



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the January 10, 2012 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on January 10, 2012 at Newport Intermediate School with approximately 30 members of the staff, media and patrons present.

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.

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni explained the goal is to standardize HVAC controls throughout the district.

The LCRB approved Findings of Fact and the Request for Proposal for the project. 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.

Newport resident Jeanne St. John addressed the Board representing PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and noted “no

name calling week” later this month. She stated “Bullying prevention is our highest priority.”

Principals Majalise Tolan, Mary Thompson, Clint Raever, Bob Shindelman and Ryan Relken presented the Board tokens in honor of “Board Recognition” month. 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.

Discussion on Roofing, Taft 7-12

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 Garland Industries. Garland is part of the U.S. Communities cooperative, as is LCSD.

Staff has obtained good recommendations regarding Garland Industries for all projects of similar cost and size to the one proposed for Taft. Mr. Belloni will 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

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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.

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. 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 that time of year is a decrease in students. Interest rates remain flat.

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 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

The Board approved Consent Calendar items, including:

**•Minutes, 12/13/11 Regular Session;
•Regular Personnel Items and Addendum, including:**

-New Classified Hires: Cody Miller, Tech Support;

-Leave of Absence: Diane Cook, 1/30/12-6/16/12; Cyndy Salisbury, 1/6/12-2/20/12; Charles Buel, 2/6/12-3/16/12; Allison Samuel, 1/3/12-1/16/12; Claude Conway, 1/3/12-2/2/12;

-Resignations: Brian Flynn, Taft 7-12; Robyn Medici, CVH; Elaine Logan, CVH; Jason Nehmer, CVH; Wendy Dexter, WHS; Pamela Simpson, Taft 7-12; Jerry Paustian CVH; David Bernardi, Juvenile Detention; Al Burkey, Toledo Jr./Sr.;

-Correction to Temp. Licensed Hire: Ashley Perkins, Oceanlake;

-Rescind Resignation: Marsha Rider, Toledo Jr./Sr. High;

•Supt. Evaluation Form, Timeline.

Board Directives for Development of 12/13 Budget

The Board approved its priorities for development of the 2012/13 budget, emphasizing their 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. Staff will keep the Board apprised as more is learned about how the changes will affect our 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.”

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 last month; 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.

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. Staff will poll board members to learn their availability.

Next Regular Session Meeting: February 14, 2012- 7:00 p.m. @ Toledo Jr./Sr. High