

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, September 13, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Toledo Elementary- Sturdevant Campus
Toledo, Oregon

Minutes

- PRESIDING:** Ron Beck, Chairman
- Present:** Ron Beck, Chairman; Jean Turner, Vice Chairman; Liz Martin, Director
- Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approx. 20 members of the staff, media and patrons
- Excused:** Directors Bondley and Ellis

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Ron Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:08 p.m. with a quorum of three board members present. Directors Karen Bondley and Kelley Ellis were excused from the meeting.

Chairman Beck noted the Board toured the construction site at Toledo Elementary earlier in the evening. "I applaud staff for their ingenuity and flexibility," said Beck.

Communications

Toledo community member (and former school board member) Brenda Brown and Toledo Jr./Sr. Principal Clint Raever updated the Board on the Toledo summer program. Both noted the program was successful and served 60 children total (an average of 40 per day). The program lasted ten weeks and included meals, transportation and several activities, including swimming, rowing, art, recycling and pottery.

Ms. Brown and Mr. Raever thanked the many partners involved in the effort, including LCSD, Sodexo, Mid Columbia Bus Co., and others. Their next goal is to develop a new way of providing after school program services, with the conclusion of the 21st Century grant.

Board Reports

Vice Chairman Jean Turner noted that most days she stops by the fields at the new Waldport High site to watch progress on the fields. She expressed her excitement at witnessing the changes, and also said students, staff and parents are thrilled with the new play structure at Crestview Heights (especially the "vortex").

Chairman Beck reported the football field at Newport High will be dedicated September 16, with Toledo's field dedication scheduled for September 30.

East Area Report

Toledo Elementary Principal Bob Shindelman thanked 8th grade Toledo Jr./Sr. student Isaiah Marchant for his lead on a recent Boy Scout project at Toledo Elementary. Mr. Marchant and others scraped the building in preparation for painting, then helped paint, picked up trash and other tasks. Mr. Shindelman recognized him, his church, and all the individuals who helped.

Mr. Shindelman also thanked Director of Support Services Rich Belloni and staff for their yeoman's work preparing to open Toledo Elementary-Sturdevant and Toledo Elementary- Arcadia. "Between June 1st and September 6th, we saw a miracle," said Shindelman. "I have never seen people work so hard to get ready for a school year."

Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Clint Raever also thanked Mr. Belloni and his staff for all of their hard work at that school. "They have done a fantastic job," said Raever. The parking lot there was lowered by several feet; though not predicted to be completed in time for the opening of school, the new parking lot was paved and ready for students on the first day of school.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented updated financial reports as of August 31, 2011. Staff is cautiously optimistic that student enrollment is stabilizing. District auditors will be in the District October 17.

Ms. Baldwin also presented a financial report for bond activities. This report will expand over time and will include information on funds spent with local vendors. She noted temporary help will assist her put systems in place.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Altrusa International of Yaquina Bay for collecting books for students in the H.E.L.P. program. Collection bins will be available in Newport at TLC Federal Credit Union, Premiere Title and the LCSD District Office.

Mr. Rinearson thanked the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for once again helping our schools. The last round of awards included \$3,450 to Oceanlake to purchase six document cameras, and \$2,715 to Waldport High for a Vertimax training system.

The Superintendent thanked Dawn Pavitt of Pavitt Land Use Consulting for reducing her hourly rate by one-third for bond projects.

He also recognized LCSD teachers, 37 of whom are seeking National Board Certification this year. In Oregon, Gresham-Barlow currently has the most nationally certified teachers at this point (32); LCSD has more teachers seeking this certification in one year than Gresham-Barlow has in total.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 11/12-21

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

- Minutes, 8/23/11 Regular Session;**
- Minutes, 9/22/11 Special Session;**
- 2011-12 Alternative Education Program (Insight School of Oregon);**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum.**

Approval of T. Gerding Construction as CM/GC Contractor- Toledo Jr./Sr. Locker Room Project

Motion 11/12-22

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved T. Gerding Construction as the Construction Manager/General Contractor for the Toledo Jr./Sr. High locker room project, subject to a seven-day appeal period.

The District received proposals from five contractors; the CM/GC Committee interviewed three of them (T. Gerding, S & J Construction, and Greenberry Construction). Attorney Pete Ginter noted he is a non-voting member of the committee, and said the process is excellent. "It was a close vote, and the choice was made by the committee unanimously."

T. Gerding Construction is the contractor currently working on the Toledo Elementary project.

CLASS Grant Update

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sara Johnson and LCEA President Margie Grinnell reported the District has received a planning grant for the CLASS (Creative Leadership Achievers Student Success) grant. The grant will fund the design of expanded Career paths, educator evaluation systems, relevant professional development and new compensations. It was awarded the District from the Chalkboard Project. Along with teacher and administrator team members, board member Jean Turner will serve on the design team.

Dr. Johnson reported a panel discussion is planned for September 27, when the team from LCSD will share information with other districts around the state engaged in the same process.

Common Core State Standards

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sara Johnson, Assistant Principal Tiana Tucker and School Improvement Specialist Administrator Libba Sager presented information on LCSD's work to implement **Common Core State Standards** (CCSS). These are a national set of shared K-12 learning expectations for students in English/language arts and mathematics in which 48 states are participating to date.

In June of this year, 75 LCSD teachers worked on aligning Oregon standards with the Common Core State Standards. They identified gaps between national and state standards so that curriculum may be adjusted, then invited ODE to share with the District. "They were surprised to see how far ahead we are," said Dr. Johnson. In August, the LCSD team presented to a group of approximately 300

superintendents and principals; they will make another presentation to principals at a conference in October in Bend.

The District has been working on Total Instructional Alignment the last several years, which set the stage for implementing CCSS. The national standards have a higher level of rigor than current standards. Several key questions must be asked and answered, said Dr. Johnson: “Are teachers ready? Are teachers demanding to align to CCSS? Are we bridging the knowing-doing gap? Confront the brutal facts- where are you, really?.”

Principals have designed plans for their respective schools. Information on CCSS is available for teachers on the Pinnacle system.

Director Liz Martin thanked the group for their work, saying “This is one of the most important things I have seen in the district.”

Update on H.E.L.P. Program

Homeless Education and Literacy Project (H.E.L.P.) Coordinator Katey Townsend reported LCSD has identified 471 homeless students in our District, up from 411 last year. These are students who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. The vast majority in Lincoln County are those in shared housing due to a variety of reasons (economic hardship, temporary foster care, loss of housing, couch surfing, sharing the housing of others temporarily). There are no shelters in Lincoln County for unaccompanied minors; there are 85 identified unaccompanied minors in Lincoln County, up from 50 last year.

LCSD now has advocates and centers in each area of the district (north, south, east and west), along with Ms. Townsend and three Americorps members. Staff from Insight School also are available to help in the centers (the district’s alternative education provider).

The H.E.L.P. program works to remove barriers to education for students; obstacles may include high mobility, lack of transportation, lack of school supplies and clothing, anxiety/trauma, hunger, misunderstanding and others. Staff work to connect students with resources including school supplies, hygiene supplies, clothing, meal programs, holiday gifts, computer access, a student work program, the H.E.L.P. assistance fund and housing fund.

Mr. Novello noted the McKinney Vento homeless grant application filed by Ms. Townsend received the highest score of any application submitted (LCSD also received the lion’s share of the available funding).

Summer Projects Update

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported much of the work done by Facilities/Maintenance staff over the summer was peripheral to bond projects. Included in the myriad of projects were: staff members were moved out of portables; classrooms were re-done; a grandstand was repaired; a sewer line was installed; portables were moved or removed to accommodate new construction; telephones,

bells and intercoms were re-done; windows were replaced. “Everything blends together with the bond projects,” said Belloni. “We are catching up on our work orders.”

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent