

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, August 28, 2012- 7:00 p.m.
Newport Intermediate School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

Present: Ron Beck, Chairman; Jean Turner, Vice Chairman; Liz Martin, Kelley Ellis, Directors

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 25 members of the staff, media and patrons

Excused: Karen Bondley, Director

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Bondley was excused from the meeting.

Communications

Seal Rock resident Tonner Hays addressed the Board in his role as President of South Lincoln County Resources. He noted the group currently uses space in the old Waldport Middle School, and said they would appreciate keeping the space through the calendar year. This would enable their holiday gift basket (impacting 400 families and 1,000+ people) project to move forward.

Board Reports

Chairman Ron Beck noted his attendance at the West area breakfast, and Vice Chair Jean Turner said she enjoyed the South breakfast. She said it was wonderful to see “so many bright faces in this upbeat, happy time.”

Director Martin also attended the West area breakfast as well as the new teacher/administrator barbeque. “It was awesome to be in that informal setting,” said Martin.

Director Ellis also gave kudos to organizers of the BBQ, saying she truly appreciated the opportunity to meet so many staff members.

Eddyville Charter- Annual Report Highlights

Operations Administrator Joe Novello introduced Eddyville Charter School’s new Principal Dennis Schultz, and noted Mr. Schultz spent 15 years with the LBL ESD.

Mr. Schultz highlighted several areas of the school's operation over the last year, and said the small community atmosphere makes a positive impact on students. "We are concentrating on reading, writing and math," said Schultz.

During the last school year, then-Principal Pete Tuana initiated a program for Eddyville high school students to attend Oregon Coast Community College. "This is changing the culture at our school," said Schultz. He also said parent involvement at the school is strong.

Mr. Schultz thanked the LCSD leadership for \$200,000 in funds given the school and made possible by the facilities bond. Several projects have been completed and are planned at the school using these funds.

He reported the school is at capacity with student enrollment (215-220 since Kindergarten students are counted at half-time).

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of July 31, 2012. She reported she now has six years of data to use for projections.

The state of Oregon mistakenly funded the district at a higher amount than due; this will be adjusted monthly, with a final adjustment in May 2013.

She noted the report did not yet reflect the addition of five days to the calendar (so the ending fund balance will decrease). Enrollment has stabilized over the past three years. Interest rates have decreased slightly.

Capital construction (bond) projects reflect that approximately 65% of expended funds were spent in Lincoln County. The items purchased elsewhere were not available in Lincoln County.

Achievement Compact: Appointment of Advisory Committee Members

Motion 12/13-4

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved the following employees as members of the Achievement Compact Advisory Committee: **Dr. Sara Johnson, Joe Novello, Scott Reed, Mary Kelly, Margie Grinnell, Ruth McDonald, Dominic Scharp and Dana Spink.**

As required by the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB), the Board approved the 2012-13 Achievement Compact in June. The next step is appointment of the "Achievement Compact Advisory Committee."

The Committee is charged with:

- Implementing the 12-13 Achievement Compacts;
- Beginning the development of recommendations for the 2013-14 compact;
- Developing plans for achieving the district's outcomes, measures of progress, goals and targets expressed in the compact- including methods of assessing and reporting progress toward the achievement of goals and targets; and

- Recommending outcomes, measures of progress, goals and targets to be contained in the compact for the next fiscal year.

Four names of potential committee members were listed in the board folder. After its publication, LCEA President Margie Grinnell added four additional names.

Superintendent Rinearson noted that because the Committee is appointed by the Board, it falls under requirements of public meeting laws. He said he would attend the first meeting to explain these requirements to the group.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Wells Fargo Bank for their \$1,000 donation to Oceanlake Elementary. The funds will be used for arts and music programs.

Mr. Rinearson also thanked Our Savior Lutheran Church of Waldport for their donation of \$1,515 to Crestview Heights. The church held a garage sale and donated the proceeds to Crestview; the funds will be used to purchase student school supplies, clothing, shoes, etc.

The Superintendent recognized Crestview teacher Ingrid Olson, who was named the 2012 Outstanding Marine/Aquatic Classroom Educator by the Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators organization.

Mr. Rinearson congratulated Oceanlake student Ethan Price and Taft 7-12 student Terin Trachtenberg for advancing to the Oregon Statewide Spelling Championship to be held September 1st at the state fair in Salem.

Superintendent Rinearson reported the new teacher induction went well, with 41 new teachers taking part in training and other activities over four days.

South and West area breakfasts were held the day of the board meeting; the north breakfast is scheduled for August 30, 8:30 at Taft 7-12 and the east breakfast will take place August 31, 8:30 at Toledo Elementary.

The second annual Ocean Literacy Symposium is scheduled to take place August 29th, with 40 break-out sessions planned. The "Banana Slugs" band will perform at the event, and will have a concert at Newport Intermediate that evening at 5:30 p.m.

The open house for Oceanlake's improvements and new classrooms will take place August 30 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Director of Support Services Rich Belloni and his crews for their excellent work readying buildings for school. He noted the (positive) challenges of standard maintenance tasks coupled with new construction.

He also gave kudos to Human Resources Manager Chelsi Sholty for her great work hiring all the new staff. There are several more classified positions to be filled before school starts.

Superintendent Rinearson wished Board Chair Ron Beck a belated "happy birthday" as his birthday took place since the last board meeting.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 12/13-5

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

- Minutes, 7/10/12 Regular Session;**
- Planned Course Statement, STEM 2;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- Policy GCAB, Personal Communication Devices & Social Media- Staff;**
- 2012-13 Revised School Calendars (5 days added back).**

The calendar for the North area was revised slightly from the one in the board folder (the number of student contact days in May was corrected).

2012-13 Alternative Education Program- Insight School of Oregon

Motion 12/13-6

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved Insight School of Oregon as provider of alternative education services for the 2012-13 year. The same provider was used for the 11/12 year.

Mr. Novello reported that Dr. Ivan Hernandez (a former LCSD administrator) reviewed Insight School thoroughly, and Mr. Novello did as well using LCSD policy.

Though Insight is an online school, the district has meeting places identified for students. So far, space in Newport and Toledo has been identified. Mr. Novello said staff is working on space for students in Waldport and Lincoln City and said he is confident it will be located. Vice Chairman Jean Turner asked if the school would still have an employee that traveled between the communities to meet with students; this will continue.

Added Item: 2012-13 Revised Board Meeting Calendar

Motion 12/13-7

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved the revised board meeting calendar for 2012-13, as distributed 8/28/12. The calendar calls for cancellation of the September board meeting due to the few agenda items slated for that meeting, and changes the date for the January, 2013 meeting from January 8 to the 15th. Most staff will return from winter break on January 7th, leaving little preparation time for the meeting.

Information on Mentor Grant

Community Resource and Curriculum Resource Liaison Ruth McDonald described the Oregon Mentor grant, with help from teachers Chloe Ruffin and Rebecca Bostwick-Terry. Ms. McDonald reported LCSD is starting its fifth year with the mentor grant. This year, there are 48 participants, including 30 first-year teachers, four first-year principals, 13 second-year teachers and one second-year principal.

Beginning teachers receive over 90 hours of individual support from New Teacher Center trained (Santa Clara model) mentors, including one-to-one and structured observations of veteran teachers. Mentor teachers are Kristin Becker, Marcy Doyle, Deb Gaffney, Sue Taylor and Ruth McDonald. Principals are being mentored by New Teacher Center administrator trained coaches Betsy Wilcox and Libba Sager.

Ms. McDonald reported one goal this year is for mentor training to better align with that of the respective school of the mentee(s).

Ms. Bostwick-Terry is a second grade teacher from Oceanlake and a graduate of the two-year mentor program. She noted the program's helpfulness in a variety of ways, including help with planning, issues and ideas.

Ms. Ruffin is a first-year teacher hired at INMS. She thanked the Board and district for welcoming her and said she felt "lucky to be here. I feel supported; it feels good to come to a district that makes my four years of hard work worthwhile." She noted the several events for new teachers that allowed them to get to know one another.

Discussion on Policy IGEB, Adult High School Diploma

Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented a revised policy IGEB, Adult High School Diploma. The policy was revised for clarification and at the recommendation of Oregon School Boards Association. It will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Special Education Policies IGBA, IGBAF, IGBAH, IGBAJ-AR, IGBAB/JO and JO/IGBAB

Changes in state law have shifted the special education responsibilities for providing a student with a free appropriate public education (FAPE) from the district of parental residency to the district in which the charter school is located. This change affects three policies.

Also, the U.S. Department of Education revised its regulations governing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The most significant changes include those to the directory information exception, and revisions to the audit/evaluation and studies exception. The policies will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Information on Old Taft Elementary and Old Waldport Middle Schools

At the July board meeting, information was presented regarding the "old Taft Elementary" and the "old Waldport Middle" schools. Since that time, the district has gleaned additional information regarding users of the buildings. Superintendent Rinearson said the district is exploring options; he noted his opposition to simply boarding up the buildings. A meeting in Waldport is planned for mid-September to continue discussions with current renters.

Other- New STEM 2 Class

Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Clint Raever along with teachers Peter Lohonyay and Rich Berenson thanked the Board for their approval of the new STEM 2 class. Mr. Berenson commented "Great things took place in the classroom last year, and we had some exposure in the professional community."

Mr. Lohonyay noted the students had a "wonderful year last year," and said elements of the class are now taught to 7th and 8th graders this year (in addition to the upper grades).

Vice Chair Jean Turner noted that expository writing also appears to be covered by the class and asked if it should be included in the planned course statement. Mr. Lohonyay replied they wanted to be sure to cover “what we know best” to begin the class, though writing is indeed addressed as well.

Principal Raever noted “movement is happening quickly in the building. The focus on writing has happened organically.”

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent