

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, July 12, 2011- 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

Present: Ron Beck, Chairman; Jean Turner, Vice Chairman; Karen Bondley, Liz Martin, Directors

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approx. 20 members of the staff, media and patrons

Excused: Director Kelley Ellis

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Ron Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Ellis was excused from the meeting.

Approval of Ron Beck as 2011/12 Chairman

Motion 11/12-5

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Ron Beck as Chairman of the Board for 2011/12.

Director Turner noted that though the tradition has been for the Chairman to serve for one year at a time, discussions at last year's retreat raised the idea of having the Chair serve for consecutive years. This will allow consistency and the ability to continue the direction set in previous years.

Approval of Jean Turner as 2011/12 Vice Chairman

Motion 11/12-6

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved Jean Turner as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2011/12. Ms. Turner served as Vice Chair in 2010/11 as well.

Board Reports

Chairman Beck thanked Directors Turner and Martin for their service on the bargaining committee.

Director Martin noted Director Ellis and she plan to attend the OSBA Summer Board Conference.

Contractor Contact Information

Communications Coordinator Mary Jo Kerlin updated the Board on the several ways the District is reaching out to local contractors for bond projects. A news release was sent to local media

(newspapers, radio, web news) in early June, and a button was developed on the LCSD website where contractors can submit their contact information (“Submit Contractor Information Here”).

From there, an email is sent to Robyn Myers, LCSD’s new facilities improvement clerk; she can sort the information by company name, specialty, etc. She will send emails to all relevant businesses to inform them of any projects open to bid.

A postcard was sent to the 600 Lincoln County contractors listed with the state Construction Contractors Board letting them know about the website and asking them to submit their information. The District is committed to using local contractors for the projects, as much as possible.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Safety Coordinator Sue Graves for publication of a story in an inaugural U.S. Department of Education newsletter. “Success Stories” highlights programs associated with REMS (Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools). Ms. Graves wrote an article on the Teen CERT program.

The Superintendent noted a local non-profit thanked the Board for a portable building sold to them by the District for \$1. The organization will use the structure for a food pantry. Other portables are available for interested parties; costs to move them must be borne by the recipients.

The Superintendent congratulated Newport Intermediate for their award of the attendance flag for June. They are also the overall winner for 2010/11.

Mr. Rinearson reported union dues for the Oregon Education Association (teachers’ union) are \$539 for a full time teacher this year. For the National Education Association, current dues are \$178 for a full time teacher.

The Superintendent announced Tiana Tucker as Assistant Principal at Taft 7-12 for this year and Paul Tucker as Assistant Principal at Toledo Jr./Sr. High.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 11/12-7

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

- **Minutes, 6/2/11 Special Session;**
- **Minutes, 6/21/11 Regular Session;**
- **Planned Course Statement, Natural Science of Oregon;**
- **Planned Course Statement, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team);**
- **Regular Personnel Items;**
- **Resolution, Inter-Fund Borrowing;**
- **2011/12 Board Meeting Calendar.**

Superintendent Rinearson introduced new Associate Principal Ryan Hawkins, who will be located at Taft 7-12. Mr. Rinearson noted he witnessed Mr. Hawkins’ teaching in another district, saying “I knew he was a top quality person we wanted on our team.”

Policy IGD, Lincoln County Activities Association

Motion 11/12-8

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved Policy IGD, Lincoln County Activities Association. The policy revises the grading period for students' eligibility from semester grades to any grading period. With the Pinnacle system, grades are available in real time. This change will allow the District to be more responsive to students' behavior and academic improvement.

Mr. Novello sought the Board's approval for the revision in order to meet timelines for coaches and athletes.

Approval of Organizational Resolution

Motion 11/12-9

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2011/12-1, Designation of District Officers, Clerks, Agents and Depositories of Funds as listed in the July 12, 2011 board folder. Changes from last year include: ●the mileage reimbursement was changed to \$0.555 per mile (the IRS rate); ●the Assistant Superintendent was added to the "grant officer" and "signing of agreements" sections; ●"Doerfler Insurance" was corrected to "Western States Insurance;" and ●a statement in the "District Clerks" section regarding obtaining adequate bonds was eliminated; LCSD insurance coverages address this requirement.

Added Item- Provider of Tracks- Benyon Atlas

Motion 11/12-10

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Benyon Atlas of Tualatin, Oregon as provider of new tracks at Taft 7-12 and Toledo Jr./Sr. High at a cost of \$125,638.50 each, and at Waldport High Schools at a cost of \$132,811.32. This item was added to the agenda after the Board Folder was published; Board approval will allow the ordering of tracks for the three schools. The District is part of a purchasing program with Umatilla Morrow ESD for the tracks. Superintendent Rinearson noted he has experience with this purchasing model and said it is a good idea; Chairman Beck echoed this opinion.

Chairman Beck noted the Board learned about the track provider via email, with this item added to the agenda as a decision item. He asked if this method was acceptable, or if they would prefer to receive the materials and have an added special session a few days later. The Board reached consensus that emailed information followed by a vote in public is fine.

Added Item- Intergovernmental Agreement, Vancouver School District

Motion 11/12-11

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement with Vancouver School District No. 37, as distributed 7/12/11. This will allow the District to purchase scoreboards for Waldport, Toledo and Newport. The agreement may be used for other purchases of athletic equipment as well.

Siletz Valley School- Charter Contract

Motion 11/12-12

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved the charter agreement for Siletz Valley School (K-8) as presented 7/12/11, with a term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016 (with date corrections to be made on the footer of the last two pages).

Operations/Federal Programs Administrator Joe Novello presented the new charter to the Board under separate cover.

This charter was written to mirror other charter agreements in the district, with one added section. This section allows the district to bill the charter school if they cause the use of additional resources from LCSD; it will be added to other LCSD charter agreements as their terms expire.

The Board reached consensus to vote on the charter (rather than waiting until the August board meeting), then approved it. Director Turner asked if the Board would be receiving reports from the school on student achievement; Mr. Novello replied that they will.

Information on Bond Sale

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported the sale of general obligation bonds went very well, and resulted in net proceeds of \$67 million. With issuance costs and interest, the amount available for projects is over \$65 million.

Ms. Baldwin noted interest in the bonds was intense, especially the Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs). \$15 million in bonds was made possible by an expiring federal stimulus program at zero interest.

The projected levy rate is \$0.70/\$1,000 of assessed value, lower than the pre-election estimate of \$0.72/\$1,000 and six cents lower than the current level of \$0.76/\$1,000.

Ms. Baldwin said bond expenses will be tracked separately from the rest of the budget, and will reflect local expenditures.

Juvenile Detention Education Contract

Special Education Administrator Susan Van Liew presented a two-year intergovernmental agreement between the Oregon Department of Education and LCSD to provide educational services at the Lincoln County Juvenile Detention facility.

The amount of the contract has been reduced substantially by ODE. While investigating the feasibility of continuing the program, Ms. Van Liew learned the regulation states if no one enters into an agreement, the school district where the facility resides must provide the services. She is exploring the possibility of providing services without having a licensed teacher, and reported most juveniles are in the detention center for three to five days. The contract will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Long Term Care and Treatment Contract (Olalla)

Ms. Van Liew also presented the two-year "Long-Term Care and Treatment Education Program" intergovernmental contract for educational services at the Olalla Center for Children & Families. She noted the Olalla Center is a separate entity, with LCSD providing only the educational services there. Funding for this contract increased; staffing will be close to the same as last year. The contract will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Board and District Goals

Chairman Beck noted many of the current goals for both the Board and District are either in process or complete, and asked Board members to consider future goals. (Board goals are those for the Board themselves to accomplish that will help the District achieve its goals, while District goals are long term and “drive” the District).

The Board may meet in a retreat setting to develop the goals. Director Martin suggested waiting until fall; Superintendent Rinearson noted Dr. Sara Johnson will identify a book for the Board to study that will help focus the discussion. He shared his hope the Board would look to long term student achievement.

Update on Legislative Actions

Superintendent Rinearson reported the state legislature recently closed the 2011 session with a number of bills affecting K-12 education. SB 250 affects ESDs in part by changing the way ESDs are funded. Mr. Rinearson expressed concern districts will ultimately receive fewer resources as a result of this bill.

He next shared information about the “career and tech revitalization grant program.” It appears that \$2 million statewide will be available in a grant to help create local voc tech centers. The language includes mention of charter schools, though it is not clear if only charter schools may create the voc tech centers. The centers are to be developed with input from several agencies. “My initial take is that it will not mean a lot of money to us, but we will monitor it.” Director Martin said health care training may be one avenue; Mr. Rinearson added that aquarium science is another idea.

Mr. Rinearson reported there was legislation about all-day kindergarten. One bill that passed does not require all-day kindergarten, but in two years those districts that have it will receive full weight funding (rather than the current half weight). There is no new money attached to this bill, however.

He noted he would be learning more about the legislation during a superintendents’ meeting later in the week and would update the Board as he learns more.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent