



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the January 11, 2017 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on January 11, 2017 at Yaquina View Elementary School with all five board members present.

Student Representatives

Second grade students from Ms. Bernardi's class used a document camera to present a story they wrote, based on a book of pictures. The students were tasked with creating a story using detailed descriptions from the pictures.

Annual Audit Report

Director of Business Services Julie Baldwin presented the audited financial reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 for auditor Kenny Allen, who could not attend the meeting due to inclement weather. She reported the district obtained an "unmodified" or clean opinion, the highest level attainable. Mr. Allen noted kudos to Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Cusick and staff for their excellent work.

Update on Early Learning

Early Learning Coordinator Lauren Sigman described the elements of the early learning programs, including the Teen Parent Program, Child Development Courses/early learning labs, Learning is Fun Together (LIFT), and transitioning to kindergarten. Ms. Sigman stressed the importance of early education, citing data demonstrating that at-risk students who have access to it are less likely to drop out and become a teen parent, more likely to attend college, and less likely to be arrested for a violent crime.

Division 22 Standards Report

Special Programs Administrator Libba Sager reported the district is in compliance with the requirements of Division 22 standards.

Every three years, the state of Oregon requires districts to report on all standards, including the process used to determine compliance. 2016/17 is such a year for LCSD.

In addition to assuring compliance with the full list of standards, the district must provide detailed evidence regarding compliance with one standard selected by ODE. This year, the standard is the identification of Talented and Intellectually Gifted Students.

During the intervening years, districts must provide specific information regarding selected standards.

West Area Report

Yaquina View Principal Kristin Becker introduced herself to the Board, noting her 25-year tenure in the district in many roles. She noted Yaquina View serves 472 students in grades K-2.

Staff are focusing on four areas this year: student self-regulation, a book study on *Conscious Discipline*, family involvement with an emphasis on including Hispanic families, and literacy. "We want to nurture a love of learning," said Becker.

Financial Reports

Director of Business Services Julie Baldwin reported projected tax revenues are examined

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using the prior, current, and projected year to ensure accuracy. Student enrollment increased in December; staff is watching this closely as budgeting for the coming year has begun.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Boynton recognized and thanked the LCSD Board of Directors for their service, in honor of School Board Recognition Month. Board members are volunteers and represent all areas of the district.

Mr. Boynton reported Crestview Heights Elementary received a \$1500 grant from the Northwest Health Foundation for the "Let's Move Active Schools" program. The funds will purchase additional standing desks and alternative seating that allows students to be up and moving.

The Superintendent congratulated Newport High senior Brooke Foiles, taking classes at Oregon Coast Community College through the Early College Program. Ms. Foiles was selected as one of two OCCC representatives to the 2017 All Oregon Academic Team, one of 40 students in Oregon.

Mr. Boynton reminded board members of the policies work session scheduled for January 25, 2017- 6:30 p.m. at the Newport High Boone Center.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, Dec. 14, 2016 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items, including:**
 - Classified Hires:** Ruth Ross, Toledo Elem.; Kelly Newton, Taft Elem.; Carole Holmson, Sam Case; Paola Claycomb, Sam Case; Charli Haft, Taft Elem.

Approval, Supt. Evaluation Form/ Timeline

The Board approved the timeline and form

(instrument) for the annual evaluation of the superintendent. The evaluation is based on board-developed goals for the superintendent. The Board will meet in February with the Superintendent in executive session to discuss the evaluation.

Policy DN, Disposal of District Property

The Board approved revised policy DN, Disposal of District Property. A review revealed that this policy did not align properly with the annual organizational resolution. Staff revised the policy to match the resolution, giving the Deputy Clerks the right to declare district property as surplus. The Board would need to approve disposing surplus property valued over \$25,000.

Resolution, Construction Excise Tax

The Board approved a resolution increasing the construction excise tax rate to \$1.07 per square foot for residential construction, and \$0.53 for non-residential construction. Although the Board approved this increase at the December 2016 board meeting, taxing entities require a board approved resolution.

Career/Technical Education Programs

Superintendent Boynton introduced Oregon Coast Community College President Birgitte Ryslinge and OCCC Dean of Academics and Workforce Dan Lara, present in the audience.

Mr. Boynton reported several Career Technical Education (CTE) programs are in place currently in the district, including Early Childhood Education and Development, Culinary Arts, Commercial Art, Drafting, Construction, First Responder and Commercial Tourism. Different high schools offer different CTE programs. Programs being developed include Business Services, Educational Careers, Health Occupations, Manufacturing/Engineering, and Hospitality. In the pre-

development stage are computer science/coding and unmanned aerial devices.

The Superintendent has been working with OCCC President Ryslingle for over a year to partner in the offering of several of the CTE programs. Both organizations are working hard to offer programs to give students meaningful experiences and prepare them for high wage jobs.

Information on STAR Data

Director of Elementary and Special Education Susan Van Liew reported students in Kindergarten and first grade are generally not included in STAR reports, as STAR testing requires the ability to read. These students are assessed using other methods, and instruction is adjusted accordingly.

She noted data for buildings with grades K-2 are difficult to interpret at a broad building level for several reasons. Some students are not developmentally ready to succeed on the assessment, and students become ready at different times throughout the year. Because of this, some students do not have the same amount of data in the system. She also reported students' writing is being assessed to adjust instructional strategies.

Superintendent Boynton presented a summary of STAR data for students in grades two through six, noting the expectations for growth and achievement were raised significantly this year. "The goal here is the level of achievement against the average student."

He presented a chart showing reading and math results by area, as well as district results. He reported that proficiency is up by 4% compared to last year, with the second half of the year to go. (Last year, the biggest student gains occurred in the second half of the year.)

Admission of Non-Resident Students, 2017/18

Superintendent Boynton noted a state law enacted in 2011 allows districts to continue to enter into voluntary inter-district transfers with other districts, but also created a new transfer process that does not require the consent of the district in which the student lives.

Part of the law directs the Board to decide on the number of students they wish to admit under this process by March 1st each year. Mr. Boynton recommended the board admit "zero" students under this process, but continue with inter-district transfers as it has for many years. This item will return for the board's consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Insurance Agent of Record

The Board approved Brown & Brown Northwest as Insurance Agent of Record for all insurances other than health. This company is the largest PACE agent in Oregon, and handles 60 Oregon school districts ranging from very small to the largest district, Portland Public Schools.

The current provider has provided adequate service, but staff is looking for additional proactive service in the area of risk management. Making a change mid-year will allow the new provider an opportunity to work with the district for insurance renewals for the coming year.

2017/18 ESD Resolution Services

Each year, the Linn/Benton/Lincoln ESD presents a resolution to each of the twelve districts within their boundaries describing services to be provided the following year by the ESD and funded with "Resolution" dollars. The resolution is for one year (2017/18) and will return to the board for consideration at the next meeting.