

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, May 8, 2012- 7:00 p.m.
Crestview Heights 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 40 members of the staff, media and patrons
- Excused:** Ron Beck, Chairman

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Vice Chairman Turner convened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Chairman Beck was excused from the meeting.

Introductions

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sara Johnson introduced **Chris Sullivan**, new principal at Taft Elementary, and welcomed him to the District. He will begin this role next school year.

Communications

Waldport student Ashleigh King addressed the Board about bullying and her experiences with it. She read a prepared speech, and said bullying needs to be stopped. She proposed a method to help prevent it by presenting dramatic reenactments demonstrating how students may feel when they are bullied.

Superintendent Rinearson noted it “was the best conversation I’ve had with a high school student in a long time.” He said the district would help support her efforts to stop bullying. Ms. King is a freshman student.

Board Reports

Vice Chairman Jean Turner reported a special retirement event was recently held in Waldport to honor the nine retiring employees there. She noted the many years of service, and said she was pleased with the turnout.

Food Services Presentation

Interim Food Services Director Jody Baruth introduced new Director Stacie Johnson. Ms. Johnson is a registered dietician.

Ms. Baruth recognized two stellar Sodexo food service employees, Alma Kosydar and Patty Umback. She noted the two were nationally recognized by Sodexo for their outstanding efforts.

Ms. Baruth reported meal prices in LCSD will increase by \$0.15 per meal in order to move toward parity with requirements of the National School Lunch Program.

An amendment to the food services contract will be considered at the next meeting. State law requires annual contracts for food services.

South Area Report

Crestview Principal Mary Thompson recognized teachers Sandy Mummey and Ingrid Olson and their students for creating the paper flower table decorations at the board meeting. She reported Crestview received a grant from the Plum Creek Foundation and OMSI for \$5,000 that will provide science experiences for each classroom next year. In addition, 7th and 8th grade students will travel to OMSI in Portland next year.

Ms. Thompson reported students are making good progress on OAKS assessments in both reading and math (even with the higher standards required this year). She expressed pride in both students and teachers for their hard work and accomplishments.

She noted college visitations begin at Crestview with sixth grade students.

Waldport High Principal Von Taylor reported students there are doing well with preliminary current AYP rankings, with a 91% “met” in reading and 74% in Math. Mr. Taylor noted that building good relationships and rapport with students is of utmost import at the school.

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin noted the Board’s receipt of the proposed 12-13 budget, and said the first Budget Committee meeting is May 15, 7:00 p.m. at Newport High.

Ms. Baldwin presented financial reports for April, 2012. She thanked a most generous anonymous donor, who gave \$35,850 to the district homeless program, and \$25,400 to the district’s education program, targeted to low income students.

She noted local revenue is strong, and said the adjustment from ODE in May 2013 will still be over \$1 million.

Student ADM showed a small decline in April, though is still higher than projected. With the Board’s new use of Ipads, Ms. Baldwin asked board members to advise her if they would no longer like to receive a paper copy of the financial reports.

Ms. Baldwin also reviewed financial reports for the capital improvement projects, and reported that over \$18 million has been expended on bond projects, with nearly \$11 million spent locally.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Rinearson reported the District is the recipient of two "Perkins" grants that will help professional/technical education in LCSD. One grant will purchase 20 calculators for the integration of math in drafting/materials processing classes at Newport High. The other will purchase supplies for the new Certified Nurses' Assistant (CNA) program in the district. He thanked Operations Administrator Joe Novello for his efforts in procuring the grants.

The Superintendent thanked the Newport Symphony for making possible a recent field trip for 320 mostly second graders to the Performing Arts Center to hear the Salem Youth Symphony's Philharmonia Orchestra. Several local young musicians joined the orchestra for part of the performance as well.

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Newport Intermediate School, Attendance Flag winners for April. They barely (.02%) beat Toledo Elementary School for this honor.

The Superintendent gave kudos to new Taft Elementary Principal Chris Sullivan, who procured 400 pairs of Keen shoes for students at that school.

He noted the annual student art show is ongoing at the Newport Visual Arts Center through May 27th in the Runyon Gallery. Hours at the gallery are Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mr. Rinearson asked Board members to advise which graduation ceremonies they will be attending, scheduled for:

Eddyville- Friday, June 1, 7:00 p.m.

Lincoln City Career Tech- Fri., June 8, 5:30 p.m.

Siletz Early College- Sat., June 9, 2:00 p.m.

Waldport- Saturday, June 9, 2:00 p.m.

Taft 7-12- Saturday, June 9, 2:12 p.m.

Toledo Jr./Sr.- Saturday, June 9, 4:00 p.m.

Newport- Saturday, June 9, 6:00 p.m.

He asked that Board members advise staff which ceremonies they will be attending.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 11/12-53

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

- Minutes, 4/12/12 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- Contract, Superintendent Rinearson, 7/1/12-6/30/15.**

School Calendars, 2012 through 2017

Motion 11/12-54

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved school calendars for 2012 through 2017, as noted in the May 8, 2012 board folder. The agreement with LCEA (the teachers' union) states "the Board shall adopt a school calendar" that "shall include 190 days." The contract requires the calendars to be given to the Association for their input, which was done.

The calendars are subject to the availability of adequate school funding.

Declaration of Need for Layoff

Motion 11/12-55

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously declared a need for layoff of personnel for the 2012/13 school year, though every effort will be made to minimize the effects to students and staff.

When there is a need for a layoff, this declaration is specified in the agreement with LCEA (teachers' union) and begins other timelines/processes for both employee associations.

Discussion on Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements

Taft 7-12 Associate Principal Ryan Hawkins presented information on "enhanced expanded options," specifically related to providing services to fifth year seniors. The program would allow seniors to attend high school an additional year, with the District picking up the cost of their participation in classes at Oregon Coast Community College. Current district policies, Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules allow for this scenario.

Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented a revised Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements. He explained that the Oregon state board of education changed the requirements several times over the last two years. The proposed policy incorporates these changes as well as requirements imposed by the LCSD Board (the Board specifies more stringent requirements than the state for math, community service and online learning).

New components of the policy include but are not limited to: ●demonstrating proficiency in the essential skills; ●a process for Essential Skills appeals; ●changes to the alternative certificate. A team determines eligibility for this certificate, much like an IEP team.

The policy will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Achievement Compacts

Achievement Compacts are now required by the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) from all educational entities that receive state funds beginning in the 2012-13 year.

The goal of the compacts is to "ensure that all public school students in this state reach the educational outcomes established for the state." The outcomes include a goal of ensuring that by 2025, 40% of adult Oregonians have earned a bachelor's degree or higher, 40% have earned an associate's degree or post-secondary credential, and that the remaining 20% have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Data Coordinator Mary Kelly presented the template for the compacts, demonstrating the 100 "data points" to be considered. Superintendent Rinearson noted there are 40 additional points than currently required by No Child Left Behind. There are differences between what is required by Achievement Compacts from the OEIB and requirements from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

Part of the Achievement Compact also demonstrates funding levels, both what is currently provided and what would be needed to achieve the level of funding recommended by the Quality Education Model.

An “achievement compact advisory committee” will be appointed no later than September 30th to oversee implementation of the compact for 2012-13 and to develop compacts for future years. The committee will be comprised of “teachers, administrators and other appropriate education personnel who are employed by the district.”

The Board will discuss this topic during their upcoming retreat.

Resolution to Dissolve 1995 General Obligation Bond Debt Service Fund

Business Manager Julie Baldwin noted the final payment of the G.O. bonds issued in 1995 will be paid in June. The bonds did not specify disposition of the remaining debt service.

By law, the fund must be dissolved. Staff suggests transferring the balance to the general fund. Superintendent Rinearson suggested the funds be used to help with the district’s PERS debt. This item will return for the Board’s consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on 2012/13 Board Meeting Calendar

An annual calendar of board meetings for the coming year was presented to the board, following the tradition of monthly meetings of the board on the second Tuesday of the month, generally. The calendar will return for the board’s consideration at the next meeting.

Finalize Board Retreat

Board members will be meeting in a retreat setting on June 1st and 2nd. The board reached consensus to discuss the following topics at the retreat: common core standards, achievement compacts, the NCLB waiver, a list of district initiatives, CET tax rates, and a new evaluation form for the superintendent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent