack for Kids program; Mr. Kappler replied they would consider it if approached.

Ms. Brown also asked if the number of students participating in the Sodexo food services program has decreased relative to enrollment. Mr. Stone replied the numbers are holding even and compare to fewer students in the district.

Chairman Cowan noted she is leaving the area, but expressed her hope the program continue to improve and strengthen, as it is very important to her.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked the family of Stella Mabe, who left part of her estate to Taft Elementary's Special Options classroom. Ms. Mabe donated the funds to honor her granddaughter, Emma Haft, who attended school there and who passed away several years ago.

The Superintendent reported the student art show is ongoing at the Newport Visual Arts Center through May 30. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Several students received awards of artistic excellence.

Mr. Rinearson recognized students at Taft 7-12 who will hold a student-driven homeless summit on Friday, May 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The summit's goal is to raise awareness of homelessness and increase involvement with it.

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Crestview Heights School for winning the attendance flag for April.

The Superintendent also recognized Sam Case Primary and Newport Intermediate schools for their recent science fair. Over 870 students from 27 classrooms participated, and 40 community scientists partnered with them.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 09/10-41

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

- Minutes, 4/13/10 Work Session;
- Minutes, 4/20/10 Regular Session;
- Minutes, 4/22/10 Special Session;
- Regular Personnel Items and addendum;
- Facilities Addendum- Purchase of Interest in Property, Lincoln City;
- Resolution 2009/10-2, Realignment of Board Zones.

Declaration of Board Vacancies

With passage of the school board realignment resolution, two vacancies on the Board will exist effective June 16. Director Brown will no longer live in Zone 2 from which she was elected; she will now live in Zone 4. Also Chairman Cowan will be leaving the area in June 2010, creating a vacancy in Zone 4.

Approval of Process/Timeline, Board Vacancies

Motion 09/10-42

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Beck, the Board unanimously approved procedures and a timeline for filling the two school board vacancies as listed in the May 18, 2010 board folder. Candidates must currently live in the zone to which they are applying and must have resided within the boundaries of LCSD for the past year. They must be registered voters, and may not be LCSD employees.

Representatives of both zones will be appointed to serve until June 30, 2011. Applications are available in all schools in the district with the exception of Waldport (residents of Waldport are not eligible for either position), libraries, the district office in Newport and on the LCSD website. They will also be mailed upon request, and are due to Laurie Urquhart in the district office by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9.

Attendance Data Follow Up

Data Coordinator Mary Kelly provided information on high school student absences for the past three years. The information is broken down by school, month and grade level and shows the percentage of absences compared to total enrollment days. Ms. Kelly also shared information on excused versus unexcused absences. She will distribute the information to principals as well. Superintendent Rinearson stated he would like principals to include information about absenteeism during area reports at school board meetings.

Talented and Gifted Policies

Principal Sandi Williams presented revised policies for Talented and Gifted students. Policy IGBB, Talented and Gifted Program, and policy IGBBA, Identification- Talented and Gifted will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting. Administrative rules for IGBBA are new and provide a process for parents who wish to appeal TAG identification. Currently the District has identified 260 TAG students and two TAG coordinators (Donna Foster and Kathi Downing). The policies will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

Policy GCBDA, Family Medical Leave

Human Resources Manager Chelsi Sholty presented a revised policy GCBDA, Family Medical Leave. This policy was last revised in 2002 and has been updated due to changes in state and federal law, mostly related to military family leave. It will return to the Board at the next meeting for consideration. Several administrative rules pursuant to this policy were also revised.

Facilities Update/RFP for Architectural Services

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported 75 firms have requested Requests for Proposals for architectural services for facilities improvements. The proposals are due May 24th, after which Mr. Belloni and a team will narrow the field of applicants to between four and six.

The team includes OCCC President Pat O'Connor, Philomath School District Superintendent Pete Tuana, Mr. Belloni, Superintendent Rinearson, Bill Turner and a representative to be named from the city of Lincoln City.

The next step in the process is for architectural firm interviews, scheduled for Tuesday, June 8th. Groups from each area of the district will attend this meeting to interview and select the firm(s). Board members are invited to attend.

Update, Yaquina View Activities

Mr. Rich Belloni updated the Board on activities at the Yaquina View property. He reported the building is close to full. Next year, plans include renting a room to the Children's Advocacy Center, possibly renting to a preschool, housing the new district Homeless Liaison, readying a room for administrative meetings since Annex C at Newport High will be used for students, housing a clinic for special education parent training, a room for PYP training, a room for tutoring, and possibly relocating the Tech department. Buses are now parked at the property, and drivers have a room for reviewing video tapes, etc. Scheduled paving at the site will provide additional parking.

Also, Sue Graves stores safety materials in a room there, Community Resource Liaison Ruth McDonald has a room, as does Donna Foster for TAG. Mr. Belloni said utility costs will be within budgeted amounts.

Board Meeting Schedule 2010/11

A schedule of board meetings for the coming year was presented, following the current schedule of meeting on the third Tuesday, with some exceptions. The July meeting is currently scheduled for July 13 (second Tuesday), and the August meeting is scheduled for the 24th (fourth Tuesday) to

accommodate vacation and other schedules. The calendar will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Graduation Ceremonies 2010

Graduations around the District are scheduled as follows:

Eddyville Charter	June 4, 7:00 p.m.
Siletz Early College	June 5, 2:00 p.m.
Career Tech	June 11, 5:30 p.m.
Waldport High	June 12, 2:00 p.m.
Taft High	June 12, 2:10 p.m.
Toledo High	June 12, 4:00 p.m.
Newport High	June 12, 6:00 p.m.

All ceremonies will take place at the respective schools except Career Tech, which will take place at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. Director Turner volunteered to attend graduations at Eddyville and Waldport; Director Beck will attend Taft and Newport; Director Brown will attend Toledo's and Siletz'. Director Bondley will attend Career Tech's ceremony.

Discussion on Use of Proceeds, Sale of Property

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni described preliminary plans to build a cafeteria at Toledo Elementary using, in part, funds from the sale of property. At the last Board meeting, an idea was raised regarding using proceeds from the sale of property to reduce the District's PERS debt rather than for facilities improvement.

Mr. Rinearson noted the building project is consistent with how property sale proceeds have been used in the past. He said he would check with a financial services representative to get their perspective.

Mr. Belloni said he would proceed with having the plans drawn since no objections for doing so were raised.

Resolution, Children's Trust

Representatives from the Children's Trust of Lincoln County presented their ideas to the Board at the last meeting and asked for the Board's support for their efforts. A draft resolution was presented and will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent