



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the April 19, 2011 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on April 19, 2011 at Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School with approximately 40 members of the staff, media and interested patrons present.

Public Hearing- Siletz Valley School

The Board recessed into a public hearing to consider a renewal request from the Siletz Valley School (SVS) 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.

Principal Bob Line noted information about the school had been provided the Board under separate cover. He lauded the partnerships enjoyed by SVS and introduced Testing Coordinator Reuben Medlock and Title Coordinator Heidi Rogers.

Superintendent Rinearson shared several years' OAKS test results for district elementary schools, including Siletz. He asked LCSD staff to explore the possibility of combining the two Siletz charters into one agreement. The board meeting was then reconvened.

Intent to Renew Siletz Valley Charter School Contract

The Board voted to notify the Siletz Valley Charter School of its intent to renew the charter and to negotiate a contract.

Communications

Siletz parent Susan Trachsel addressed the Board with her concerns regarding medical oversight at Siletz Valley School.

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 (6th grade), Jake Tucker (4th grade) and Hope Erickson (8th 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

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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 currently in process; 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 about 20 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 NHS 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 assistance to homeless students in a number of ways.

The Superintendent also reported the Lincoln County Youth Film program premiered the latest film products April 13th. 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 area Chambers or other organizations to host similar events.

Superintendent Rinearson reported the 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 30th.

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

He noted the annual Retirement/Recognition event is Thursday, May 19th 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

The Board approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 3/15/11 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 4/19/11, including:**
 - New Temporary Licensed Hires:** Sondra Gordon, Crestview; Virginia Thompson, TOES;
 - Leave of Absence Requests:** Ben Hensley, 3/11/11 to 4/25/11; Dave O'Donnell, 1/19/11 to 6/13/11;
 - New Coach Hire(s):** Kurt Fisher, Taft 7-12; Kyle Langliers, Newport High; Jim Weber, Newport High;
 - Resignations:** (change in retirement date): Sharon "Fanny" Drews- 5/31/11 to 6/30/11;
 - Termination/Resignation:** Sandy Westfall, Oceanlake;
- 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 Purchasing Policies

The Board approved revised policy DJ, District Purchasing and 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.

Deletion of Policies

The Board deleted Policies DJC, Bidding Requirements and Policy DJCA, Personal Services Contracts. Tenets of these policies have been incorporated into the new Policy DJA, District Procurement.

Teachers Appreciation Week

The Board approved a resolution 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

Assistant Superintendent Sara Johnson presented a request for an “independent adoption” of math textbooks. 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). He noted he would make changes based on input from the Board and present revised calendars at the next meeting.

Discussion on Revised Policy IK, Academic Achievement

Mr. Novello presented a revised Policy IK, Academic Achievement. Oregon School Boards Association recommended including a paragraph regarding students’ opportunity to demonstrate progress toward achieving academic content standards. 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. These two RFPs are for projects at Toledo and Oceanlake Elementaries. They will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

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. 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. This item will return for a decision at the next meeting.

Next Regular Session Meeting: May 17, 2011-7:00 p.m. @ Crestview Heights School