

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors- Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, April 19, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Newport Intermediate School**  
**Newport, 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; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approx. 40 members of the staff, media and patrons

**Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum**

Chairman Beck called the session to order and convened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

**Public Hearing- Siletz Valley School**

The Board recessed into a public hearing for a renewal request from the Siletz Valley School Board of Directors. Siletz high school science teacher Jessica Haxel discussed the many science opportunities for high school students at the school. Siletz Valley School (K-8) teacher Laurie Beutler noted two teachers there are part of the OCAMP grant and are working on ocean literacy standards. Ms. Beutler presented at an ocean literacy conference in San Francisco recently.

Principal Bob Line noted information on the school had been provided the Board under separate cover, and said he was at the meeting to answer any questions the Board may have on it. He lauded the partnerships enjoyed by the school, and introduced Testing Coordinator Reuben Medlock and Title Coordinator Heidi Rogers. He noted he has looked to student achievement practices at Crestview Heights as a model, as that school has seen much success.

Director Brown noted there are “wonderful things” happening at the schools in Siletz, and said she was glad to receive the information from Mr. Line. “It showed me you are aware of the concerns and working diligently to improve.”

Superintendent Rinearson shared several years’ OAKS test results for district elementary schools, including Siletz. He noted Siletz Valley School has the best 4<sup>th</sup> grade writing results in the district, and said staff at the school is working on improving reading scores. Mr. Rinearson commented that to him, a vote to non-renew would mean the District would either operate the school or would need to open another building to accommodate the students.

He asked LCSD staff to explore the possibility combining the two Siletz charters into one contract. Mr. Novello stated the high school charter had been renewed through June 30, 2014, but said this could possibly be renegotiated.

The board meeting was then reconvened.

### **Intent to Renew Siletz Valley Charter School Contract**

**Motion 10/11-30**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved notifying the Siletz Valley Charter School of its intent to renew the charter and to negotiate a contract.

### **Communications**

Chairman Beck noted the Board received copies of an editorial written by Superintendent Rinearson in support of ESDs that was published in the Oregonian.

Siletz parent Susan Trachsel addressed the Board with her concerns regarding medical oversight at Siletz Valley School and a medical condition of her daughter. She left copies of several documents with the Board Secretary pertaining to medical conditions at charter schools, an Office of Civil Rights complaint in another school district and administering insulin to students.

### **Board Reports**

Chairman Ron Beck reported he and Superintendent Rinearson met with Newport Mayor Mark McConnell and City Manager Jim Voetberg and had a good dialog. Mayor McConnell gave them a proclamation in support of the upcoming bond measure election.

Director Karen Bondley said she has been working with Taft Elementary, Sodexo and the Master Gardeners to develop a school garden.

### **Student Representatives**

Sixth grade teacher Jana Osterlund introduced students Monzet Hernandez (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Jake Tucker (4<sup>th</sup> grade) and Hope Erickson (8<sup>th</sup> grade). Each of the students described their part in creating the new ocean mural at the school, and presented Board Chair Ron Beck with the framed fish picture he created while visiting the school.

### **West Area Report**

Sam Case Principal Ryan Relken reported a science fair is planned for May 26, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Hatfield Marine Science Center. All classrooms at Sam Case will participate, and the fair is open to all K-6 students in the area, including those that are home schooled.

Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School Principal Majalise Tolan called the Board's attention to the ocean mural surrounding them in the school's Commons. The mural was made possible by the Let There Be Arts organization. Ms. Tolan also pointed out the large "jellyfish" structure

hanging from the ceiling. Students created the art using plastic as part of the “Washed Ashore” project, made possible by the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts organization.

Ms. Tolan also noted INMS students and staff are working hard to improve writing scores, which have increased significantly over last year’s results.

Newport High/Newport Prep Academy Principal Jon Zagel reported IB testing is in process currently; these are half-day tests that may not be rescheduled. He noted his pride in Newport Prep students, whose test scores have improved dramatically. At the high school, a “write-a-palooza” was recently held, with several community members visiting the school to assist. Students learned how to write reviews of varying sorts (food critiques, cartooning, scholarship essays, etc.). Teachers Brian Hanna and Matt Love developed the event.

Mr. Zagel thanked Oregon Coast Community College for making a room at their Newport campus available for NHS’ prom. He also reported the “Little Women” play will be presented at the school the next two weekends.

## **Financial Reports**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented updated financial reports as of March 31, 2011. She noted the district’s ending fund balance has increased, but will be reduced when the district will have an adjustment (decrease) in revenue from the State School Fund. She noted interest rates are flat, and that enrollment is holding steady.

## **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Rinearson reported an anonymous donor gave \$20,000 to the District’s H.E.L.P (Homeless Education and Literacy Project) program. This very generous contribution will provide help to homeless students in a number of ways.

The Superintendent also reported the Lincoln County Youth Film program premiered the latest film products April 13<sup>th</sup>. This year’s theme is Prescription Drug Awareness and Gang Awareness Projects. Students at Career Tech, Newport High, Siletz Early College, Taft High and Toledo High participated. The projects were funded by a generous grant from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

Mr. Rinearson reported 60 Sam Case first and second grade students read to Newport Chamber of Commerce members during the annual “Young Readers” event. Students brought their favorite books to read; transportation was donated by Mid Columbia Bus Company. He invited other Chambers or other organizations to host similar events.

Superintendent Rinearson reported Coast Hills Running Club will give \$500 to the school with the greatest percentage of youth participation in the Loyalty Days Walk/Run on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Rinearson congratulated Sam Case Primary, attendance flag winners for March.

He noted the annual Retirement/Recognition event is Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Taft 7-12. The social hour is from 6 to 7 p.m., with the program starting at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**Motion 10/11-31**

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

- **Minutes, 3/15/11 Regular Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items (corrected 4/14/11) and Addendum dated 4/19/11;**
- **Policy DFAA- Short-Form Investment (Bond Proceeds Only).**

**Public Hearing- Local Contract Review Board**

The Board recessed into a public hearing as the Local Contract Review Board to hear input on proposed policies pursuant to the construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) process. No comments were generated; the Board meeting then resumed.

**Approval of Revised Policy DJ, District Purchasing**

**Motion 10/11-32**

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved revised policy DJ, District Purchasing. The revised policy was presented to the Board at the previous meeting.

**Approval of New Policy DJA, District Procurement**

**Motion 10/11-33**

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved new Policy DJA, District Procurement. The policies will allow the District to use the CM/GC process for construction projects, thus facilitating the use of local contractors.

Attorney Pete Ginter helped develop the policies. He noted his familiarity with the new policy and said it streamlines District policies. Chairman Beck said it is very similar to the PUD's policy, and is transparent, allows flexibility and is easy to implement.

**Deletion of Policies**

**Motion 10/11-34**

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved the deletion Policies DJC, Bidding Requirements and Policy DJCA, Personal Services Contracts. Tenets of these policies have been incorporated into the new Policy DJA, District Procurement.

**Approval of Teachers Appreciation Week Resolution**

**Motion 10/11-35**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Brown, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2010/11-12, proclaiming the week of May 1-7, 2011 as "Teacher Appreciation Week" in LCSD. Chairman Beck read the resolution to the audience and thanked teachers for the vital work they do.

### **Approval of Math Independent Adoption**

**Motion 10/11-36**

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved the Math Independent Adoption as presented by Dr. Sara Johnson. Staff is requesting the Board re-adopt the current materials to allow the district time to review materials that align with the Common Core Standards.

The Board approved the independent adoption (though it was scheduled as a “discussion” item, they decided to move forward on it).

### **Information on TIF Grant**

Dr. Johnson and LCEA President Margie Grinnell described Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) grant funds available from the federal government. LCSD would like to position itself to qualify for these funds. The last round saw awards of \$442 million to 62 winners in 27 states.

TIF grants support local projects that reward teachers, principals and other school personnel who improve student achievement. The grants require five absolute competitive priorities: ●differentiated levels of compensation of effective teachers and principals; ●fiscal sustainability of the performance-based compensation program; ● comprehensive approaches to the compensation program; ●use of value-added measure of student achievement, and ●increased recruitment and retention of effective teachers to serve high-need students and in hard-to-staff subjects and specialty areas in high-need schools.

Staff are currently working on a proposal for a planning grant.

### **Discussion on Proposed 2011/12 School Calendars**

Superintendent Rinearson presented draft school calendars for the Board’s review. The proposed calendars have six ‘reduction’ days (there were 12 this year).

Director Martin noted a concern with having school improvement days on January 9 and 23, near the end of the semester. Director Brown said she appreciates the need to block time for instruction. She asked if anything dictates the District take two weeks off for winter break. The Superintendent responded that past practice could interfere with changing this.

Mr. Rinearson noted he would look at ways to move professional development days to earlier in the school year, and would look at conference days. The Board reached consensus this will be helpful.

### **Discussion on Revised Policy IK, Academic Achievement**

Superintendent Rinearson explained that time for policy review had been set aside during administrators’ meetings. Policy IK was identified for revision, with one addition identified Oregon School Boards Association (the paragraph regarding students’ opportunity to demonstrate progress toward achieving academic content standards). The other change was suggested by principals. The revised policy will return for the Board’s consideration at the next meeting.

### **Discussion on CM/GC Projects**

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni updated the Board on two draft Requests for Proposals (RFPs), projects that would fall under the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) process, including a draft calendar. These two RFPs are for projects at Toledo and Oceanlake Elementaries. They will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting. Mr. Belloni noted a special board meeting may become necessary to ensure the projects' timely execution.

### **Discussion on Revised Construction Excise Tax Agreement, Lincoln City**

Mr. Belloni presented a revised interagency agreement between LCSD and the City of Lincoln City regarding the construction excise tax. The 2009 state legislature made changes to the law, allowing the collecting agency to collect higher fees for collecting the tax. Though the District has been paying the City of Lincoln City the correct rate, the agreement had not been corrected. The amended agreement will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

### **Approval of Superintendent's Contract**

The Board began a discussion of the Superintendent's contract last month which they continued at the April meeting. They would like to offer the Superintendent a new three-year contract, the longest allowed by state law. The item will return to the Board at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent