

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, October 19, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Oceanlake Elementary School
Lincoln City, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

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

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Sheila Hagan, Secretary; approx. 25 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Ron Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

Communications

Chairman Ron Beck noted an email communication from Waldport Mayor Herman Welch.

Dr. Catherine Pavlish expressed her support of the 21st Century after school program and presented the Board with a petition urging its continuation. She also expressed kudos for Bambi Henderson, coordinator of the program in Newport. Superintendent Rinearson explained the program is funded by federal grant dollars; other grants funds are being sought.

North Area Report

Oceanlake Principal Betsy Wilcox reported students are painting a mural in the multipurpose room similar to the one done at Taft Elementary last year.

Teacher Jana Limbert described “Write Tools” training she and several other Oceanlake staff attended to improve student non-fiction writing.

Teacher Mary Beth Guerena attended training through the OCAMP grant at the Hatfield Marine Science Center, which she used both in the classroom and at several outdoor locations. Students studied habitats in estuaries and focused on scientific inquiry. Ms. Guerena expressed her excitement for and appreciation of the program.

Taft Elementary Principal Dave Malcolm described strategies used there to improve student attendance. Teachers there are also using the “Write Tools” to help improve student writing.

Let There Be Arts continues to support art at Taft Elementary and other District schools; Mr. Malcolm thanked them for their generous and long standing help.

Taft 7-12 Principal Scott Reed heralded the school's "Outstanding" rating on the Oregon Report Card, and thanked the Board for their support for the proficiency based program.

Students asked Mr. Reed to express the "great school spirit" and a successful homecoming week at the school. Staff is using "Write Tools" training to improve student writing; strategies are being used in several different disciplines.

OCAMP and Partnerships Report

Community Curriculum and Resource Liaison Ruth McDonald and School Partnership Liaison Rachael Goetzelman described activities of the OCAMP (Oregon Coast Aquarium and Marine Science Partnership) grant, other grants in progress and activities of the Ocean Literacy Curriculum Committee.

Ms. McDonald noted the value of the partnerships enjoyed by the District, and said these partnerships facilitated the procurement of several grants. The effort began several years ago as part of a strategic plan initiative to give LCSD students an opportunity to be the best prepared oceanic science students in the country.

Partners include the Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon State University, the Oregon Coast Aquarium, the Oregon Hatchery Research Center, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Yaquina Head Bureau of Land Management, Beverly Beach State Park, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Marine Discovery Tours and OHSU/CMOP. The number of partners continues to grow. Ms. McDonald said staff hope to expand the effort and will apply for a large math and science grant next year. "This was Mr. Rinearson's vision; we are being recognized across the state," said McDonald. She noted Board members are welcome to attend any of their events.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of September 30, 2010. The general fund report has not been updated with the Superintendent's spending plan, but soon will be. The city of Lincoln City paid the balance of the sale price for the Delake building (a payment of approximately \$768,000).

The sale of different properties will enable the district to forego borrowing funds to meet expenses.

Preliminary estimates regarding funding for the 2011/12 year indicate a reduction in state revenue of \$4 to 6 million, but it is early in the process.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked TLC Federal Credit Union, the Sam Case/NIS Boosters and facilities/maintenance staff for their contributions toward the new playground at Newport Intermediate School. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held, and students are using the new equipment.

Mr. Rinearson also recognized Altrusa International of Yaquina Bay for a donation of \$500 to Crestview Heights for language arts books. Altrusa also plans a book sale October 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Yaquina View. Proceeds from the sale will help fund mini-grants to middle school teachers to help expand classroom libraries.

The Superintendent recognized the Lincoln County Sheriff's office, recipient of a grant that will provide electronic locks and video cameras for Waldport High, Crestview Heights and Toledo Jr./Sr. High.

Superintendent Rinearson wished Business Manager Julie Baldwin "Happy Birthday," and congratulated Newport Intermediate School, attendance flag winners for the month of September.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 10/11-14

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

- Minutes, 9/14/10 Special Session;**
- Minutes, 9/21/10 Regular Session;**
- Minutes, 10/5/10 Special Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and addendum.**

Approval of Resolution, American Indian Heritage Month

Motion 10/11-15

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2010/11-4, proclaiming the month of November as "American Indian Heritage" month. The resolution will be distributed to schools to help honor Native Americans in our schools and community.

Discussion on 2010/11 Alternative Education Programs

Operations/Federal Programs Administrator Joe Novello submitted a list of alternative education programs for the current year, including the Carolyn Brown School (Newport High), Toledo High, and Insight School of Oregon (private alternative school). Board policy requires the Board approve alternative education programs available in the district each year. The list will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Information on Oregon Report Card

Assistant Superintendent Sara Johnson reported the Oregon school report card was released October 7; four LCSD schools were rated “Outstanding” (Crestview Heights, Isaac Newton Magnet School, Taft 7-12 and Toledo Jr./Sr. High).

Dr. Johnson reported ODE is considering raising the targets students must reach on assessments. New content standards were adopted for all levels of math students, so the achievement levels (“cut scores”), are being examined to determine if they reflect these new content standards.

Also, diploma standards have been revised to require students graduating in 2014 and beyond to demonstrate proficiency in math, reading and writing.

If the cut scores are adopted as currently considered and LCSD students continue at present achievement levels, many fewer students will meet the targets unless changes are made. The current effort underway in LCSD to align curriculum and instruction should help improve student achievement. “We need to prepare our students do they can compete nationwide,” stated Dr. Johnson.

PSA’s for OCAMP Grant- OSU and Education Northwest

Two Personal Services Agreements (PSAs) associated with the OCAMP grant were presented for the Board’s review, one from OSU and one from Education Northwest. The agreements will return for the Board’s consideration at the next meeting.

Budget Committee Vacancy- Zone 4

The LCSD Budget Committee currently has a vacancy in Zone 4 (Toledo, Eddyville and Siletz). This position will be appointed by the school board, hopefully at the November 16th meeting. Budget committee terms are for three years; applicants interested in serving in this volunteer position may not be employees of LCSD, must currently reside in the respective zone, and must be registered voters. Applications are available in all schools in the affected zone, the District office, and on the district website (www.lincoln.k12.or.us). They are due Friday, November 5, 2010 to Laurie Urquhart in the district administration office in Newport.

Budget Committee Meetings- Continuous Improvement/Budget Planning Cycle

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented the “Continuous Improvement and 2011-12 Budget Planning Cycle” document. This tool is used by staff to consider the many tasks to be completed throughout the year, including the development of the coming year’s budget.

Board policy states the school board will set the date of the first Budget Committee meeting; this is reflected on the planning document as May 24, 2011. The board will consider this date at the next regular board meeting.

Facilities Improvement- Possible Funding Sources

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni presented a draft breakdown of possible facilities projects along with potential funding sources. There are four ways in which to fund these projects: normal maintenance schedule, revenue from the sale of property, construction excise tax revenue, and revenue from a potential sale of general obligation bonds.

The list of needs of existing buildings and new construction proposals contain several projects that could be done over time by district facilities/maintenance staff. The board will meet in a work session November 9th to further this discussion.

Board Self Evaluation (November)

In September, Board members completed an online survey to evaluate their performance as a board. Board Chair Ron Beck asked board members to be prepared to discuss this evaluation at the November board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent