



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the August 23, 2011 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on August 23, 2011 at Newport High School in Newport with approximately 25 members of the staff, media and patrons present.

Communications

Chairman Ron Beck noted the receipt of an invitation to Director of Health & Human Services Paula Sampson's retirement.

He also noted receipt of a communication from the City of Newport regarding an Urban Renewal committee on which he served.

Board Reports

Board member Karen Bondley thanked Sodexo and the Master Gardeners for their collaboration on development of garden beds at Taft Elementary. They hope to harvest in June.

Ms. Bondley also thanked the Pacific Communities Hospital Health District Board for their offer to support a health careers club at Newport High School. The club will meet twice per month to help students learn about health careers; field trips may include excursions to OHSU, OMSI and a university.

Information on Early Intervention Program

Early Intervention Specialist Jill Luther showed a video describing the Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education program. The program provides special education services to children from birth to age five at no cost to parents. Funding is provided by the Oregon Department of Education through the ESD.

The video was created using funds from a grant, and was developed by students in Newport High's Video Production class.

East Coast Field Trip

Assistant Principal Paul Tucker has organized and chaperoned an east coast trip for 7th and 8th grade students for the past seven years. Students visit historic sites in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. Mr. Tucker created a video of the 2011 trip from pictures taken by a parent chaperone.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin introduced Business Services Supervisor Kim Cusick to the Board. Ms. Cusick has been with the district for eight years in a variety of accounting roles. With Ms. Baldwin's involvement with financial duties associated with the \$63 million bond measure, Ms. Cusick stepped forward to manage the day to day activities of the Business Services department.

Ms. Baldwin presented the general fund cash flow report for 2011-12 based on five years of financial historical data. Prudent management by the District has resulted in adequate cash reserves to eliminate the need to borrow funds this fall. (Historically, property tax revenues are not received in time to meet payroll expenses in October/November).

Ms. Baldwin also presented a new financial report for general obligation and qualified school construction bonds. The report will be expanded over time, including the percentage of bond dollars spent locally.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized INMS teacher Mary Koike, one of three state level

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finalists of teachers of science. She is a nominee for the “2011 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science” teaching award. Ms. Koike was similarly honored in 2005 for math.

The Superintendent reported Safety Coordinator Sue Graves recently organized a volunteer effort involving 28 teens from the Gleneden Beach Christian Church and the Beaverton Christian Church. During a “love thy neighbor” event, the volunteers assembled about 400 of the District’s newly updated Emergency Plans.

He thanked David Green, Coast District Manager for West Coast Bank for the donation of approximately 150 backpacks. H.E.L.P. Coordinator Katey Townsend will coordinate the effort to distribute them to students throughout the district.

The Superintendent reported he visited Marylhurst University to see a team from LCSD present information on the Common Core State Standards. He noted LCSD was the only district invited to present at the conference. The Board will see the presentation at an upcoming meeting, and it will be shared at a state principals’ meeting in October.

Mr. Rinearson noted the OCAMP kickoff meeting is Friday, August 26 at Oregon Coast Community College. OCAMP (Oregon Coast Marine and Aquatic science Project) is beginning its third year.

Opening of school area breakfasts are scheduled as follows: **North Area**- Wednesday, August 31, 8:30 a.m. at Taft 7-12; **West Area**- Thursday, September 1, 8 a.m. at Newport High’s MP room; **East Area**, Thursday, September 1, 9:30 a.m. at Toledo Elementary (Arcadia); **South Area**, Friday, September 2, 8:00 a.m. at Crestview Heights.

The Superintendent also invited board members to the Ocean Literacy Symposium August 30 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Newport High School.

In addition to a keynote speaker, 48 different breakout sessions are planned for the day at the Hatfield Marine Science Center and the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 7/5/11 Special Session;**
- Minutes, 7/12/11 Regular Session;**
- Minutes, 8/9/11 LCRB & Special Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items, including:**
 - New Licensed Hires:** Margaret Clegg, HLS; Krista Lenderman, TOES; Patrick Limbert, TOES; Benjamin Ewing, Taft 7-12; Kathleen Sard, NHS; Olivia Schroeder, Sam Case; Elaine Logan, CVH;
 - New Classified Hire(s):** Melinda Jasmer-Klistoff, O’Lake; Valerie Tovey, Acctg Specialist; Jinji Wimalasena, Homeless Program;
 - New Coach Hire(s):** Kayla Owens, NHS; Taya Clark, NHS; Frank Napoleon, Taft 7-12;
 - Resignations:** Tracy Blakeman, Taft 7-12; Cheryl Windorf, SLP; Deanna O’Halloran, TOES; Anna Karp, HLS; Amy VanDyke, Sam Case; Julia Keller, Sam Case; Jeanette Hardin, Sam Case;
 - Leave of Absence Request:** Linda Willoughby, Olake (1/2 time leave for one year);
- Olalla ODE Contract 2011/13;**
- Youth Correction Contract 2011/13.**

Resolution, HRA/VEBA

The Board approved a resolution presented by Human Resources Manager Chelsi Sholty. It authorizes establishment of a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)/ Voluntary Employees’ Beneficiary Association (VEBA) plan. This will provide an additional benefit option for employees that benefits both employees and the district.

Waldport Artificial Turf

The Board approved a contract with Tiger Turf Americas/Beyond Grass for the artificial turf sports field at the new Waldport High athletic complex. This project was awarded to a different contractor two weeks prior but who was unable to perform the contract. The project was re-bid.

2011-12 Alternative Education program

Policy requires the Board approve alternative education programs annually. Due to No Child Left Behind requirements, changes to district alternative education programs are needed. Federal Programs/ Operations Administrator Joe Novello recommends LCSD's alternative education program for 2011-12 be Insight School. Insight School of Oregon is an online school that will have campuses in the four LCSD literacy centers (one in each area of the district). Insight uses highly qualified staff for its online instruction.

In addition, the literacy centers will be staffed by Insight employees, H.E.L.P. program staff and community volunteers a minimum of eight hours per day, four days per week.

Each student in the program will be provided a laptop computer and printer to use. If the student completes all of their courses with a passing grade at the end of the year, they will receive a stipend to help offset their internet connection costs.

The program will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Update

Assistant Superintendent Sara Johnson provided an explanation of AYP and the district's latest results. Progress on achieving AYP targets are measured in Oregon by the OAKS (Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) test. Benchmark scores are set at each grade level,

and this year those scores ("cut scores") were adjusted. This occurred because results at the third grade level were not a good indicator of future success at the 10th grade benchmark.

AYP is part of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. NCLB specifies the percentages of students meeting benchmark targets must increase to certain pre-set levels in order for schools to meet AYP. For the 10-11 school year, 70% of students were required to "meet" in both math and reading, up from 59% and 60%, respectively the year before. This year, 80% of students are required to meet in both reading and math.

Two schools in the district are currently listed as "needing improvement" per the NCLB requirements: Toledo Elementary and Siletz Valley School (K-8). Schools are given this rating when they do not "meet" in a subgroup for two years in a row, in the same subject. There are nine subgroups.

To help these and other schools improve, the District will send a team to schools to review programs and instructional practices, as well as student behavior practices. They will examine subgroups, and will work with the principal and site council on the school's improvement plan. A tight focus on standards continues.

"We want all children to be prepared for college or a career when they leave our district," said Dr. Johnson. She said the greatest impact on student learning is in the classroom, where students and teachers connect.

Discussion on Goal Development

The Board has been working to schedule a board retreat to develop board goals. Calendars have been challenging; they will try again to find a mutually acceptable date for all to meet.

Next Regular Session Meeting: September 13, 2011 @ Toledo Elementary School