



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the November 16, 2010 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on November 16, 2010 at Waldport High School with approximately 35 members of the staff, media and interested patrons present.

Budget Committee

The LCSD Budget Committee has an opening in Zone 4 (Toledo, Eddyville, Siletz). The deadline for applications has been extended until the position is filled.

Those 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 at all schools in this zone, at the District Administration office and on the District website (www.lincoln.k12.or.us).

Communications

Yachats resident Brad Webb expressed his hope for construction of a high school in Waldport to move the current school out of the tsunami zone. He also said it would be critical to employ local contractors if the Board chooses to seek general obligation bonds, and said patrons in the south area would work hard to pass such an effort.

Toledo resident Merrick Kriz addressed the Board regarding the Mary Harrison building and possible outcomes. She urged the District to engage in a discussion with members of the Toledo community regarding the building.

Staff Recognition

Superintendent Rinearson reported LCSD received the “Excellence in Curriculum Leadership” award for the Ocean Literacy Project. The Oregon Association of School Executives presented the

award to the Board during the recent OSBA conference.

Board Reports

Board members described their experiences at the Oregon School Boards Association annual conference held in Portland. Each described their particular “take away” from the training.

Student Representative

Waldport High ASB Vice President Eddie Stymington updated the Board regarding activities at that school, including: ●freshman orientation was “amazing” this year; ●homecoming week went well, with decorated hallways, skits and a penny drive occurring during the week; ●students are working to display class pictures from past graduating classes, dating back to 1909/10; ●a canned food drive is in process until December 3rd ●members of the school’s National Honor Society are tutoring students at the school; ●Kayak Shack students Willis Mullen and Robert Ewart recently spent the day with Gov. Kulongoski during dedication of the new Beaver Creek State Park.

South Area Report

Crestview Heights Principal Mary Schaer noted that school received an “Outstanding” rating on the state report card for the second consecutive year. Three families have relocated to Waldport based on these ratings, said Schaer.

Staff members at the school are working on alignment of science curriculum, which includes standards from the ocean literacy project.

The Board Report is a summary from the latest meeting of the Lincoln County School District Board of Directors. For additional information, you may contact Laurie Urquhart, Secretary or Tom Rinearson, Superintendent at 265-4403.

Ms. Schaer thanked the Waldport and Yachats Lions Club for their donation of \$857, to be used for admissions during field trips. She also said a “Beavers vs. Ducks” food drive was held (Ducks won the competition).

Waldport High Principal Von Taylor noted new technologies are in use at the school, and introduced teacher Dave Wirick and students Jerry Waterman and Wyatt Glasgow.

Mr. Wirick first noted his appreciation for the Board and their work. He then described how students are learning about forestry, from visiting timbered areas to creating wood products. Students in Geometry are using Cartesian coordinates to “write” on blocks of wood (using the Computer Numerical Control (CNC) milling machine).

Student Jerry Waterman presented a small boat hull he designed and built using two computer programs.

A grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation received last year enabled the school to purchase a 3D printer, demonstrated by student Wyatt Glasgow. Mr. Glasgow created a small toy-sized car.

Mr. Taylor noted the school’s 3D printer, CNC plasma cutter, router and milling machine provide exciting opportunities for students.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of October 31, 2010. The cost of several health insurance plans increased significantly; interest rates are holding steady. The District did not have to borrow funds to meet expenses, as typically occurs in October.

Financial Update- Current and Next Year

Business Manager Julie Baldwin demonstrated how the budget for the current year evolved from its adoption in May 2010, through the projected deficit in the state of \$577 million, shared later that month. The district cut 12 work days and reduced school

and department budgets by \$1.7 million in response to this deficit.

In August, LCSD learned of “EduJobs” federal funding which translated to additional revenue for LCSD. At the end of August, state projections indicated an additional shortfall for the biennium of \$377.5 million. The EduJobs funding was used to offset this new shortfall for school districts. The next revenue forecast from the state is expected November 19.

A reduction in state revenue coupled with “roll-up” costs (using current employee contracts) for the coming year could result in an expected shortfall of approximately \$3.86 million for 2011/12. More information will be shared as it is received.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Toledo Elementary for their “**Sock it to Polio**” campaign. Staff is hanging socks throughout the school to collect money to help eradicate polio worldwide. The school is also hosting its annual **Turkey Bingo** fundraiser on November 19th beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Rinearson thanked optometric physician Dr. Rick Letherer for his annual donation of six eye exams along with glasses for students who need them. Dr. Letherer has continued this tradition each year since 1994.

The Superintendent thanked Linda Lee, a nurse and author who donated thirty copies of her book, “Autism- Living With My Brother Tiger.” The books were given to some students in the Young Adult Skills program, as well as to the LCSD autism specialist and to each speech/language pathologist in the district.

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated Taft Elementary, attendance flag winners for October. He reported all schools will be closed for Thanksgiving November 24 through 26.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 10/5/10 Work Session;**
- Minutes, 10/19/10 Regular Session;**
- 2010/11 Alternative Education Programs (Carolyn Brown School, Toledo Alternative, Insight School of Oregon);**
- PSAs for OCAMP Grant- OSU and NW Education;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum, including:**
 - Resignations:** Gilbert Buring, Maintenance;
 - New Classified Hires:** Cindy Grover, NHS; Jeannette Hardin, Sam Case; Shelli Johnston, Sam Case;
 - Leave of Absence Requests:** C. Lynn Chamberlin, 11/9/10-11/30/10;
 - New Coach:** Shawn Ferschweiler, Toledo Jr./Sr.

Approval of Date for First Budget Committee Meeting

The Board approved May 24, 2011 as the date for the first Budget Committee meeting for development of the 2011/12 budget. The location and time will be determined in the coming weeks.

Approval of PERS Bond Payoff

The Board approved the payoff of a PERS bond in the amount of \$1.4 million.

Several years ago the district issued bonds to retire the District's unfunded liability for PERS (Public Employee Retirement System). This allowed the District to pay a lower PERS rate for current payroll expenses.

There is a \$1.4 million callable PERS bond available for payoff. Paying this bond now will save the District \$651,500 in interest payments. The District maintains a fund intended solely for this purpose.

Approval of Appropriations Transfer, PERS Debt Service Fund

The Board approved an appropriations transfer of \$1.4 million within the PERS Debt Service Fund. The transfer will accommodate the payoff of the aforementioned \$1.4 million PERS bond.

Approval of Resolution, American Education Week

The Board approved a resolution proclaiming the week of November 14-20, 2010 as American Education Week. This week is recognized nationally and is intended to recognize all employees who work in public education for the important work they do.

Policy JBAA, Section 504- Students

Federal Programs/Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented Policy JBAA, Section 504-Students. The policy will return for consideration at the next meeting.

Addendum- OSBA Election

The Board approved a resolution approving two changes to the OSBA Constitution, and approving OSBA legislative policies and priorities. The constitutional changes involve revisions to the way OSBA dues are calculated, and adding two OSBA Board of Director positions.

Facilities Improvement Review

Superintendent Rinearson reported a telephone poll will be conducted the week after Thanksgiving to gauge local voters' opinions of the District issuing general obligation bonds for facilities improvements. An internal poll will be conducted as well.

Board members expressed interest in meeting in a work session to consider results of the surveys. Chairman Beck noted if the Board decides to move forward and is successful with the bonds, it is

committed to maintaining high schools in all LCSD communities for at least 15 years.

Election Do's and Don'ts for Public Employees

Discussions about a possible bond election include consideration of the law with regard to restrictions on political campaigning for public employees. Superintendent Rinearson noted these restrictions do not apply until a measure is delivered to the county clerk's office for certification.

As noted in a publication from the Oregon Secretary of State's office, "the overriding principle is that public employees may not use their work time to support or oppose measures, candidates, political committees or petitions."

Public employees may wear campaign buttons, and may use personal time, lunch hours, breaks, days off, etc. for political activity.

Board Priorities for Development of the 2011/12 Budget

Part of the budget development process includes input from the Board of Directors. Board members began a discussion of their priorities with regard to development of next year's budget.

Superintendent Rinearson stated the Board's priority the last few years has been to keep as much money in the classroom as possible. Director Brown agreed with this, adding the District should consider sustainability of its programs as well. This topic will return for consideration at the next regular session meeting.

Resolution Declaring Board Vacancies

An election for special districts will be held on May 17, 2011. Vacancies on the school board as of June 30, 2011 include Zone 1 (four year term; currently held by Karen Bondley); Zone 2 (four year term; currently held by Liz Martin); and Zone 4 (two year remainder term; currently held by Brenda Brown).

A resolution declaring the vacancies will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Board Self Evaluation Survey- Results

In September of this year, Board members completed an online survey to evaluate their performance as a Board. The survey indicates Board members feel they are working together well.

Next Regular Session Meeting: December 21, 2010- 7:00 p.m. @ Newport High School



Happy Thanksgiving!!