



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the March 15, 2011 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on March 15, 2011 at Taft 7-12 with approximately 35 members of the staff, media and interested patrons present.

Communications

Olalla Center Director Ray Burleigh addressed the Board regarding a possible offer for the Mary Harrison building in Toledo and hopes for the Olalla program to expand.

Taft 7-12 teacher Barton Howe urged the Board to make decisions based on “what is best for kids,” especially when those decisions are difficult. “If you undertake a genuine quest to do what’s best for kids, you will be forced to counter long-held myths, vocal majorities (and minorities) and entrenched groups that have no interest in changing the way things are done,” said Howe.

Siletz Principal Bob Line reported the boys’ basketball team there won the state championship in the 1A division, and thanked the Board for their support.

Board Reports

Director Brenda Brown noted a recent “Teen Jeopardy” television show featured Ray Cooper, a former Toledo student. She also reported the Toledo “Save Our Schools” committee donated a large check in support of the facilities bond measure. (The donation went to the K.I.D.S. Committee, a political action committee working in support of the measure.) “I wanted to publicly thank them,” said Brown.

Student Representatives

Taft 7-12 students Doug Gakstetter, Jace Schwartz, Molly Altimore and Kayla Luck performed a ballroom dance they choreographed.

ASB Co-Presidents Jace Schwartz and Doug Gakstetter noted the leadership team is focused on school spirit, with a “Milli Vanilli” lip syncing assembly planned. Students at the school are rehearsing the “Little Mermaid” play for performances in early May.

North Area Report

Oceanlake Principal Betsy Wilcox invited Board members to visit and said their mural is now complete. The mural was made possible by the Let There Be Arts partnership and the parents group at the school.

Ms. Wilcox reported extra tutoring in reading and math is targeting students close to reaching benchmark scores. Staff took part in a week-long training at the school focused on language objectives. Follow up training is planned for April and May.

Taft Elementary Principal Dave Malcolm noted the school is focusing on beach safety, with Robert Smith of the Oregon State Parks scheduled to work with students.

TES students are currently engaged in a writing festival. Portland author David Greenberg kicked off the festival by discussing civil rights with older students (the writer’s father was an attorney for Martin Luther King, Jr.). Younger students are learning to write poetry. All students will submit a writing piece to be adjudicated; the school will publish an anthology at a later date.

Taft 7-12 Principal Scott Reed noted the school was used by the Red Cross as an evacuation center the day of the tsunami warning. He noted the timeliness of the school’s study of beach safety.

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.

Assistant Principal Julie Lafayette reported staff development time has been used to expand learning options for students, aligning instruction to state standards. "Students learn in different ways," said Lafayette. Many more students are taking classes from Oregon Coast Community College this year than in past years.

Taft 7-12 culinary arts students received a gold ranking at recent competition, and are now eligible to compete at the national level. Student Mandi Good placed at the silver level in individual competition.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented updated financial reports as of February, 2011, replacing those the Board received earlier. Enrollment is holding steady.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Fred Meyer stores for a donation of \$2,152. Funds were generated in the "Support Your Schools" campaign, collected over three months at the local Fred Meyer. The money will be distributed among all schools.

Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School scheduled a dedication of their new mural, made possible by a partnership with Let There Be Arts. Mo's Restaurant donated chowder as an appetizer for the event; all students took part in the creation of the mural.

Mr. Rinearson reported Waldport High teacher Rose Burbee's Home Ec. students recently held a quilt show to show their creations. Ms. Burbee's Physics students built windmills to continue learning about alternative energy.

The Superintendent congratulated Newport Intermediate School for winning the attendance flag for the second consecutive month. He reminded the Board of spring break March 21-29.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 2/15/11 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum, including:**
 - Resignations:** Kathleen Haddon, NHS; Vonda McReynolds, NIS/INMS; Sandra Arvin, Sam Case; Sharon "Fanny" Drews, Sam Case;
 - New Temporary Licensed Hires:** Margaret Shea, HLS/NIS; Jan Weeks, WHS;
 - New Classified Hires:** Mark Williams, Taft 7-12;
 - Leave of Absence Requests:** Doug Rider, 2/11/11-6/3/11; Deanna O'Halloran, 3/30/11-5/18/11; Ben Hensley, 3/11/11-4/11/11; Susan Duncan, 3/9/11-4/6/11;
 - New Coach Hire(s):** Ryan Gates, Taft 7-12;
- Western States Insurance as Insurance Agent of Record- Other than Health Benefits.**

Approval of Pauly, Rogers & Co., P.C. for Audit Services

The Board approved Pauly, Rogers & Co., P.C. for audit services for the July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016 time period.

The District participated in a joint public agency RFP. Pauly, Rogers submitted the low bid and has done stellar work for the district for several years. The other bidder is new to the school audit business and submitted a higher bid.

Policy DFAA- Short-Form Investment (Bond Proceeds Only)

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented new policy DFAA, Short-Form Investment, Bond Proceeds Only. The policy has been proposed to accommodate and define the investment of bond proceeds beyond the 18-month allowable term in current policy DFA.

The Board will consider the policy at the next meeting.

Discussion on Purchasing Policies

Staff has been working with attorney Pete Gintner regarding the use of the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) process for construction projects. Staff recommends the following policies be changed in conjunction with this effort: DJ, Purchasing (amend); Policy DJA, District Procurement Policies (new); Policy DJA, Bidding Requirements (delete); and Policy DJCA, Personal Services Contracts (delete). The policies will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

2011-12 Budget Projections

Superintendent Tom Rinearson and Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported the District is facing another shortfall in revenue from the state for the coming school year. The governor's currently proposed biennium budget stands at \$5.557 billion for K-12 education statewide (the current level is approximately \$5.8 billion).

This level of funding would result in a shortfall in LCSD for the coming year of approximately \$3.25 million, equivalent to 36 licensed FTE or 27 school days.

School administrators are working on their budgets, using the following scenario: a salary and benefits freeze for administrators, Confidential and Exempt employees; licensed employees at step increases only, and Classified employees projected based on the current agreement. This budget level also assumes reduction of 18.18 FTE in licensed staff, a reduction of Classified staff, and a reduction of six days for all employees.

The information presented represents current thinking; it is not etched in stone. Another state revenue forecast is expected May 11th; LCSD's first Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for May 24th.

Discussion on Superintendent's Contract

The Board discussed a new contract for Superintendent Rinearson following his evaluation last month. The Board would like to offer a three-year contract to the Superintendent, the longest allowed by state law.

Mr. Rinearson offered to freeze his salary for the coming year.

Next Regular Session Meeting: April 19, 2011-7:00 p.m. @ Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School