

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session/Local Contract Review Board
Tuesday, May 17, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Crestview Heights School
Waldport, 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. 50 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 7:17 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present. He apologized for the late start due to an extended executive session, and amended the agenda by adding a Decision item regarding the sale of property in Toledo.

Board Reports

Director Liz Martin reported she recently visited Sam Case, and received thank you notes with pictures from students there.

Director Brenda Brown acknowledged the creation of the Toledo Summer Youth Activity program. Many organizations are combining resources and talents to make this happen to create “a great program at an affordable price.”

Student Representative

Waldport High ASB Vice President Eddie Symington updated the Board on activities at that school, including: ●Students are working on a project to restore and display historical class pictures; ●An all night basketball student body fundraiser is planned for May 27th; ●Excitement at the school is building as graduation draws near.

South Area Report

Crestview Heights Principal Mary Schaer noted the myriad of activities ongoing this spring, including meetings of the playground committee, a Pirate writing festival, and “dream fish” (a joint art project between Crestview Heights and Waldport High wherein aluminum “salmon” are cut out, then painted and hung on the chain-link fence at Crestview).

Ms. Schaer reported visits to three different colleges are planned for middle school students. She expressed pride in students and teachers at the school for making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in reading and math. She noted this achievement is especially meaningful given the higher scores needed to meet the requirement.

Waldport High Principal Von Taylor thanked the South Area Steering Committee for all of their work over the last two years developing a plan for the proposed new high school. He thanked former Waldport mayor Herman Welch for his work on the steering committee, and noted Mr. Welch also chaired the K.I.D.S. Committee (the citizen committee promoting the facilities bond).

Mr. Taylor reported students worked hard on state tests, and met AYP requirements in reading and math. Waldport High's graduating seniors have invited a special person to distribute diplomas: Mr. Lester Hall, a 100+-year-old Waldport High graduate. Mr. Taylor challenged other district high schools to "top that."

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented updated financial reports as of April 30, 2011. Enrollment is above what was projected; this will help with the coming year's funding and "stop loss." It has already been rolled into the budget for the coming year.

Ms. Baldwin noted an error by two district banks, which has been corrected.

She reminded the Board of the upcoming Budget Committee meeting May 24th, 7 p.m. at Newport High School, and distributed a budget document to board members.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson reported the 2011 Hand Washing Poster Contest is underway, open to all LCSD students. Winners will be selected in four age groups; the posters will be published and hung throughout the district and community. The deadline for submissions is May 25, 2011.

The Superintendent congratulated Newport High senior Taylor Estabrooks for her selection to participate in the 2011 Joint Science Education Project, one of only five students selected nationwide. The project is sponsored by the National Science Foundation; Ms. Estabrooks will travel to Greenland this summer to study the effects of global warming in the Arctic.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Coast Hills Running Club for their contribution to Siletz Valley School (\$500) and Isaac Newton Magnet School (\$250) for having the highest number of participants (on a percentage basis) in the recent Loyalty Days Run/Walk.

Mr. Rinearson congratulated Newport Intermediate, attendance flag winners for April.

He reminded the Board of the annual Retirement/Recognition event on 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.

Superintendent Rinearson stated student art work is still on display at the Newport Visual Arts Center through May 29th.

He noted the last day of school this year for students is Friday, June 10th.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 2010/11-37

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

- Minutes, 4/19/11 Regular Session;**
- Policy IK, Academic Achievement;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 5/17/11;**
- Amended Construction Excise Tax Agreement, Lincoln City.**

Layoff of Personnel

Motion 2010/11-38

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously declared the need for a layoff for the 2011/12 year, asking staff to make every effort to minimize effects to students and staff. Mr. Rinearson noted the licensed contract requires a 30-day notification if a layoff is to occur.

The Superintendent also stated the licensed reductions will not necessarily mean the employee is out of a job completely; there may be some that will teach fewer classes.

Added Item: Mary Harrison Property- Earnest Money Agreement

Motion 2010/11-39

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved the earnest money agreement offer and sales agreement between LCSD and the Olalla Center for the Mary Harrison property. The purchase price for the property is \$50,000.

The Olalla Center is a day treatment for children; they hope to expand services with this purchase. Director Brown said the agreement is a “win for all.”

Dismissal of Employee

Motion 2010/11-40

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously upheld the decision of the Superintendent to dismiss Tom Salvino, effective immediately.

Discussion on Proposed 2011/12 School Calendars

Superintendent Rinearson presented a revised draft school calendar for the Board’s review, incorporating suggestions from the Board and Principals after last month’s board meeting. Board members reached consensus to continue conference days as they have been the last few years (Wednesday evening, Thursday all day and evening, no school Friday), different from the calendar presented in the Board Folder. Mr. Rinearson said the latest thinking for all areas except Taft 7-12 is to have fall conferences the week of October 24th, with no school Friday, October 28th. In the spring, the current thinking is for conferences to be the week of April 16th, with no school on April 20th.

Taft 7-12 proposes keeping Friday intervention days, as they did this year. A calendar reflecting this schedule will be presented soon. A Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Taft 7-12 proposed calendar is in process.

The Board will consider both calendars at the next meeting.

Resolution- Fund Balance

Federal accounting standards now require fund balances to be reported in new classifications. Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented a resolution to comply with this requirement. The resolution will return for the Board's consideration at the next board meeting.

Recess- Election Results

The Board meeting was recessed just before 8:00 p.m. to await the special election results. Celebration erupted as the passage of the school facilities bond measure became known; Chairman Beck expressed his gratitude to voters.

Local Contract Review Board Meeting

The Board convened as the Local Contract Review Board (LCRB) to hear public comment on proposed Findings of Fact for projects at Toledo Elementary and Oceanlake Elementary. The "Findings of Fact" describe why the project would fit into the Construction Manager/ General Contractor (CM/GC) process, and be exempted from competitive bidding requirements.

Chairman Beck read a statement citing ORS 279C.335(2) that permits a local contract review board to exempt contracts from traditional competitive bidding upon approval of Findings of Fact showing that an alternative process is unlikely to encourage favoritism or diminish competition, and that the process will result in substantial cost savings to the public agency. ORS 279C.400-410 describes the Requests for Proposals method of solicitation as an alternative to traditional competitive bidding. Pursuant to ORS 279C.410(8), a public agency using the RFP method may award a contract to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the contracting agency based on the evaluation factors set forth in the RFT and, when applicable, the outcome of any negotiations authorized by the RFP

Attorney Pete Gintner reiterated the CM/GC method does not foster favoritism and will have substantial cost savings. "These two projects are good CM/GC projects with regard to staging and timing issues," said Gintner.

No comments were generated in the public hearing.

Approval of Findings of Fact, Toledo Elementary Project

Motion 10/11-40

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Turner, the LCRB unanimously approved the Findings of Fact for Toledo Elementary, exempting the Toledo Elementary renovation and expansion project from the traditional competitive bidding requirements.

Approval of RFP- Toledo Elementary Project

Motion 10/11-41

On motion of Director Brown, seconded by Director Martin, the LCRB unanimously approved the RFP solicitation as distributed to the LCRB under separate cover for the Toledo Elementary project.

Approval of Findings of Fact, Oceanlake Elementary Project

Motion 10/11-42

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Bondley, the LCRB unanimously approved the Findings of Fact for Oceanlake Elementary, exempting the Oceanlake Elementary renovation and expansion project from the traditional competitive bidding requirements.

Approval of RFP- Oceanlake Elementary Project

Motion 10/11-43

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Turner, the LCRB unanimously approved the RFP solicitation as distributed to the Board under separate cover for the Oceanlake Elementary project.

The regular session school board meeting was then reconvened.

Food Services- Update and 2011/12 Contract

Sodexo Food Services Manager Steve Kappler and District Manager John Stone reported federal nutritional standards continue to change. Hydrogenated oils are being eliminated and the use of whole grains will be increased; a “Farm to Market” event is planned for May 20 at Oceanlake.

The company had 19 summer feeding sites last summer, and expects to have about that many this summer. Other changes include pump dispensers for condiments, paper plates, and recycled paper napkins. This year, the number of both breakfasts and lunches served has increased.

Sodexo contributed \$1,000 for the Master Gardener program at Taft Elementary, \$2,000 for the mural at Newport Intermediate, and \$2,000 for scholarships for graduating seniors. They also incorporated local seafood to menus from Mo’s Chowder and Pacific Shrimp. Key staff members in each school have been trained in emergency shelter set up in cooperation with the American Red Cross.

Due to requirements of a new federal law (The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010), Sodexo must use “food based planning” rather than nutrient based. This will result in fewer choices of fruits and vegetables for students (they will be served, rather than get to choose which ones). The new law also requires “equity meal pricing,” which will result in an increase to meal prices by ten cents next year. Thus, meal prices in 2011/12 will be: elementary lunch- \$2.10; middle school lunch- \$2.35; and high school lunch- \$2.60. Meal prices will likely increase in the coming years as well to comply with the law.

Mr. Stone expressed concerns with the food based planning method, and said Sodexo would develop a communications plan to let everyone know why the changes are occurring.

The contract for the coming year will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Information on Integrated Pest Management Plan

Facilities Manager Tim Kaufman presented a revised Integrated Pest Management plan for the Board's information. The district began using a different version of an integrated pest management plan in 1995 that reduced the use of pesticides and chemicals on district grounds. A new state law (SB 637) requires school district to have a written plan (the District already follows the procedures in it). The plan will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Graduation Ceremonies 2011

Graduations around the District are scheduled as follows:

Eddyville Charter	June 3, 7:00 p.m.
Career Tech	June 10, 5:30 p.m.
Siletz Early College	June 11, 2:00 p.m.
Waldport High	June 11, 2:00 p.m.
Taft High	June 11, 2:11 p.m.
Toledo High	June 11, 4:00 p.m.
Newport High	June 11, 6:00 p.m.

All ceremonies will take place at the respective schools, except Career Tech's, which will take place at Lincoln City Council Chambers.

Other

Superintendent Rinearson recognized the good work of the Board with the passage of the bond measure, stating "This group of five is the best Board I have ever worked with."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent