

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Local Contract Review Board/Board of Directors
LCRB and Regular Session
Tuesday, January 10, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Newport Intermediate School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

- PRESIDING:** Ron Beck, Chairman
- Present:** Ron Beck, Chairman; Jean Turner, Vice Chairman; Karen Bondley, Kelley Ellis, Directors
- Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 30 members of the staff, media and patrons
- Excused:** Liz Martin, Directors

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Beck convened the Board of Directors meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Martin was excused from the meeting. The Board meeting was then recessed into a meeting of the Local Contract Review Board.

Local Contract Review Board

The Board convened as the Local Contract Review Board (LCRB) to hear public comment on proposed Findings of Fact for the “HVAC (Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning) Control Systems” project. The “Findings of Fact” describe why the project should be exempted from competitive bidding requirements. In this case, the exemption is warranted due to improved efficiency, value engineering, and the need for special knowledge/expertise with regard to HVAC control systems. The Request for Proposals is likely to result in substantial cost savings to LCSD.

Public Hearing, HVAC Control Systems Project

The public hearing was opened for comment. Director of Support Services Rich Belloni explained the goal is to standardize HVAC controls throughout the district, and to have just one vendor. He distributed a revised RFP to the Board, and said the hope is to have responses back in two weeks time.

Attorney Pete Gintner explained the HVAC Control Systems Project is not a CM/GC project, but an exemption from traditional competitive bidding is provided for in the law for this type of project. “A ‘low bidder’ type would not work well for this project,” said Gintner.

No other comments were offered.

Approval of Findings of Fact, HVAC Control Systems Project

Motion 11/12-35

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Bondley, the LCRB unanimously approved the Findings of Fact for the HVAC Control Systems Project, exempting this project from the traditional competitive bidding requirements.

Approval of Request for Proposal (RFP), HVAC Control Systems Project

Motion 11/12-36

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved the RFP solicitation as distributed 1/10/12 for the HVAC Control Systems Project. Director Ellis noted a "typo" on page 3 of the RFP (reading "based upon based on").

The LCRB meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. and the regular session school board meeting was then reconvened.

Communications

Newport Police Chief Mark Miranda invited board members to attend the citizen police academy, due to start in early March. The academy will run two hours each Wednesday evening for ten weeks, and will allow citizens to better understand the inner workings of the police department. Chief Miranda also said he enjoys attending school board meetings, which provide a chance to check in with the board and district on how things are going between the Newport Police Department and the District. Superintendent Rinearson commented the police department and Newport schools collaborate very well.

Newport resident Jeanne St. John addressed the Board representing PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and noted "no name calling week" is scheduled for January 23-27, 2012. She stated "Bullying prevention is our highest priority."

Ms. St. John presented the District with a check from PFLAG for \$400, to be used for bullying prevention. She noted Newport Intermediate is using the Olweus bullying prevention project, which is going well. "Things are so much better," said St. John.

In honor of Board Recognition Month, Principal Majalise Tolan presented the Board with copies of "Thirteen Reasons Why," a book about bullying and teen suicide prevention. She also gave the board multiplication flash cards, along with an invitation to have lunch at the school. "We'd like you to discuss the book with kids, and use the flash cards when you come to lunch," said Tolan.

Principal Mary Thompson presented Board member Jean Turner with a corsage, as well as pictures from Mrs. Miller's class and a signed photo of the new playground from Ms. Olson's class. "Thanks to all of you for your hard work," said Thompson. "You are an incredible board, and deal with such difficult issues."

Principals Clint Raever and Bob Shindelman gave the Board "Boomer bags" containing a t-shirt and water bottle. Both principals invited Board members to their respective buildings. Mr. Raever presented Board member Kelley Ellis with a picture of the new field at Toledo Jr./Sr. High.

Food Services Manager Jody Baruth invited board members to partake of the carrot cake she presented from Sodexo food services, Sodexo custodial services, and Mid Columbia Bus Company.

Ryan Relken reported a new logo was designed at Sam Case, and gave the Board a certificate for a t-shirt with the new logo. "Thanks for all you do," said Relken.

Discussion on Roofing, Taft 7-12

(This agenda item was re-ordered to this point in the meeting.)

One of the major projects for Taft 7-12 is replacement of the roof. Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported one vendor being considered for this work is The Garland Company, Inc. Garland is part of the U.S. Communities cooperative, as is LCSD. "We have been talking to them for over a year," said Belloni.

Staff has obtained good recommendations regarding Garland for all projects of similar cost and size to the one proposed for Taft. Architects working for LCSD have also looked at this firm carefully. "We've called five school districts where they've worked; all said they are very responsive and the best contractor they'd ever worked with," said Belloni. Though the firm is based in Ohio, they have representatives all over the country. He said he would like to start working with the company to see if a contract may be developed that can "meet our needs."

The Board reached consensus for Mr. Belloni to explore negotiation of a contract with Garland, to return for the board's consideration at a future meeting.

Board Reports

Director Karen Bondley reported Eastern Oregon University is moving ahead with offering a "Future Health Care Providers" course, which may be available in Waldport this spring.

Student Representative

INMS teacher Shelly Jones introduced seventh grade student Ella Slaughter, who described the Olympian Service Organization (OSO) at the school. OSO is focused on improving the community through volunteer efforts by students. Some of the projects undertaken by the group include birthday recognition for students, gifts for foster children, and picking up trash.

Ms. Slaughter initiated a knitting class in order to provide hats for cancer patients. "This is a solution class," said Slaughter.

Principal Tolan noted NIS teacher Terri Brown is planning events for "No Name Calling Week" at that school.

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported the ending fund balance is growing with the receipt of property taxes. Part of this revenue, however, must be repaid to the state in May of 2013. (This adjustment currently stands at over \$1 million). Also, the district has used cash this year to alleviate some large class sizes.

Ms. Baldwin noted enrollment rose in the month of December; typical activity for this time of year is a decrease in students. Interest rates remain flat.

Superintendent Rinearson reported revenue from the bond was not used for construction projects at the charter schools. "We backfilled this with CET money so we have more flexibility," said Rinearson.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked the LCSD school board for their stellar volunteer efforts as board members. He presented them with hard hats in recognition of their help with the successful bond measure.

Mr. Rinearson recognized Sodexo custodial services for their donation of \$2,000 for scholarships. Each year Sodexo custodial, Sodexo food services and Mid Columbia Bus Company each donate this amount, which is awarded to graduating seniors in each area of the district.

Mr. Rinearson reported the Lincoln County Youth Film Festival is gearing up for their 8th consecutive year producing public service videos. This year's theme may be "prescription drug awareness."

The Superintendent congratulated Taft Elementary, attendance flag winners for December.

He reported Monday, January 16th is Martin Luther King Jr. day, with all district facilities closed. Thursday, January 26th marks the end of the first semester.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 11/12-37

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

- Minutes, 12/13/11 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- Superintendent Evaluation Form, Timeline.**

Board Directives for Development of 12/13 Budget

Motion 11/12-38

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved its priorities for development of the 2012/13 budget, emphasizing the focus on retaining as much funding in the classroom as possible.

Superintendent Rinearson explained there are several factors at play in developing the coming year's budget. The state of Oregon will apply for a waiver to requirements of federal Title (formerly known as No Child Left Behind) funds. Title funding is unknown for the coming year; the District is budgeting for a reduction of 10% in these funds. In addition, ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds received three years ago are nearly spent and will not be replaced.

"We will see significant changes in our Title programs," said Rinearson. Changes are also expected in regional services, with the passage of new state laws redefining public education in Oregon. The Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) was created to "ensure that all public school students in this state reach the education outcomes established for the state."

Part of this effort requires districts to enter into "Achievement Compacts" with OEIB. Funding will be coupled with the achievement compacts. Vice Chairman Turner asked if achievement data will be based on a particular instrument, or one the district would choose. Mr. Rinearson replied it is not yet known, and said a small group from ODE and OEIB are making these decisions.

One "white paper" on preschool has been released so far; it calls for disbanding the Commission on Children and Families. Funds that formerly were dedicated there will now be routed elsewhere. "It could mean a reduction of \$80,000 to our homeless program," said Mr. Rinearson. "That, coupled with the expected reduction in federal dollars, will mean a big hit to that program." He said the District hopes to obtain available funds, wherever they are allocated.

Director Ellis asked "What's good about the waiver?" Mr. Rinearson replied it will allow more flexibility in Title spending. "It could be that the top performing schools have to work with the low schools."

Staff will keep the Board apprised as more is learned about how the changes will affect our district.

Vice Chairman Turner said "It is not the time to start something new" in the district.

School Year Sub Account Application

The 2011 Legislature allocated \$125 million in School Year Subaccount funds for increasing educational opportunities and school days. Business Manager Julie Baldwin shared the report regarding how the funds were used.

Six school days were restored to the year, from the 12 cut days last school year. The funds were also used to retain 4.38 teachers. The report states "This funding has gone directly to support student learning in the classroom through the length of the school year and class size."

Chairman Beck indicated his agreement with the report, which he will sign with consensus of the Board; Board members indicated their consensus.

Discussion on Policy EBB, Integrated Pest Management

The 2009 Legislature passed Senate Bill 637 requiring districts to adopt, on or before July 1, 2012, an integrated pest management (IPM) plan and policy. The Board approved an IPM plan in June, 2011 and is now considering the policy. The policy will return for the Board's consideration at the next regular meeting.

Information on Construction Excise Tax

The construction excise tax (CET) is allowed by a law approved by the state legislature in 2007. The purpose of this legislation is to generate revenue for schools with new construction.

A concern with the CET was raised by a patron in December; staff has since gathered data regarding it. Since enacted by the Board in 2008, the district has garnered approximately \$1,175,000 in construction excise taxes. Of this, about \$285,000 has been spent on facilities improvements, and \$19,100 has been paid to collecting entities (Lincoln County or cities in the county).

Director of Support Service Rich Belloni reported the largest amount any contractor seeking permits for a commercial structure would pay is limited to \$25,000; the largest collected by LCSD from any one company is Wal-Mart at \$6,538.

These monies are one of four funding sources for facilities improvements; the others are bond funds, sale of property and the building maintenance fund. With reductions in school funding over the years, the building maintenance fund has been cut substantially.

Mr. Belloni reported CET revenue was used for engineering, needs assessment, drawings, studies, etc. prior to passage of the bond measure. Approximately \$50,000 of these funds was charged back to bond funds (one may go back only one year to do so).

Several current and future projects are planned using construction excise tax funds. Chairman Beck noted his preference to continue on this path.

Discussion on Board Retreat

The Board began a discussion regarding meeting in a retreat setting. The typical purpose for a work session retreat is to set Board and District goals. The upcoming retreat will include information sharing and discussions regarding the new Oregon Education Investment Board and other changes at the state level.

Superintendent Rinearson suggested the Board meet sometime between April and early June. He said the waiver will need to be discussed as well as common core standards; he urged board members to share their ideas about topics with the Board Secretary. Typically retreats take place part of a Friday and all day Saturday. Staff will poll board members to learn their availability.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent