



# ***BOARD REPORT***

**A Summary of the January 14, 2014 School Board Meeting**

The school board met in regular session on January 14, 2014 at Newport Intermediate School with approximately 50 members of the staff, media and patrons present.

## **Communications**

Jeanne St. John addressed the Board on behalf of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) regarding anti-bullying and “no name calling week.” She and co-chair Ineka Estabrook presented a check to support the anti-bullying program at Taft 7-12.

## **National Board Certified Teachers**

LCSD teachers Tami Johnson and Erinne Irish earned new certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and mentor teacher Kristin Becker was recertified. Board Chair Ron Beck presented each of the teachers with a framed letter of appreciation and expressed gratitude for their dedication and hard work.

## **Board Reports**

Board Vice Chair Liz Martin announced that the Board would like to name the gym at Sam Case “Rinearson Court” in recognition of Superintendent Tom Rinearson and his many contributions to LCSD over the last ten years.

The Board approved this idea, and noted their desire to hold the February 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting at Sam Case to dedicate the gym as mentioned.

## **Lincoln City Urban Renewal Presentation**

Director Kurt Olsen of the Lincoln City Urban Renewal Agency introduced Lincoln City representatives in attendance (Mayor Dick Anderson, Assistant Urban Renewal Director Alison Robertson, and Finance Director Debbie

Mammone), and presented a proposal developed by that agency. Mr. Olsen reported they would like to amend their Year 2000 Development Plan in order to fund infrastructure projects, thus allowing development in the north end of Lincoln City. Expected results of this plan include an increase in construction excise tax funds to LCSD as well as local construction jobs.

Mr. Olsen noted the urban renewal agency will meet on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in Lincoln City Council Chambers to discuss the plan and receive input on it.

## **Student Representatives**

Newport Intermediate Counselor Erin Carey presented a slide show of the many activities in which students there have participated. She reported students are learning about respect as well as character education and leadership skills.

Fifth grade students Jillian Thompson and Hattie Imbler-Bremner shared a presentation about the leadership and anti-bullying skills they are studying.

Sixth grade teacher Joy Boeckman introduced students Ashton Sampson, Alina Chavez, and Madison Tough. The students described their work with special education students, the eight essentials of leadership, and their plan for a field trip to the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

INMS science teacher Katie Sard introduced students Britnie Gwynn and Ben Pierias, who described the upcoming winter social, recent field trips to the “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” play, NOAA, and the

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Hatfield Marine Science Center. They expressed appreciation for new art teacher Amber Sprague, and said three new electives will be offered second semester. A boat building competition is planned for March.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant Update**

Joyce Thompson Graham described the new 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant that provides afterschool enrichment programs focused on science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.

The program is offered at five school based sites (Taft Elementary, Sam Case, Siletz Valley School, Toledo Elementary and Crestview Heights) along with the Neighbors for Kids site in Depoe Bay. There is also a partnership between Crestview Heights and Seashore Family Literacy Center.

216 students are now participating in the program, with 150 on the waiting list. Ms. Thompson invited interested parties to volunteer for and/or donate to the program.

### **West Area Report**

Sam Case Principal Ryan Relken asked to postpone his report until the 'Rinearson Court' dedication next month. He thanked Board members for their service and said education is a community issue.

Newport Intermediate Principal Tiana Tucker noted most of her report was shared by students earlier in the meeting, and said the addition of a counselor and art teacher has benefited the school immeasurably. She reported students are holding a sock drive for homeless students, and said four teachers from her building applied for model classroom designation.

Newport Prep/High Principal Jon Zagel said he would like to provide a report after semester grades are released (with regard to the revised school schedule this year). He thanked the Board for their leadership.

### **Financial Reports**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of December 31, 2013. She noted the 2012/13 audit report was shared by Pauly, Rogers and Associates via email to the Board. Student enrollment is looking positive.

For capital improvements, Ms. Baldwin reported funds remitted to T. Gerding in December were primarily for Gerding's expenditures, and reminded Board members that overall, 70% of funds paid for construction of Waldport High School were retained in Lincoln County (approximately \$9.9 million).

Ms. Baldwin expressed gratitude to the Board for all they do, especially with regard to their work with Superintendent Rinearson. Chairman Beck thanked Ms. Baldwin and her staff for their stellar work, as confirmed by the auditor.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rinearson thanked the many organizations and individuals around the county who joined forces to help homeless youth at the holidays, including World Mark, Mariner's Square, District Office staff, OCCC nursing students, the Newport Rotary, Cohen and Park Photography, Yaquina Bay Communications and local businesses. "This is an indicator of our community and partnerships, and the amazing things that can happen when they are aligned," said Rinearson.

The Superintendent introduced Linn Benton Lincoln ESD Superintendent designate Mary McKay, who attended the board meeting.

He thanked all board members for their service in honor of school board recognition month, noting they would be presented with a small gift later in the meeting.

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

The Board approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- **Minutes, November 12, Regular Session;**
- **Minutes, 12/16/13 Special Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items and addendum:**
  - **New Temporary Licensed Hires:** Peggy Shea, Taft 7-12; Theresa Chirgwin, Sam Case; Andrea Kopshever, Mentor Teacher; Amy Shumate, Sam Case;
  - **New Classified Hires:** Christine Carlson, Taft Elem.; Shannon Smith, Sam Case; Jamie Martinson, D.O.; Blair Belloni, D.O.; Robin Colton, NHS; Nancy Gard, Crestview; Brandi Perry, TOES; Judy Imbler, Sam Case; Jacki Loomis, NIS;
  - **New Coaches:** Robert Duprau, NHS; Gina Marchant, Toledo Jr/Sr; Alexis Steenkolk, NHS; Gavin Santiago, NHS;
  - **Resignations:** Margie Grinnell, Sam Case; Kimberly Miller, Taft Elem.; Shelly Dockins, Sam Case; Matt Hilgers, Taft 7-12; Frances Bonner, Crestview; Megan Miller-Morgan, TOES; Tobi Palombi, Taft 7-12; Teresa Hanshumaker, Crestview; Micky Willoughby, Taft Elem.; Carmen Rosa, Taft Elem.; Amy Heitstuman, Sam Case; Angela Scofield, Crestview;
- **Policy DJA, District Procurement;**
- **Search Screening Committee.**

### **Approval of Planned Course Statement, Gender Studies**

The Board approved a new course developed by Taft 7-12 titled Gender Studies. The class will provide Fine Arts credit and adds to the number of high academic caliber electives available. The class will be offered starting the second semester of this school year.

### **Approval of Planned Course Statement, Stress Management**

The Board approved a new course developed by Toledo Jr./Sr. High titled Stress Management. The class will provide elective credit and will teach students how to manage stress by using a

variety of relaxation techniques. This class will also be offered starting at the second semester.

### **Ocean Literacy Update**

Teacher on Special Assignment Matt Love and graphic artist Tim Sproul described the “Devocean” (devotion to the ocean) effort debuting in Lincoln County School District. LCSD administrators, teachers, students and community partners in marine science and education have collaborated together to study the ocean in innovative ways.

Devocean is a new awareness-raising campaign that will showcase the many extraordinary happenings related to ocean education in the district. Board members were presented with sweatshirts bearing the Devocean logo in honor of school board recognition month.

### **Division 22 Standards Update**

Operations Administrator Joe Novello noted the District is in substantial compliance with requirements of OAR 581-022-1610, Standards for Public Elementary and Secondary Schools. An assurance form will be submitted to ODE by the deadline of April 15, 2014.

### **Request to Renew Charters- Siletz Early College Academy and Eddyville**

The Board received letters from both Siletz Early College Academy and Eddyville Charter Schools requesting renewal of the respective charter contracts. Public hearings for both requests will be held at the February 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting; the Board will consider the requests by March 11, 2014.

### **Admission of Non-Resident Students**

The 2011 state legislature approved a bill allowing 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 school

district in which the student lives. Two years ago, the Board adopted Policy JECB, Admission of Nonresident Students which describes the process to accommodate this law.

Part of the law directs the Board to decide upon the number of students they wish to admit by March 1<sup>st</sup> each year. They may also decide not to give consent to any person under this process. This item will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

### **Discussion on Food Services Program**

Board members began a discussion on current food services in the District. Vice Chairman Liz Martin asked for information on the number of students eating breakfast and lunch daily, and said that any food being served should be of the highest quality.

Director Ellis challenged Board members to visit an elementary school to have lunch in the next month. She also asked to learn what barriers exist to the District's receipt of competitive bids for food services.

### **Policy IGBAJ, Special Education- Free and Appropriate Education**

Policy IGBAJ, Special Education- Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE) was revised to accommodate changes to a state law. Districts must provide FAPE to children with disabilities enrolled in a public charter school located in the district. This includes students who may not be residents of Lincoln County.

### **Policy JGAB, Use of Restraint and Seclusion**

Policy JGAB, Use of Restraint and Seclusion was revised due to changes in OAR 581-021-0559, which now requires districts to submit their annual report detailing the use of physical restraint and seclusion to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Prior to this change, the information was simply retained in the district

office.) Both policies will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

### **Custodial Services Contract**

The term for the contract with Sodexo for custodial services will end June 30, 2014. The District is continuing to work with Sodexo to improve custodial services and would like to extend the contract for five years, through June of 2019. All original terms and conditions remain the same. This item will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

### **Approval of Tech Infrastructure Proposal**

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni presented information on a cost proposal to upgrade switches in the district. This upgrade is needed in order to carry additional internet traffic. The Board approved a contract with Presidio to purchase switching equipment in the amount of \$251,956.95. (This item was moved to a Decision item to take advantage of an expiring price break.)

### **Superintendent Evaluation**

Each year, the Board usually conducts an evaluation of the Superintendent. Given the circumstances this year (i.e., that Superintendent is retiring), Chairman Beck asked the Board to consider whether this is necessary. The Board reached consensus not to conduct the evaluation this year.

### **Superintendent Succession Plan**

The search for a new superintendent is in process, with the application materials available on the district website. The position closes January 31<sup>st</sup>; the Board and screening committee are scheduled to meet February 5<sup>th</sup> for training, followed by a closed session to begin looking at applications. First interviews are tentatively scheduled to take place about February 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. *Next Regular Session Meeting: February 11, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at Sam Case Primary School*