

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Thursday, April 12, 2012- 7:00 p.m.
Sam Case Primary School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

Present: Ron Beck, Chairman; 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

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Beck called the session to order and convened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

Student Representatives

Several third grade students from Ms. Doyle's class presented information on the life cycle of a salmon, including using descriptive words, measurements, and the use of a document camera to demonstrate their knowledge.

Communications

Interim Food Services Manager Jody Baruth presented a check for \$2,000, representing Sodexo Food Services' contribution to scholarships to graduating seniors. One \$500 award will be given to a senior from Taft, Newport, Toledo and Waldport high schools.

Board Reports

Board member Karen Bondley noted her attendance at the Taft Career Fair and heralded great attendance by both businesses and students.

Ms. Bondly also visited Taft Elementary, and thanked the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and Sodexo food services for their support of a garden at the school.

Chairman Beck thanked all who contributed to making the new Waldport High School groundbreaking ceremony happen. He also recognized Chelsi Sholty and staff for the stellar organization of a recent educator fair in Portland. Superintendent Rinearson concurred, noting the district screened 573 people.

Vice Chairman Turner also thanked those involved with the Waldport High groundbreaking ceremony and noting the cooperation of the sun at the ceremony.

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports for February and March. She noted the adjustment (based on higher local revenue received than projected) from the state in May 2013 has grown to over \$1 million. Thus, the ending fund balance is actually \$1 million less than shown. Ms. Baldwin noted adequate cash flow has enabled the district to handle funding errors that sometimes occur by the state.

The district's enrollment is holding steady; it usually decreases at this time of year.

Ms. Baldwin also reviewed financial reports for the capital improvement projects, reporting that \$17 million in bond funds has been spent so far. Of that, approximately 59.6% or \$10.1 million has been spent locally. Engineering and architectural spending will likely decrease in the future, thus pushing the percentage spent in Lincoln County higher.

Director Martin noted the high level of construction activity at schools over spring break, and extended thanks and appreciation to Mr. Belloni and staff. Mr. Belloni gave kudos to local contractors, saying they obviously "take a lot of pride in their work."

Superintendent Rinearson noted that legislative changes created additional schools in the state identified to receive "Remote Elementary School Correction" (additional weighting) dollars, including Siletz Valley School.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Lincoln City resident Sunnie Bauman for her donation of a new Dell laptop computer and travel case to the District.

The Superintendent thanked Mid Columbia Bus Company for continuing their tradition of donating \$2,000 to the district for scholarships each year (one \$500 award to a graduating senior from Taft, Newport, Toledo and Waldport High Schools).

Mr. Rinearson congratulated the Newport High jazz band for their first place win in the annual Oregon West Conference Jazz Band Festival. Under the direction of John Bringetto, the 23-member band won four of six possible awards.

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated **Newport Intermediate** as "attendance flag" winner for February, and **Sam Case Primary** as the winner for March.

He noted three candidates for the principalship at Taft Elementary will visit the school on Monday, April 16th, meeting with staff starting at 3:30 p.m. and with the community beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Rinearson reported a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 5:30 p.m. at Toledo Elementary School. (Note: This date was subsequently changed, as the school will not be ready enough on May 17).

He noted students from Sam Case are featured readers at the Newport Chamber of Commerce luncheon April 13th. The annual “retirement/recognition” event is planned for Thursday, May 24 at Newport Intermediate School.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 2011/12-51

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

- Minutes, 3/20/12 Special Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- LCSD Representative to Lincoln County Foundation (Deborah Trusty).**

Resolution, Teacher Appreciation Week: May 7-11

Motion 2011/12-52

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2011/12-7 proclaiming the week of May 7-11, 2012 as “Teacher Appreciation Week” in LCSD. Chairman Beck read the proclamation and thanked teachers for their critical work.

Discussion on 2012/13 School Calendar and Beyond

Superintendent Rinearson presented draft calendar templates for the next five school years. He noted the calendars are planning tools, and said they must be reviewed by the Lincoln County Education Association prior to the Board’s approval.

Board members expressed support of presenting five years at a time. Mr. Rinearson said the calendars show how the year would look “if we could afford a full school year.”

Update on CLASS Project

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sara Johnson and LCEA President Margie Grinnell presented an update on the CLASS (Creative Leadership Achieves Student Success) design team work. A team of teachers, administrators, union representatives and a school board member has been working collaboratively to develop plans to integrate expanded career paths, relevant professional development, effective performance evaluation and new compensation models. The work done this planning year does not begin any new initiatives, but instead builds upon those already in process and provides a “blueprint” for next steps.

Ms. Grinnell noted that part of the CLASS project is to place teachers in the role of instructional leader. “We want to have our best teachers share expertise, yet remain in the classroom,” said Grinnell.

Dr. Johnson reported the Classroom Learning System practice will be rehabilitated, and said professional development will be focused on what “our teachers need, based on student achievement.”

Extended career paths or career opportunities for teachers include mentoring, becoming a Teacher On Special Assignment (TOSA), involvement with ocean literacy, and teaching in a “model classroom.” Model classrooms will be defined in the future, and will strengthen efforts already in place.

Staff is seeking grants to support these efforts, including the federal TIF4 (Teacher Incentive Fund) grant and the Oregon state collaboration grant. Next steps involve engaging more teachers, administrators, board members and other stakeholders to begin implementing the “blueprint.”

Superintendent Rinearson likened this process to the one involving preparation to seek a facilities bond, saying it may be a five-year process. “The grants will be used to move this process along. It will help learning in our district,” said Rinearson.

Achievement Compacts

This item was removed from the agenda, as an ODE scheduled Web Ex on this subject that was to have taken place just before the board meeting did not occur.

Summer Bond Projects

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni provided a “snapshot” of capital improvement rprojects planned for this summer, including:

- **Oceanlake:** work on new boilers is scheduled to begin May 1st; the playground and track will be updated; move into new classrooms planned for August 1st;
- **Taft 7-12:** work on the new roof will start June 18th; planned completion date is September 1st;
- **Taft Elementary:** construction of six new classrooms to start June 18;
- **Newport High:** power supply will be replaced; science classrooms will be updated;
- **Newport Prep:** Two classrooms will be built on the west side of the building, and two portables removed; entry will be updated;
- **Newport Intermediate:** A new play shed is planned, but time may not allow its construction this summer;
- **Toledo Elementary:** Keys to the new construction and a ribbon cutting ceremony planned for Thursday, May 17, 5:30 p.m., one year after successful passage of the bond measure (**Note:** this date was since revised as the building was not ready enough for a ribbon cutting); the office at the school will be remodeled into two classrooms; the kitchen will be remodeled;
- **Toledo Jr./Sr. High:** Four new classrooms and the Commons area will be built; the office will be remodeled; parking lot to be completed; handicapped ramp to the T.V. station will be built, as will stairs to the football field; two new boilers will be installed;
- **Waldport High:** The city approved a permit, thus allowing framing of the building to begin; bids were due March 20th, with a start date of April 1st; concrete slab should be poured by July 1st; parking lot to be completed in late September; grandstands should be completed September 1st; parking for buses and a room for drivers to be constructed.

Mr. Belloni explained this is but a partial list, and said there are many maintenance projects to do as well.

Discussion on Superintendent’s Contract

Chairman Beck noted this agenda item was slated for discussion last month, when the board meeting was canceled due to extreme weather. He reminded the audience of the Board’s intent to offer Mr. Rinearson a new three-year contract, the longest allowed by state law. The Board will consider the contract at the next meeting.

Discussion on Board Retreat

The Board will meet in a retreat setting on Friday, June 1st and Saturday, June 2nd. Possible topics for this work session include: common core standards; achievement compacts; new superintendent evaluation form; the NCLB waiver; and district initiatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent