



# ***BOARD REPORT***

A Summary of the August 24, 2010 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on August 24, 2010 at the Yaquina View building with approximately 30 members of the staff and interested patrons present.

## **Communications**

Waldport resident Cathy Sorensen addressed the Board regarding facilities planning in her role as a member of the south area steering committee. She suggested members from each committee visit other areas to see their ideas and proposals.

Patrice Clevenger of the Swindell Center thanked the Board and District for allowing the center to be housed in the Yaquina View building. The program recently relocated there and has experienced significantly more activity.

Barb Dougherty of the Commission on Children and Families thanked the Board and District for their support (they have also relocated to the Yaquina View building). She said allowing the several entities (the Commission, the Swindell Center, Early Intervention, the Homeless program) space in the same location makes Yaquina View a “one-stop shop” for families seeking help.

## **Board Reports**

Director Brenda Brown reported she and Director Liz Martin attended the OSBA summer board conference and found it very useful.

Chairman Ron Beck noted the Board spent a day and a half in a retreat setting since the last regular board meeting.

Director Liz Martin noted the OSBA conference was especially timely for her as a new board member.

## **Homeless Program Update**

Homeless Coordinator Katey Townsend summarized the district’s Homeless Education & Literacy Project (H.E.L.P.). The program, using Title grant funds, has been able to expand to having four centers (in Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo and Waldport). Last year, 411 LCSD students were identified as homeless- the number is likely higher. The advocates at each center help to remove barriers for homeless students and link them with the appropriate help and caring adults. The centers are modeled after the Seashore Family Literacy Center in Waldport, initiated by Senitila McKinley.

## **Financial Reports**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented unaudited 09/10 year end information; the year will not be closed until after the district’s auditors have completed their work.

She also presented financial reports as of July 31, 2010. Interest rates have stabilized, though are still low. The 12-day reduction is not yet reflected in the financial reports, but will be in the future.

The Superintendent noted the beginning fund balance has already been reduced by \$1 million- cash needed to maintain staff and programs.

Ms. Baldwin explained the federal “Edu-Jobs” funding, which will help the district by offsetting expected additional reductions in revenue from the state.

## **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Toledo Jr./Sr. High teacher Peter Vince and Video Production

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students for their production of a video for Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center. This non-profit organization exists to improve the physical and emotional health of (primarily) riders with special needs.

The Superintendent also recognized the City of Lincoln City for exploring a system to allow its water customers to donate money to north county schools. The city council welcomed the concept and asked staff to return with more information.

Mr. Rinearson announced area breakfasts as follows:

- North-** Tuesday, 8/31/10, 8:30 at Taft 7-12
- West-** Wed., 9/1/10, 8:30 at NHS (MP room)
- East-** Thurs., 9/2/10, 8:30 at Toledo Jr./Sr.
- South-** Fri., 9/3/10, 8:00 a.m. at Crestview

He also reported teachers new to the district will begin their service on August 25<sup>th</sup>, with returning teachers arriving August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 7/6/10 Regular Session;**
- Minutes, 7/30/10 Special Session;**
- Minutes, 7/30 and 31/2010 Work Session;**
- Out of Country Field Trip, NHS (London, Paris);**
- Policy IKFB, Commencement Activities/ Honors;**
- Planned Course Statement, Applied Algebra;**
- Regular Personnel Items and addendum, including:**

-**Resignations:** Dr. James Andrews, School Psychologist; Sundarah Baran, Oceanlake; Patricia Hunt, Toledo Jr./Sr.; Judy Honza, Toledo 7-12; Catherine Ille, Taft 7-12;

-**New Licensed Hires:** Marcy Doyle, Sam Case; Bryan Freschi, Taft 7-12; Deanna O'Halloran, Sam Case; Malena Simmons, HLS; Cheryl Hull, Sam Case; George Winterscheid, School Psych.; Rebecca Dressler, Taft 7-12;

-**New Temp.Licensed Hire:** Michael Goetz, TOES;

-**Leave of Absence Requests:** Rebecca Fitzwater, 11/1/10-2/13/11; Donna Sanders, 8/2/10-9/15/10; Mary Schaer, 9/27/10-10/11/10;

-**Substitute Teacher Daily Rates for 10/11:** \$159.47 (substitute teachers are paid half days of 3.75 hours or whole days of 7.5 hours); for more than ten consecutive days in one assignment: \$186.32;

•**PSA, Paul Williams for Student Information System Services;**

•**PSA, Murray Lein, OT Services;**

•**Board/Supt. Working Agreements.**

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

One of the ways LCSD will address the reduced revenue from the state is by a reduction of 12 work days for employees. This reduction necessitated a change in the school calendars approved in April, 2010. The new calendars have the same 12 days reduced in all areas and reflect input received from both Associations.

The calendars will be posted on the District's website and shared with all schools and the media as soon as possible.

### **Approval of Cooperative Agreement, Eddyville Charter/Toledo Jr./Sr. Football**

The Board approved a cooperative agreement between Eddyville Charter School and Toledo Jr./Sr. High for Eddyville football players to play on Toledo's football team. Eddyville did not have enough players to field a team this year.

### **Approval of Construction Excise Tax Agreement, LCSD and City of Newport**

The state legislature approved a bill in 2007 allowing school districts to implement a construction excise tax on new construction in districts. This legislation was amended in 2009 allowing collecting agencies to retain higher fees for collecting the tax. Also, agencies are required to collect the tax (it was optional before).

The amended agreement between LCSD and the City of Newport reflects these changes.

## **Information on Adequate Yearly Progress**

Assistant Superintendent Sara Johnson and Data Coordinator Mary Kelly presented preliminary data for the District's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) rating. Though the district does not "meet" overall, it is moving in the right direction with more and more students "meeting" or "exceeding" AYP targets. The percentage of students required to "meet" will go up each of the next few years to reach 100% in 2014.

## **Discussion on Student Code of Conduct Policy**

During the board retreat held over the summer, a suggestion was made to revise the Student Code of Conduct policy to reflect options available to deal with students not complying with the district's rules. The policy now states that "discipline may include required interventions other than suspension, expulsion, etc." to give wider latitude to principals. The policy will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

## **Proposed Facilities Improvements- Process**

Conversations about possible facilities improvements have been ongoing in all areas of the district for several months. Director of Support Services Rich Belloni posted draft architectural drawings of suggested improvements, and said a facilities study of each building is in process (to determine needs such as heating systems, electrical, plumbing, bells, structural, roofs, etc.).

Area presentations of potential facilities improvements will take place at the September 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting at Toledo Jr./Sr. High. The Board will meet in a work session October 5<sup>th</sup> in Newport to continue the facilities improvements conversation.

## **Discussion on 2010/11 Board Goals**

The Board began developing its goals for this year during a summer board retreat. Draft goals include:

- 1) Acknowledge student achievement;
- 2) Analyze the licensed contract;

- 3) Continue support of initiatives already in place;
- 4) Develop a new evaluation instrument for the Superintendent's evaluation in the 2011/12 year;
- 5) Explore the pursuit of a general obligation bond for facilities improvements.

The goals will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

## **Discussion on District Priorities**

In January, 2008 the Board approved a list of priorities for the District designed to guide it for several years. During their recent board retreat, they reexamined the priorities to reflect current circumstances and future plans. The eight priorities are:

- Continue the alignment, both vertically and horizontally, of District curriculum, instruction and assessments;
- Continue to implement innovative uses of technology that lead to improved student learning;
- Recruit and retain highly talented employees;
- Improve facilities by: ensuring facilities will encompass the reduction of class size in grades K-3 to a ratio of 18-22:1; moving Waldport High out of the tsunami zone; and phasing out the use of portables;
- Continue building partnerships with local business, science and arts communities;
- Engage and expand communication with our communities;
- Negotiate employee contracts to focus on student achievement;
- Maximize all funding opportunities aligned with District Priorities.

The priorities will return for the Board's consideration at the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

## **Board Self Evaluation**

The Board discussed evaluating its own performance during a recent board retreat. In prior years, they have used the "Board/Superintendent Working Agreements" as the tool with which they accomplished this task. The last time they did so online. Chairman Beck asked board members to consider doing so again.

*Next Meeting: September 21, 2010- 7:00 p.m. @ Toledo Jr./Sr. High School*