

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Board of Directors**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2016- 7:00 p.m.**

**Oceanlake Elementary School**

**Lincoln City, Oregon**

**Minutes**

**PRESIDING:** Liz Martin, Chairman

**Present:** Liz Martin, Chairman; Karen Bondley, Vice Chairman; Ron Beck, Amanda Remund, Directors

**Also Present:** Steve Boynton, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary

**Handouts:** Financial Statements, 4/30/16; Nutrition Services Newsletter May 2016; Enrollment Report, 4/30/16; Taft Elementary School 2015-16

**Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum**

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

**Student Representatives**

Second grade students from Oceanlake's Ms. Smith's class performed an instrumental song composed by music teacher Mike Freel. The students used a variety of instruments, including African style hand drums, xylophones, maracas and rain sticks.

**North Area Report-**

**Oceanlake Acting Principal Betsy Wilcox** reported many of the instruments played by students that evening were made possible by the Music to Schools grant. She noted Oceanlake and Taft Elementary will have music all year long next year, up from one semester this year.

Ms. Wilcox congratulated Structured Learning Center teacher Noelle Stoll, who was named teacher of the year in Lincoln City and honored at the Community Days banquet.

She reported Oceanlake will host a STEAM night on May 26, and noted music concerts will take place at Oceanlake on June 6, 7 and 9 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**Taft High Principal Majalisse Tolan** noted work is continuing on AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination; a college readiness program), made possible by the Nike Innovation grant. The work will continue next year, with seven additional teachers being trained.

One highlight of this school year was a recent student-led staff meeting, said Tolan. The students shared survey data they collected about hand washing and bullying. The bullying data they collected was also shared with PFLAG, who decided to grant the money needed to purchase the Olweus Bully Prevention

School Wide Survey for Taft 7-12. This survey will allow students to compare their own survey and results with an internationally normed survey and learn even more about the school and culture.

Janice Hathaway, Taft 7-12 Alternative Education coordinator, was named Classified employee of the year in Lincoln City. Ms. Tolan reported the school will be showcased at the Lincoln City Cultural Center on May 18 from 5 to 7 p.m., and reported Fiddler on the Roof will open on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> with a live orchestra.

**Taft Elementary Principal Nick Lupo** introduced Assistant Principal Becca Bostwick, and noted they focused on character education this year, using the Olweus system. Positive Behavior Support practices are being used school-wide, and monthly “up-stander” assemblies are held.

Mr. Lupo reported that he and school staff reviewed the school’s mission and vision mid-year, which was a meaningful process for all.

Sixth grade at Taft Elementary School is designed to give students more of a middle school experience. All sixth graders have band first thing in the morning at the high school, then return to Taft Elementary for Core reading and math instruction. They also have four electives: ROV, art, drama and cooking.

Several sixth grade students addressed the board about their experience at a recent ROV (Remote Operated Vehicle) competition, and described the salt water aquarium at Taft Elementary of which sixth graders are in charge.

Mr. Lupo noted testing will occur in the next couple of weeks, which should show good student academic growth.

## **Financial Reports**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin delivered the proposed 2016/17 budget document to board members, reminding them of the first Budget Committee meeting Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. at Newport High School.

Ms. Baldwin noted that local revenue (county school fund and state timber revenue) is coming in unusually strongly. This will not mean additional revenue to the district, as these funds are included in the State School Fund (SSF) formula. Excess collections will have to be repaid in May 2017. ODE is doing final reconciliations for last school year, examining the current school and planning for the coming school year, said Baldwin.

Many factors in a school district’s budget are beyond control of the district (i.e. the teacher experience rating, poverty, excess special education funding, as well as the projection of statewide local revenue). The Superintendent has been working toward increasing the ending fund balance as cash reserves will be used in next year’s budget, and the following biennium is concerning. This intentional increase of the reserve fund has not occurred at the expense of students, as programs have been expanded and teachers added.

## **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Boynton thanked the Walter R. Behrens Foundation for a donation of over \$10,000 to purchase guided reading books for Oceanlake Elementary. He also thanked the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution fund for their donation of \$3,300 for the same purpose.

Mr. Boynton thanked Bob Thompson of Newport for loaning a tractor with bucket to help volunteers for the Newport softball team set foul poles at the Yaquina View varsity softball field. Matt Klaudt and Jake Mattson helped install the poles.

The Superintendent thanked Kate Becker from Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital and her crisis response dog Amber. The team helped students and staff at Oceanlake after the death of a beloved staff member.

Mr. Boynton recognized Toledo Jr./Sr. High, who is sending two teams to the National KidWind competition in New Orleans in May. Central Lincoln P.U.D. generously donated \$2,000 toward the teams' travel. Crestview Heights placed first and third in the grade three through six wind energy competition, and Toledo Elementary placed second.

In Remote Operated Vehicles (ROVs), the Newport High "Finnovators" will represent Oregon in international competition and will travel to NASA's Neutral Buoyancy lab in Houston, Texas. LCSD had 21 teams in this competition, representing nearly every school in the district. Many teachers and volunteers made both of these competitions possible.

#### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**Motion 15/16-36**

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

- Minutes, April 12, 2016 Regular Session;**
- Minutes, April 26, 2016 Work Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items.**

#### **Compass Learning**

**Motion 15/16-37**

On motion of Director Remund, seconded by Director Beck, the Board unanimously approved a five-year contract with Compass Learning to provide an online curriculum support system. It allows teachers to supplement their instruction with applications and resources designed to enhance student growth rates.

Compass was piloted at several schools and proved beneficial to students. (Those with Compass are out-performing those without). It will be available at all elementary schools in the district, including charter schools. Approving the contract at this time will allow summer online learning experiences for students.

#### **Layoff of Personnel**

**Motion 15/16-38**

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved the need for a layoff of personnel for the 2016/17 school year, though every effort will be made to minimize the effects to students and staff.

## **PACE- Joinder to Trust Agreement**

**Motion 15/16-39**

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Remund, the Board unanimously approved a “Joinder to Trust” agreement for Property and Casualty coverage for Education (PACE).

Oregon law requires that self-insured public entity programs be formed through an intergovernmental agreement between the participating entities. The district has such a program through PACE, which has been recently revised. The two substantive changes to the agreement are a new dispute resolution process and the ability of PACE Trustees to serve up to three terms of three years each.

In order for the district to continue receiving PACE insurance benefits, the board must adopt a “Joinder of Trust Agreement” no later than June 30, 2016. This agreement principally states the parties agree to the changes in the intergovernmental agreement.

## **Approval of 2016/17 School Calendars**

**Motion 15/16-40**

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Beck, the Board unanimously approved two 2016/17 area calendars, one for the north and west areas, and one for the east and south areas. Staff proposed using similar calendars to those used this year, with the north and west areas using a semester system, and those in the east and south using a trimester system.

## **Discussion on Charter Contract, Siletz Valley School**

The term for Siletz Valley School (grades K-8) will end on June 30, 2016. Director Susan Van Liew has been working with attorneys and Siletz staff to develop a new charter (contract).

Staff proposes increasing the term from five to ten years, and adding a requirement at the suggestion of ODE of quarterly reports on academic progress.

The charter was sent to the board under separate cover. It will return for the board’s consideration at the June 14, 2016 meeting.

Ms. Van Liew noted conversations have begun regarding combining the two charters in Siletz into one K-12 contract. This discussion will continue in the fall.

## **Discussion on 2016/17 Food Services Contract**

The district currently has a contract with Sodexo for food services. State law requires annual renewals for food services, so although the district renewed its contact with Sodexo for food services for a five year term during 2012/13, a one year renewal is required for the coming year.

The Community Eligibility Program (C.E.P.) has been successful this year, and the district will continue it in 2016/17.

The Sodexo food services contract for the coming year will return for the board’s consideration at the next meeting.

## Discussion on 2016/17 Board Meeting Calendar

For many years, the school board has held its meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. For the coming year, a change is proposed to meet on the second **Wednesday** of the month.

This change will address conflicts with sporting events and other activities board members may wish to attend, as well as conflicts with the Superintendent's schedule.

Staff and board calendars do not allow a July board meeting, so the first board meeting in 2016/17 may be August 10<sup>th</sup> at Newport Middle School.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent