

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, June 15, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.
Newport High 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. 30 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

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

Public Hearing- 2010/11 Budget

The Board recessed into a public hearing of the 2010/11 budget approved by the Budget Committee on May 20, 2010. No comments from the audience were generated during the public hearing.

Superintendent Rinearson commented there are different scenarios "churning" that could possibly backfill some of the expected shortfall in the coming year. He noted the budget is an allocation, not necessarily a spending plan.

Vice Chairman Beck stated the budget lists the most that can be spent (the "high water mark").

The regular session then resumed.

Introductions- Student Representative

Newport High student and 2010/11 ASB President Clayton Jacobson updated the Board on activities at that school, including: •school spirit was heightened and improved during the year; •student council took part in the "student exchange" program, visiting other schools to gain a perspective on their methods; •an incentive day was held for students who passed state tests; •preliminary AYP results indicate both Newport High and Newport Prep met standards; •\$518,000 in community scholarships was awarded this year; •Newport High's literary review has been published; •though the startup of Newport Prep Academy was a significant change, it went smoothly; •NPA students started their own student council and talent show; •the first "Cubstock" music festival was a success; •community service activities took place throughout the year, including a penny drive, a blood drive, and a food drive; •spring sports went well.

Communications

Eddyville resident and LCSD teacher Ron Hahn noted the District is "facing layoffs, which no one looks forward to." He expressed his hope the Board will eliminate "all those things peripheral to direct student learning," and urged them to look at positions and programs in the district office, including travel budgets, work shops, and the Operations administrator and facilities director positions.

Board Reports

Director Turner noted her attendance at Eddyville Charter and Waldport High graduation ceremonies, while Director Bondley attended Career Tech's.

Director Brown attended graduations at Siletz and Toledo, while Vice Chairman Beck went to Taft's and Newport's. Mr. Beck congratulated the 60 third grade students at Sam Case who have learned multiplication tables and to whom he distributed "math facts" certificates of achievement. Mrs. Turner noted the 25 students at Crestview Heights who also earned math facts certificates (her third such trip to the school this year).

Director Brown also said she took part in the architect interviews. She recognized Mr. Ron Hahn who is retiring after many years of service as a teacher at Toledo High.

Chairman Cowan commented it is with regret the June 15th board meeting was her last one, as she is relocating out of state.

Consultant Report/Approval of Insurance Carriers (Other than Health Benefits)

Motion 09/10-43

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved PACE of Oregon for general liability, property, vehicles, and errors/omissions insurance, and SAIF for workers compensation insurance for the 2010/11 year.

District Agent of Record Mark Collson summarized insurance proposals for the coming year. Premiums are flat compared to last year, and some increases in coverage were recommended by the District's auditors.

Mr. Collson reported the District has an equity position in PACE. Distribution of funds from this position is used to reduce costs.

West Area Report

Mr. Zagel shared comments from Sandi Williams, Sam Case Principal, who could not be at the meeting. Preliminary AYP results indicate Sam Case students "met" in all areas. Staff is looking forward to the arrival of new principal Ryan Relken, who already sent a letter to parents. He is working with School Secretary Myrna Buzby on new ideas to increase parent involvement, improve school climate and increase student learning. Mrs. Williams expressed Mr. Len Geiger's and her appreciation for the opportunity to work with Sam Case students, staff and parents.

Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School Principal Majalise Tolan reported orientation for the coming year's fourth graders is complete. Each fourth grade teacher taught a 20-minute lesson to students at orientation. Students and staff visited Taft Elementary to see their student created mural. An ocean mural will be created at NIS/INMS as they are now part of the Let There Be Arts program.

The first portion of new playground equipment at the school has been purchased. Mrs. Tolan thanked Director of Support Services Rich Belloni for his efforts at the school; the reader board there now says "Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School," and a window between the school office and the principal's office was installed.

Principal Tolan recognized retiring P.E. teacher Jo Rauch, who held her last field day the day of the board meeting. Mrs. Tolan reported INMS students and staff recently returned from their adventure trip, and held a promotions ceremony/dance June 15th.

Newport High Principal Jon Zagel reported five students were nominated for IB diplomas, and said one third of high school students took at least one IB class. He thanked Rich Belloni and his staff for readying Newport Prep Academy and said "we would not have been able to do it" without them.

Mr. Zagel noted 100 students submitted writings for the literary review.

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin discussed financial reports as of May 31, 2010. As is typical in the month of May, student ADM decreased slightly. Interest rates have stabilized.

Discussion on K-12 Science Curriculum Adoption

Director of Human Resources Sara Johnson introduced Patty Forcier, Bob Dougherty, Dana Spink, and Rose Burbee who presented recommendations on K-12 science curriculum. The Science Curriculum and Adoption Committee is cognizant of tight budgets, and final recommendations keep costs as low as possible while still meeting student needs.

Recommendations include: •using the new Oregon science standards in total as LCSD power standards; •developing new agreements to use textbooks district wide; •purchasing new biology and chemistry texts; •keeping integrated science texts if enough replacements can be found (the edition is nearly ten years old so the new addition may have to be purchased); •continue using the current middle school adoption with realignment of the 15 individual books to match new grade level standards; •adopting the Science A to Z books and resources for sixth grade; •supplementing with the Jason Project, an interactive, technology based curriculum; •adopting Science A-Z for K-5; •identifying and using free supplemental resources; •providing professional development in use of all science instructional materials.

Director Brown expressed appreciation for the excellent written report on the recommendation provided the Board; Director Turner echoed her comment. The Board will consider the recommendations at the next meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked 2009/10 Board Chairman Jana Cowan and presented her with a plaque in recognition of her service. Ms. Cowan will be stepping down from the Board effective June 16th as she is relocating out of state.

The Superintendent reported the District has received a \$50,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, to be used for a half-time literacy specialist next school year.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Oregon Coast Community College for awarding 13 full-ride scholarships to LCSD seniors from around the district with GPAs of 3.5 or above.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Sacred Heart Catholic and Central Coast Unitarian churches for their donations to the district's Homeless program.

He also thanked the Oregon School Employees Association, Chapter 19 (the Classified union) for their donation of four \$250 scholarships given to seniors from Taft, Newport, Toledo and Waldport High Schools.

The Superintendent congratulated Oceanlake Elementary, "attendance flag" winners for May. He reported the next school board meeting is Tuesday, July 6th (first Tuesday of the month this meeting only).

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 09/10-44

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

- Minutes, 5/18/10 Regular Session;**
- Policy IGBB, Talented and Gifted Program;**
- Policy IGABA, Identification, TAG;**
- Regular Personnel Items and addendum;**
- Policy GCBDA, Family Medical Leave;**
- Facilities Agreements, 2010/11;**
- Resolution 2009/10-13, Support for Children's Trust of Lincoln County;**
- 10/11 Board Meeting Schedule.**

Notice of Layoff

Motion 09/10-45

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Beck, the Board unanimously approved the need for a layoff of personnel for the 2010/11 school year. Superintendent Rinearson reported this action is required to comply with 30-day notice requirements of the licensed contract. Board members expressed their desire to minimize effects to students and staff as much as possible.

Director Brown stated she recognizes the need, but added "It pains me. Layoff should be the absolute last thing we do."

Superintendent Rinearson stated LCSD may reach the point this year at which cost exceeds the district's ability to pay for meeting minimum requirements, if no further help is received.

Approval of Resolution 2009/10-14, Adoption of 2010/11 Budget

Motion 09/10-46

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2009/10-14 as noted in the 6/15/10 board folder, adopting the 2010/11 budget as approved by the Budget Committee, with the transfer of \$5 in appropriations from "Support Services" to "Other Uses." This will allow the Board to make appropriation changes during the 2010-11 fiscal year should the need arise.

Since the Budget Committee approved the budget May 20th, the state of Oregon projected a large deficit in revenue for the current biennium. This deficit translates to a reduction to LCSD's State School Fund revenue of approximately \$2.5 million for the coming school year. Time constraints and several unknown factors made developing recommendations to address this shortfall prior to the budget hearing and adoption unfeasible.

During the early months of the 2010/11 fiscal year, the Superintendent will develop a spending plan commensurate with resources which will be presented to the Board with a resolution to revise appropriations.

Director Brown noted that, though she recognizes the need for a balanced budget by June 30, she is uncomfortable with doing spending plans later. She said there may be a need for a supplemental budget in the future. Superintendent Rinearson stated a supplemental budget would be a good topic for a board retreat.

Vice Chairman Beck said the district is facing a perfect storm, much like one faced several years ago when Eddyville School closed. He added "this is the high water mark, allocated in the correct codes."

Architectural Services- gLAs Architects Selected

Motion 09/10-47

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved gLAs Architects as architect of record for proposed facilities improvements. Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported 75 architectural firms requested Requests for Proposals for architectural services. Of these, 18 submitted proposals. A committee comprised of Mr. Belloni, Superintendent Rinearson, OCCC President Pat O'Connor and Philomath Superintendent Pete Tuana pared this number to five.

On June 8th, about 40 people attended the architect interviews. The five architectural firms were each given time for a presentation and questions from the audience. Attendees completed scoring sheets. gLAs Architects rated number one, and was recommended as the architect of record for proposed facilities improvements.

Director Turner said she heard one firm had an excellent presentation; it was suggested that firm be approached for ideas should the District decide to go forward with a bond. Mr. Belloni replied that is DLR Group. Director Brown agreed they were "top of the line with creating messages." Belloni also commented "People didn't buy the glitz, but the nuts and bolts instead." Ms. Brown said it was a good process.

2010/11 Organizational Resolution

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented the annual "Designation of District Officers, Clerks, Agents and Depositories of Funds" (organizational) resolution. Changes for the coming year include the designation of the Assistant Superintendent as one of the ADA coordinators, as well as a lower mileage reimbursement rate (\$0.50 per mile for the coming year). A Budget Committee vacancy in Zone 4 was also noted. The resolution will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Short Term Inter-Fund Loans

Many times during the year, Title and other federal grant budgets rely on the general fund to cover cash flow as some grants require reimbursement of expenditures. Staff proposed using other district funds to cover cash flow needs for the general fund prior to receiving tax collections in November and December. Inter-fund borrowing will precede TANs borrowing from Oregon Coast Bank.

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented a resolution to accomplish this; the resolution will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Information on Federal Monitoring Visit

LCSD has been selected for a Consolidated Program on-site monitoring visit during the next school year by Oregon Department of Education representatives. On-site visits are required by federal law, No Child Left Behind, Perkins and state laws. Superintendent Rinearson noted the coming audit will be the third during his tenure in LCSD so far.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent