



# ***BOARD REPORT***

**A Summary of the September 13, 2011 School Board Meeting**

The school board met in regular session on September 13, 2011 at Toledo Elementary School with approximately 20 members of the staff, media and patrons present. Directors Bondley and Ellis were excused from the meeting.

## **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. Ms. Brown and Mr. Raever thanked the many partners involved in the effort.

## **Board Reports**

Vice Chairman Jean Turner noted that most days she stops by the fields at the new Waldport High site to watch their progress. 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 on September 30.

## **East Area Report**

Toledo Elementary Principal Bob Shindelman thanked 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup>, we saw a miracle,” said Shindelman.

Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Clint Raever also thanked Mr. Belloni and his staff for all of their hard work at that school. 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.

## **Financial Reports**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented updated financial reports as of August 31, 2011. Staff is cautiously optimistic that student enrollment is stabilizing.

Ms. Baldwin also presented a financial report for bond activities. This report will expand over time.

## **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

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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.

### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

The Board 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, including:**
  - New Licensed Hires:** Marina Valesa, NIS; Abigail Boeckman, NIS;
  - New Classified Hires:** Starla Nelson, Taft Elem.; Elizabeth Gonzalez, CVH; Richard Gorden, Taft 7-12; Ashley Freschi, Taft 7-12; Angie Richcreek, NHS; Deborah Rudolph, CVH;
  - New Temporary Licensed:** Melissa Goschie, TOES; Nicole Graykowski, TOES;
  - New Coach Hires:** Seth Lewis, NHS; John Wilkinson, Taft 7-12;
  - Leave of Absence:** Malena Simmons, 2/21/12-5/7/12;
  - Resignation:** Dena Green, Siletz.

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

The Board 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, and interviewed three of them (T. Gerding, S & J Construction, and Greenberry

Construction). T. Gerding Construction is the CM/GC firm currently working on the Toledo Elementary project.

### **CLASS Grant Update**

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sara Johnson 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.

### **Common Core State Standards**

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sara Johnson, Assistant Principal Tiana Tucker and Associate Principal 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.

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.

Principals have designed plans for their respective schools. Information on CCSS is available for teachers on the Pinnacle system. Dr. Johnson, Ms. Tucker and Ms. Sager will

present this information to principals at a statewide conference in October.

### **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).

LCSD now has advocates and centers to help with homeless students in each area of the district (north, south, east and west), along with Ms. Townsend and three Americorps members.

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.

### **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.”



***Welcome back to school!***

***Next Regular Session Meeting: October 11,  
2011- 7:00 p.m. @ Taft Elementary School***