

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, September 21, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.
Toledo Jr./Sr. High School
Toledo, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Jean Turner, Vice Chairman

Present: Jean Turner, Vice Chairman; Brenda Brown, Karen Bondley, Liz Martin,
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

Vice Chairman Jean Turner convened the meeting and called the session to order at 6:37 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Chairman Beck was excused from the meeting.

East Area Report

Student representative Kohl Marks updated the Board on activities at **Toledo Jr./Sr. High**. Student leaders are working hard to improve school spirit and academics, and are identifying ways to use their talents to improve school activities. A new student lounge is planned, and ideas to make the school more welcoming are in the works.

Students are working with local businesses to enhance relationships. Fundraisers for Doernbecher Children's Hospital, local food banks and breast cancer awareness are being developed.

Toledo Elementary Principal Bob Shindelman welcomed the Board to Toledo and shared activities at the school related to improving student writing and attendance. Students there take part in 90 minutes of reading daily as well as 30 to 45 minutes of language arts/writing. Writing skills are built into the curriculum in a variety of ways, including the use of math and science journals.

Attendance at Toledo Elementary has a dedicated focus; this year has begun very well with a 95% attendance rate for the first two weeks. Daily "wolf howls" (the school's mascot) are given to classrooms with 100% attendance, and the school has their own attendance flag.

Board member Jean Turner asked Mr. Shindelman to demonstrate a wolf howl, which he did.

Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Brian Flannery noted one focus at the school is enhancing student involvement. Class competitions are planned, as are student-of-the-month recognitions. The trophy case will be re-done to display student academic awards as well. Attendance at Toledo Jr./Sr. High stands at 94.7% for the first two weeks.

Non-fiction writing and total instructional alignment are two other significant areas emphasized at the school. One teacher is helping others set goals for each classroom, and staff is exploring a writing competition.

Superintendent Rinearson reported preliminary state report card results show the school has moved from unsatisfactory to satisfactory, and this year has moved to the Outstanding category.

Area Facilities Plans

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported conversations about facilities improvements in all areas of the district have been ongoing for several months. The conversations also involve needed systems maintenance/upgrades at buildings, put on hold for several years due to budget constraints. A “facilities need” study is being conducted at each building to determine systems needs.

Representatives from each area of the district presented their respective ideas for possible facilities improvement.

South. Waldport Mayor Herman Welch introduced Sue Woodruff, Cathy Sorensen and Bill Turner, members of the south area facilities steering committee. The group is committed to moving Waldport High out of the tsunami zone, and said if the Board decides to continue with the construction renewal (bond measure) community members will work hard in the south area of the district to pass it.

The Waldport group worked for over a year on plans for the proposed school, and recommends version number 17A, a V-shaped school designed in proximity to Crestview Heights School. A courtyard area would provide a buffer between the schools, though the high school would use some space at Crestview. The two schools would use the same kitchen. Placement of the administrative office would assist with supervision for entry and the multi-purpose room. By taking this approach, the committee reduced the planned area of the proposed school by 14,650 square feet (and the resulting per square foot cost).

Mr. Welch emphasized the desire to address safety concerns with the current school’s location in the tsunami zone. Director Brown gave kudos to the committee, saying they have developed a viable plan.

North. Oceanlake Principal Betsy Wilcox reported **Taft Elementary** Principal Dave Malcolm could not attend the board meeting due to open house, but asked her to share their plans. Taft Elementary would like to replace portables with classrooms, which would also address the district priority of class size ratios.

Oceanlake Elementary’s proposal includes refurbishing current classrooms, replacing portables with new classrooms, building a new gym and office space, and enlarging the library. This group has been working on their plan for about a year. They shared preliminary drawings at open house and received a good response.

Principal Betsy Wilcox emphasized their crowded, aging classrooms have layers of makeshift updates (corkboard covered with pegboard, covered with a white board, covered by a Promethean board). The portables leak as well. “We cannot seat a classroom of children in our current library,” said Ms. Wilcox.

Taft High Principal Scott Reed stated his school is a beautiful facility, but the roof and heating systems have significant problems. Leaks are common, and air circulation/heating is inconsistent. “We want to remove obstacles to learning by addressing these problems,” said Reed.

West. Sam Case Principal Ryan Relken thanked the staff and community members who formulated the plan for that school, as he is new to the building. Sam Case’s proposal calls for building a new gym, which would allow students to eat in the multi-purpose room (and out of their classrooms). Two additional classrooms are also part of the proposal. “We are full and have no additional space,” said Relken.

Newport Intermediate/INMS Principal Majalise Tolan said the new play shed planned for the school is very important and will provide a much needed additional space for students. Currently schedules for indoor or outdoor recess are constantly changing based on the weather. The school also plans for needed maintenance on the roof and other systems.

Newport High Principal Jon Zagel noted NHS’ plan is to eliminate portables for new classrooms and to build a new band room. The current band room is above the wrestling room, and is not ADA accessible.

East. Principal Bob Shindelman presented **Toledo Elementary’s** proposal, which calls for building classrooms to replace 11 portables. “All of our classes take place in portables, other than Kindergarten and first grade,” said Shindelman. Students must walk in the rain between classes, and the portables are being used beyond their expected span. Some portables have no windows or doors to the outside, there are leaks, the floors shake and air circulation is poor.

“We are not used to running things down. Facilities and Maintenance and our staff and community members do a great job. These portables were just not meant to last this long,” said Mr. Shindelman.

Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Brian Flannery stated their building has many similar maintenance issues. Their proposal for new construction includes building a commons area for the 7th/8th grade wing, and lowering the parking lot to make the entry area all one level. “This will be much more welcoming to our students and staff,” said Flannery. The school plans for a new elevator, a new weight room and new locker rooms. This school also plans to replace portables with permanent classrooms.

Rich Belloni introduced architects Jim Lewis and Wally Gresl from gLAs Architects for three areas. Dietmar Goebel and his student intern Dustin Capri will provide these services for the west area.

Next Steps. Mr. Belloni reported work will continue on the existing facilities needs assessment. Civil, structural, mechanical and electrical engineers and other professionals are examining each building to determine needs. Results of this worked may be presented at the October 5th board work session.

“We have been applying band-aids for many years; now it is time to address this,” said Belloni. He noted Carol Samuels from Seattle Northwest Securities and attorney Pete Gintner would share information at the October 5 work session.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of August 31, 2010. The reports are based on the approved budget; future reports will reflect the reduced work/school days for this year. Interest rates have increased slightly.

Director Brown expressed concern with the building maintenance fund, saying “There is no easy way to replenish it.” Superintendent Rinearson noted there are some things that must be done, and said “We borrowed from the future, and the future is here.”

Director Turner asked if staff would have recommendations for Board members; Mr. Rinearson noted Board policy requires this to occur.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Newport High’s IB program. Three NHS students took part in the IB World Student Conference held at OSU over five days in August. Approximately 300 students from ten countries attended. Thanks to the many community members and businesses who made this possible, including the Oregon Coast Aquarium, Hatfield Marine Science Center, Marine Discovery Tours, Sea Grant, Angell Job Corps, Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area and Mo’s.

The Superintendent thanked KNPT/KBCH radio, Mid Columbia Bus Company, Newport Rotary and the many others who contributed to the annual “Stuff a Bus” school supply drive. The event continues to generate a significant amount of school supplies and cash to benefit LCSD students in need.

Mr. Rinearson noted District Attorney Rob Bovett announced the subject of this year’s Lincoln County Youth Film Program as prevention of prescription drug abuse and gang awareness/prevention. Participating schools are Career Tech, Newport High, Siletz charter, Taft High and Toledo High. Major contributors include the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution fund, the Partnership Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Northwest Film Center.

Let There Be Arts will hold their annual gala on Saturday, October 2, 6:00 p.m. at the Freed Gallery in Lincoln City. This fundraiser will benefit Oceanlake, Newport Intermediate and INMS, who will be participating in mural projects this year through Let There Be Arts. Please call 541-994-5600 for more information.

The Superintendent reported Crestview Heights is offering a homework room every school day between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. for students who need help.

Mr. Rinearson also reported the Board will meet in a work session October 5th at Newport High to continue the conversation on facilities improvement.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 10/11-11

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

•**Minutes, 8/24/10 Regular Session;**

- Policy JFC, Student Code of Conduct;
- Regular Personnel Items and addendum
- 2010/11 Board Goals;
- District Priorities.

Approval of Short Term Borrowing, Oregon Coast Bank

Motion 10/11-12

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2010/11-3, short term borrowing from Oregon Coast Bank in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. The loan fee is \$1,000. Funds will be repaid as soon as tax receipts are in, which will reduce the amount of interest paid by the District.

Results, Board Self Evaluation

The Board used the “Board/Superintendent Working Agreements” as the survey tool to evaluate their performance as a Board. They reached consensus to discuss these results when all five board members are present over the next few months.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent