

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, July 6, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

Present: Ron Beck, Chairman; Jean Turner, Vice-Chairman; Brenda Brown, Liz Martin, 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

2009/10 Vice Chairman Ron Beck called the session to order and convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Bondley was excused from the meeting.

Approval of Board Chairman

Motion 10/11-1

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved Ron Beck as Chairman of the Board for the 2010/11 year.

Approval of Board Vice Chairman

Motion 10/11-2

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved Jean Turner as Vice Chairman of the Board for the 2010/11 year.

Communications

Chairman Beck noted receipt of a letter from Lincoln County Health Department to Mr. Philip Schuster.

Staff Recognition

Newport High Principal Jon Zagel introduced new Sam Case Principal Ryan Relken. He also noted it was Assistant Superintendent Sara Johnson's birthday the evening of the board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked the Newport Fred Meyer store for a donation of over \$2,800 collected in coin boxes at check stands there.

The Superintendent recognized the Oregon Community Foundation for their award to LCSD of a \$5,000 "Boomers and Babies" grant. Homeless Coordinator Katey Townsend wrote the grant, which will pair "boomers" (those born between 1946-1964) with young children to enhance learning.

Mr. Rinearson welcomed new board member Liz Martin, who was appointed to the Zone 2 position. Director Brenda Brown was appointed to Zone 4 after the school board realigned the school board zones.

The Superintendent reported he and Newport High Principal Jon Zagel will be visiting with NOAA employees in Seattle soon to answer their questions about LCSD. He noted the next regular session meeting of the board is August 24, 2010.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 2010/11-3

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

- Minutes, 6/15/10 Regular Session;**
- Minutes, 6/15/10 Special Session;**
- K-12 Science Curriculum Adoption;**
- Regular Personnel Items and addendum;**
- Resolution 2010/11-1, Designation of Officers...(organizational);**
- Resolution 2010/11-2, Inter-fund Borrowing.**

Approval of Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements

Motion 2010/11-4

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements as distributed July 6, 2010 and as modified at the meeting. (Dual Credit was added to one of the options available to earn an Honors diploma).

Operations/Federal Programs Administrator Joe Novello reported the policy has changed several times over the last year due to new state requirements. The most significant changes relate to modified and extended diplomas and alternative certificates. Also, reference is made to "essential skills" which applies to students who receive a high school diploma on or after September 1, 2011.

Discussion on NHS Out of Country Field Trip (England and France)

Teachers Paul Tucker and Nina Fairfield described a proposed field trip next summer to London and Paris. They would like to contract with EF Education tours, a company used many times in the past by other LCSD groups. The request will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Policy IKFB, Commencement Activities/Honors

Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented a revised Policy IKFB, Commencement Activities/Honors. The policy was revised to require students to meet the requirements for an Honors diploma in order to be eligible for valedictorian and salutatorian awards. Director Turner said this is especially necessary for the district's small high schools

Planned Course Statement- Applied Algebra II

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sara Johnson presented a planned course statement for a new class, Applied Algebra II. Though the course was proposed by Principal Von Taylor at Waldport High, it will be available to any school in the district once approved by the school board. The course is not a replacement for Algebra II, but an addition. It will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Information on Teacher Evaluations

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sara Johnson presented a revised Professional Growth and Accountability (PGA) program, the teacher evaluation tool used in LCSD. The program is being revised in phases; Dr. Johnson presented Phase I to the Board for their information. She noted the program was originally developed ten years ago and needed to be updated. Information on PGA will be shared with the Board as it is developed.

Discussion on 2010/11 Budget

Business Manager Julie Baldwin described the current financial picture for the District, saying the scenario has worsened significantly since the Budget Committee approved the budget on May 20th. Several days after that, the state of Oregon announced a large shortfall which could result in a reduction in revenue for LCSD of approximately \$2.5 million. Also, LCSD will see a decrease in state funding due to the district having fewer students.

This shortfall may be addressed by spending cash, reducing days (with union approval), and layoffs- or some combination thereof. ODE may issue waivers to districts that do not meet standards. Districts that receive waivers must submit plans to ODE describing how the deficiencies will be addressed the following year. If the district chose to address the shortfall by reducing days only, 28 days would need to be cut. If the choice was to reduce 12 days and layoff staff, 10.76 licensed and 23 classified positions would be cut, carryover funds would need to be tapped, and central budgets would be further reduced. If the shortfall is addressed by layoffs only, 22 licensed staff and six classified positions would be eliminated, and the IB program at Newport High would be in jeopardy.

Chairman Beck asked if the reduction of days includes unemployment expenses; it does not.

In the adopted budget, classified staff were reduced by 8.4%, administration was reduced by 6% (which includes having two associate principals), and licensed staff were increased by 2.4%.

Though the district maintains funds for early retirement expenses, PERS debt service, building maintenance, vehicle replacement, and contingency, Superintendent Rinearson stated he would not recommend using of any of them without a plan to refill the funds. He also said the current budget has an addition to licensed staff, and decreases to administrative and classified staff. The central structure has been reduced by \$247,000.

Director Brown stated her preference for "mixing and matching, with minimal layoffs." Chairman Beck noted if the District used a significant portion of the funds mentioned, no safety net would then exist.

He said he was comfortable using some cash; Ms. Turner said she is comfortable using cash as well, but said she is not sure of an amount.

No decisions have been reached. The Board will consider options in the coming weeks.

Board Retreat

For the past two years, the Board met during the summer in a retreat setting to develop goals and discuss other topics. This year, the meeting will take place over two days (July 30 and 31). The Superintendent noted that discussions concerning the budget, contracts, the coming biennium and a potential bond measure will more than fill the time. Director Brown said she would like to discuss, at some point, the following items: 1) proceeds from the potential sale of property (which fits into the bond discussion); 2) Policy IGB; 3) Policy JFC and JFC-AR. Director Martin noted she would like to discuss goals.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent