

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, November 8, 2011- 7:00 p.m.
Waldport High School
Waldport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Jean Turner, Vice Chairman

Present: Jean Turner, Vice Chairman; Karen Bondley, Liz Martin, Kelley Ellis, Directors

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 30 members of the staff, media and patrons

Excused: Ron Beck, Chairman

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Vice Chairman Jean Turner convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Chairman Beck was excused from the meeting.

Communications

Sodexo Interim Food Services Director Jody Baruth distributed the “Nutrition Services Newsletter.”

LCEA President Margie Grinnell addressed the Board regarding class sizes around the District and distributed a handout.

Board Reports

Zone 4 Representative Kelley Ellis reported she recently attended a construction walk-through at Toledo Elementary School, calling it “exciting.”

Zone 1 Representative Karen Bondley reported 55 Newport and Taft High students spent a day at OHSU shadowing a medical student. OHSU, Samaritan and Eastern Oregon University are expanding an online “Introduction to Health Careers” class. The new class will be piloted at Taft 7-12, then expanded if it is successful.

Liz Martin, representing Zone 2, gave kudos to Director of Support Services Rich Belloni and his staff for their work on the new sports fields. “It is so exciting to see them being used all days of the week,” said Martin.

Board Vice-Chair Jean Turner echoed Ms. Martin’s sentiments, saying she attended the Waldport High field dedication last month.

Student Representatives

Waldport High Valedictorian Willis Mullen updated the Board on recent events at that school, noting that a penny drive was held to benefit the Lincoln County children's holiday gift program. Students also do a food drive at Thanksgiving.

Mr. Mullen said "The new turf field is remarkable, and one of the best things I could hope for." He also gave kudos to football coach Eddie Townsend, and recognized student cross country state contenders Tracey Hunt and Kenny Yakes.

Waldport High students Savannah Haines, Kyler Martin and Matt Clark presented information on their field trip to the Hatfield Marine Science Center and their work on ocean literacy. They created Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicles (ROVs) during the field trip.

South Area Report

Waldport High Principal Von Taylor thanked the South Area Steering Committee for their innumerable volunteer hours developing the configuration for the new high school. "It took us over a year to develop this plan," said Taylor.

Students in Ms. Burbee's Home Economics class held an 'Irish Iron Chef' pizza competition, asking the Board to rate several different pizzas they created.

Crestview Heights Principal Mary Thompson noted enrollment is up at the school. She reported a dedication ceremony for the new playground is planned for November 10th at 1:30 p.m.

Crestview Heights Student Body President Ryann Henry reported students held a canned food drive, gathering over 1200 pounds of food. She noted students will be making and selling "bully buttons" to raise awareness of and stop bullying and harassment.

Principal Thompson presented teacher Lori Miller with a heart-shaped pin in recognition of Ms. Miller's heroic efforts performing the Heimlich maneuver on a choking student. Ms. Miller thanked all the students involved for "doing everything right" to ease a frightening situation. She presented plaques to students Nicole Stewart, Kyle Parker, Trevor King, Anthony Arrant and Savannah Trevino, as well as volunteer "Grandma Betty." Acting Chairman Turner thanked Ms. Miller and all involved for their efforts.

Information on FEMA Grant Application

Safety Coordinator Sue Graves described the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) "Pre-Disaster Mitigation" grant she is currently preparing. The grant would allow FEMA to purchase property development rights to the existing Waldport High facility and campus. As Waldport High is in the tsunami inundation zone, high-impact flooding will arrive within minutes of a Cascadia earthquake. If the grant is funded, the school facilities will be demolished and removed, and the property will be maintained in perpetuity as open space for conservation of the natural floodplain.

The grant does not include the old Waldport Middle School. A review panel will examine the grant in early December, and LCSD should learn results in February/March, 2012.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented updated financial reports as of October 31, 2011, noting that Insight School students are now included in ADM numbers. She reported staff has been working closely with Sodexo Food Services on free/reduced lunch applications. Mr. Rinearson noted that Title dollars are generated in part by the free/reduced lunch count.

Ms. Baldwin also noted the district did not have to borrow funds during October, as it typically does. "Having this cash flow saved the district interest expenditures," said Baldwin.

Capital Construction Fund Financial Report (Bond)

Ms. Baldwin shared revenue and expenditure reports related to capital construction. Qualified School Construction Bond revenue and expenditures are tracked separately from the general obligation bonds. Over 50% of funds were expended locally, though in actuality the percentage is higher. The CM/GC contractor for Toledo Elementary and Toledo Jr./Sr. projects is from Corvallis, but employs staff and all sub contractors from Lincoln County.

Director Martin commented she has heard from business owners in the community that bond work has had a significant positive impact on their livelihoods. Director Ellis asked if there is a way to share the information regarding local expenditures more widely; staff will address this concern.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized the Oregon Coast Aquarium for extending the "dollar days" rate (\$1/student) for the entire school year. Teachers must submit a four-question Ocean Literacy Plan to Rachael Bashor at the Aquarium to take advantage of this offer.

The Superintendent thanked district employees for their participation in the LCSD United Way campaign. The number of donors increased significantly this year.

Mr. Rinearson congratulated Newport Intermediate as the attendance flag winners for both September and October. He reported the annual OSBA conference takes place beginning November 11th in Portland; all LCSD board members are scheduled to attend.

He noted November 11th is Veterans' Day, with all district facilities closed, and said all schools would be closed the entire week of Thanksgiving this year.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 11/12-26

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

•Minutes, 10/11/11 Regular Session;

•Regular Personnel Items and Addendum.

Approval of First Budget Committee Meeting Date

Motion 11/12-27

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved May 15, 2012 as the date for the first budget Committee meeting for the 2012/13 budget. The location will be determined at a later date.

Director Ellis thanked Business Manager Julie Baldwin for their meeting time together.

Approval of Policy and Admin. Rules EFAA, District Nutrition and Food Services

Motion 11/12-28

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved Policy and Administrative Rules EFAA, District Nutrition and Food Services. The federal “Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act” of 2010 requires changes to the District’s food services policy. One of the significant changes is the requirement of availability of drinking water to students during meal times. Administrative rules to the policy were also adopted by the Board, as required by federal law.

Deletion of Policies EFFA, EFAB, EFABA, EFAL

Motion 11/12-29

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved the deletion of Policies EFFA, Child Nutrition Programs; EFAB, Handling Lost, Stolen, Misused Meal Tickets; EFABA, School Food Service Meal Charges; and EFAL, Second or Non-Reimbursable Meals. Adoption of Policy and Administrative Rules EFAA necessitates the deletion of these policies.

Approval of T. Gerding Construction, Weight Room, Toledo Jr./Sr. High

Motion 11/12-30

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved adding construction of a new weight room at Toledo Jr./Sr. High to the existing CM/GC contract with T. Gerding Construction.

Adding this project will help the building structurally before the gymnasium project is started in March. Also, completion of the weight room will allow weight training classes to begin shortly after the beginning of the second semester. Director of Support Services Rich Belloni noted he reviewed the contract addition with legal counsel as well as the project architect.

Resolution, American Education Week

Motion 11/12-31

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2011/12-5, proclaiming the week of November 13-19, 2011 as American Education Week. The week is observed throughout the nation to honor educators for the vital work they do.

Policy IK, Academic Achievement

Operations/Federal Programs Administrator Joe Novello presented a revised policy IK, Academic Achievement. Revisions were necessary due to changes in state law to reflect terminology in the Common Core State Standards. The policy will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Policy IKA, Grading System

Mr. Novello presented revised policy IKA, Grading System. The policy was revised to match modifications in statute language made during the 2011 Oregon state legislative session. It specifies that grades be based upon "Board-adopted course content." The Board will consider the revised policy at the next meeting.

Policy IKFB, Graduation Exercises

Revised policy IKFB, Graduation Exercises was presented for the Board's consideration. This policy was also revised because of changes in state law, and will return to the Board at the next meeting.

Discussion on Board Directives for Budget Development

As the state revenue forecast will be released soon, this agenda item was continued to the next board meeting. Superintendent Rinearson noted several issues to be considered, including: ●the free/reduced lunch count has gone down by about 200 students, which will mean a reduction in Title funds; ●the state legislature changed the funding formula this biennium, so the second year of the biennium will see schools getting a lesser amount (percentage) than in previous years; ●the 6% growth rate predicted by the legislature will not likely be realized.

"Many times, the numbers at this time of year look worse than they turn out to be," said the Superintendent. "But we will likely be operating on fewer dollars per student next year."

He said the Board in the past has recommended saving as many of the "things that are successful for students" as possible. "Now is the time to let us know if you want to see something added or being done differently. If you add something, though, something else will need to be subtracted."

Director Bondley commented she is unhappy with large class sizes. Superintendent Rinearson noted the maintenance department has taken the largest reduction over the last few years; "We are scraping the bones," said Mr. Rinearson.

Discussion on OSBA Election

Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) requires member districts to consider election materials related to OSBA governance. For this year's election, school boards are asked to vote on two resolutions as well as a candidate to the legislative policy committee. One resolution would allow consecutive terms for the secretary/treasurer; the other would allow the legislative policy committee more flexibility to make changes to legislative policies and priorities.

The OSBA election materials will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Policies AD, Educational Philosophy and AE, District Goals

OSBA suggests changes to policies AD, Educational Philosophy and AE, District goals. Board members reached consensus to move forward with version one of both policies. For policy AE, the Board reached consensus to remove the bracketed verbiage.

The Board will consider the policies at its next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent