

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, June 12, 2012- 7:00 p.m.
Toledo Elementary School
Toledo, 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 40 members of the staff, media and patrons

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

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

Public Hearing, 12/13 Approved Budget

The Board recessed into a public hearing of the 2012/13 approved budget.

LCEA President Margie Grinnell addressed the Board regarding her concern with cutting ten days from the coming year's budget, and urged the Board to consider adding days back if possible. She noted she sent an email to board members previously on this issue, and said though she is happy about the stimulus the bond has provided to the community, she is advocating for additional school days.

Ms. Grinnell suggested lowering the cash reserves to add back days.

The board meeting was then reconvened.

Communications

Superintendent Rinearson introduced Mid Columbia Bus Company CEO Tony Barnhart, and said it is nearly time to consider their contract. He suggested the Board do so at the next meeting.

Mr. Barnhart introduced Mid Co Chairman of the Board Bill Flatt, Regional Manager Nathan Burbank and Site Manager Mark Culver. He summarized the work of Mid Columbia and gave kudos to the Lincoln County based employees who "make it all work."

Mid Co Chairman Bill Flatt noted the beautiful facility and said it is clear the community supports the district. "The buck stops here with Mid Columbia Bus Company," said Mr. Flatt.

Mr. Barnhart described changes in buses, including higher seat backs, as well as three-point seat belts in special needs buses. He noted Mid Co is piloting propane school buses in Idaho, which burn clean, less expensive fuel. He again recognized the local staff, and said “They are great, and easy to work with.”

Director Turner asked how many buses will be replaced; Mr. Barnhart said he expects to purchase “four to five each year.”

Board Reports

Board members noted their attendance at graduation ceremonies June 9th, noting the wonderful and unique events in each community.

Director Bondley also recognized the revived Taft High student newspaper, “The 45th Parallel,” and said it is nicely done.

Chairman Beck reported he distributed 82 “math facts” certificates at Newport Intermediate, signifying mastery of multiplication tables. Mr. Beck will be visiting Sam Case soon to distribute certificates there.

Consultant Report- Mark Collson; Approval of Carriers

Motion 11/12-56

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved PACE/Special Districts of Oregon for general liability, property, vehicles and errors/omissions insurance, and SAIF for workers compensation insurance for the 2012/13 year.

Prior the Board’s vote, Mr. Collson presented recommendations and experience factors regarding these insurance carriers and coverages.

Mr. Collson will be retiring from his position soon. He commented that Director of Support Services Rich Belloni is a great resource for the District, and said Superintendent Rinearson is the “best of the bunch” and “across the board, the finest superintendent I have ever worked with” over the last 35 years.

Mr. John Russell will take Mr. Collson’s place, and has been with the agency since December 1st.

Citizen Group- Old Waldport Middle School

The patron requesting this agenda item be placed on the agenda was unable to attend the board meeting. The Board will discuss costs associated with this property and others at the next board meeting.

East Area Report

Toledo Jr./Sr. Principal Clint Raever thanked Board member Liz Martin and Superintendent Tom Rinearson for attending Toledo High’s graduation. He said seniors voted to have the ceremony on the new football field, rain or shine.

Toledo Elementary Principal Bob Shindelman noted the Board's visit last September included a report then that the school did not meet AYP requirements. Preliminary reports indicate the school now meets the requirements. He said he is looking forward to the coming year, and gave kudos to all associated with the new building.

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of May 31, 2012. She reported local property taxes continue to come in strongly. This "local revenue" will result in the state's withholding approximately \$1.2 million from the district next year in State School Fund payments. (Local revenue collections result in less money from the state to districts).

Ms. Baldwin noted the unusual occurrence of having very similar numbers in both the monthly ADM and the year-to-date ADM, within .8 of each other.

She reported local capital project spending is strong, with approximately 63% of total funds spent in Lincoln County. CM/GC contractor T. Gerding Construction has spent approximately 82% of funds paid to it by LCSD in Lincoln County for the Toledo Elementary building, and 94% for the Waldport High building. (This does not include "soft costs", i.e., architectural fees, permits, insurance, etc.- many of which are not available locally).

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Rinearson presented a plaque to 2011-12 Board Chair Ron Beck and thanked him for his service as Chairman.

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated INMS teacher Mary Koike, who was awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching for Oregon. Each of the 97 winners nationwide receives \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Northwest Natural Gas for their donation of \$2500 to the District Homeless program. NW Natural held a luncheon for local community leaders, where the donation was presented.

The Superintendent recognized Savory Café owners Mike and Nancy Bowers, Pepsi and the News Times for the recent "pizza in the street" event for NHS and Newport Prep students. Savory Café provided pizza, garlic rolls, salad and cookies, Pepsi provided beverages, and the News Times delivered the food.

Mr. Rinearson recognized Taft High students BillyAnn Stempel and Alexa Taunton, two of four Oregon students chosen to represent Oregon at the upcoming National Youth Congress in Washington, D.C. The Congress is a youth leadership event, sponsored in part by the GEAR UP program.

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated Newport Intermediate, "attendance flag" winner for the month of May. He noted the last day of school this year is Friday, June 15 (half day).

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 11/12-57

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

- Minutes, 5/8/12 Regular Session;**
- Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- 2012/13 LCSD Achievement Compact;**
- 2012/13 Board Meeting Calendar;**
- Agreement, OSEA Chapter 19 and LCSD Board of Directors, 7/1/12 through 6/30/17 (added to Consent Calendar).**

Resolution Adopting the 2012/13 Budget

Motion 11/12-58

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2011/12-9, adopting the 2012/13 budget as approved by the Budget Committee on May 15, 2012. The budget includes a reduction of ten days, along with spending \$1.2 million in cash reserves.

2012/13 School Calendars

Motion 11/12-59

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved school calendars for the 2012/13 school year, based on the 2012/13 approved budget. The calendars were adjusted to include ten furlough days per the approved 2012-13 budget.

Superintendent Tom Rinearson responded to Ms. Grinnell's comments earlier in the meeting, and said "It is a struggle for teachers and all employees to accomplish what is required, especially considering a reduction of ten days. Staff at the D.O. can testify that I was pretty grumpy when I saw what we were going to have to do."

Taft 7-12's calendar is different from other areas' with a four-day school week with "Friday School" for students needing assistance.

The calendars will be posted on the District's website in the coming days.

Resolution Dissolving 1995 GO Bond Debt Service Fund

Motion 2011/12-60

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2011/12-8, closing the 1995 general obligation debt service fund and transferring its balance to the technology fund. (Originally the Board considered transferring the funds to the Building Maintenance Fund, but changed their thinking).

At the last board meeting, staff suggested placing the balance in the general fund, but since learned that doing so would result in less SSF revenue. After discussing the importance of and expense associated with technology, they reached consensus to place the balance in the Tech fund.

Approval of 2012/13 Sodexo Food Services Contract

Motion 2011/12-61

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved the 2012/13 contract for food services for Sodexo America, LLC. The contract includes an increase of 15 cents per meal. Paid lunch prices for the coming year are:

Elementary student lunch: \$2.25
Middle school student lunch: \$2.50
High school student lunch: \$2.75
Breakfast in the classroom: \$0.00
Elementary student breakfast: \$1.25
Middle school student breakfast: \$1.35
High school student breakfast: \$1.50

Food services contracts must be considered annually.

Approval of Policy GCDA/GDDA, Criminal Records Checks/ Fingerprinting

Motion 2011/12-62

(Added agenda item). On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved new policy GCDA/GDDA, Criminal Records Checks/Fingerprinting. The policy adds new procedures to enhance current practices.

ODE Collaboration Grant

This item was discussed at the recent Board retreat, so was not described at the board meeting. For more information, please contact Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sara Johnson.

Discussion-Policy GCAB, Personal Communication Devices & Social Media- Staff

Human Resources Manager Chelsi Sholty presented new policy GCAB, Personal Communication Devices and Social Media- Staff. She noted it would apply to devices not issued by the District.

The policy was necessitated by the proliferation of personal communication devices and social media sites. Chairman Beck noted the necessity of employee training regarding the policy.

The Board will consider the policy at an upcoming meeting.

Annual Designation of Officers Resolution

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented the annual resolution designating district officers, clerks, agents and depositories of funds.

Ms. Baldwin added language regarding inter-fund loans, which had previously been done with a separate resolution.

Mileage and meal reimbursement rates remain unchanged. The district's Budget Committee will have openings in Zones 2, 3 and 4 in the coming year.

The resolution will return for the Board's consideration in July.

Board Retreat Debrief/Board-Superintendent Working Agreements

The Board met in a retreat setting (work session) on June 1st and 2nd. The discussions covered many topics and will result in the following new or revised documents: revised Board/Superintendent Working Agreements; development of a revised evaluation form for the superintendent; addition of achievement compacts as a monthly board topic; revised District priorities; and revised Board goals.

The revised Board/Superintendent Working Agreements were presented for the board's discussion and will return for consideration at the next meeting. The other documents will be presented at upcoming meetings.

Board members expressed their appreciation of the ability to meet in a work session setting, with more time allowed for more in-depth conversations and information sharing.

Director Beck commented he was "honored to have served as your Chair this year." The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent