



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the December 9, 2014 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on December 9, 2014 at Newport High School with approximately 30 members of the staff, media and patrons present.

Student Representatives

Three students from **Erin Carey's** Leadership class described what they are studying. **M'Kenzie Kirchner** reported students participate in STAR testing, which enables them to be placed at the appropriate level for reading and math. She said the teachers are "working hard to get us where we need to be."

Sheyton Catt-Smith noted the extra-curricular activities for students, including field trips to the Bayfront, making ice cream and pajamas days. These give the students a "brain break" said Sheyton. She also noted 'specials' at the school, including art, music and P.E.

Sujehy Gonzalez described the qualities of an "up-stander" (one who does not stand by and allow bullying to occur). She said two students from each class are selected each month as students of the month with regard to demonstrating these qualities; their pictures are placed on a bulletin board. She said there are eight essentials to stop bullying.

INMS Science teacher **Katie Sard** reported she was selected as a Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) master teacher by NASA. Students are gathering scientific data to be shared with NASA. She introduced student **Nathan Todd**, who described the rain gauge at the school and how students gather data about rainfall using the gauge.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported ADM is holding strong. She reminded the board that the ending fund balance on Special Revenue funds does not include encumbered expenses.

She reported the county school fund and state timber revenues are very unpredictable, and said she would reduce estimates to ODE for both categories.

Capital improvement activity was slower in November by design, so staff could ensure that bond expenses were captured before moving forward with other projects.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Boynton thanked the "Safe Routes to School" (through the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments) program for their award of \$500 worth of reflective rain gear to LCSD staff. The gear will be worn by staff while supervising elementary student crossing guards.

Mr. Boynton thanked the many individuals and organizations for recent donations to the **H.E.L.P.** (Homeless Education Literacy Program), including:

- Nursing students and the Associated Student Government at Oregon Coast Community college gathered approximately 1800 pounds of personal hygiene items, some of which will be distributed at H.E.L.P. holiday parties. The rest will be given out as needed;
- District office staff, American Title, Eagles, Newport Rotary, Worldmark Gleneden and Depoe Bay, TCB Security, and the Newport Kiwanis gathered pajamas, socks, jackets, hoodies and household items. These too will be distributed at holiday parties, and as needed;
- Newport High Leadership class, Santa's Workshop, the Toledo Foursquare Church and the Lincoln City Rotary are providing general support during the holidays; and
- Yaquina Bay Communications, the Gluten Free Place, Coastal Shoes, Congregational Church of Lincoln City, the Newport Boosters and private donors all contributed toward the gift card drive.

Mr. Boynton reminded the board that the last day of school before winter break is Friday, December 19th; school will be back in session on January 5, 2015. He wished Board Chair Liz Martin "happy birthday" (later in December).

The Board Report is a summary from the latest meeting of the Lincoln County School District Board of Directors. For additional information, you may contact Laurie Urquhart, Secretary or Steve Boynton, Superintendent at 265-4403.

The Superintendent noted a handout showing upcoming winter programs (concerts, etc.). He wished all a wonderful holiday season.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 11/18/14 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum, including:**
 - New Classified Hires:** Dawna McLain, Sam Case; Ellen Wenzel, Toledo Jr./Sr.;
 - New Coaches:** Mike Wagner, NHS; Lucas Marchant, Toledo Jr./Sr.,
 - Resignations:** James Dale, Oceanlake; Jon Lewis, Taft 7-12; Kara Burke, District Nurse; Leah Feinberg, Sam Case; Debbie Spidell, Facilities/Maintenance.

Approval of 2014/15 Board Goals

The Board approved four goals for the current year. They will focus on: •assisting the superintendent and district in using available resources in the most efficient way possible to increase student opportunity; •educating itself and being knowledgeable as to the district’s current needs and strategies to increase student achievement, and having the ability to communicate these to the public; •recognizing and celebrating the completion of the capital improvement projects; and •negotiating a contract with the LCEA, representing the needs and interests of the children of the district.

Approval of Cooperative Sports Agreement, Eddyville Student to NHS Swim Team

The board approved a cooperative sponsorship agreement between Eddyville Charter and Newport High to allow an Eddyville student to swim on Newport High’s swim team for the 2014/15 season. Eddyville does not have a swim team.

Discussion on Astronomy Course

Toledo Jr./Sr. High would like to offer a new course titled Astronomy. The course will provide another type of science credit for students and will be offered the second semester.

The board received the syllabus and planned course statement under separate cover. The course will return for the board’s consideration at the January meeting.

Discussion on Superintendent Evaluation-Process and Timeline

Each year the board of directors conducts an evaluation of the superintendent as prescribed by policy and the superintendent’s contract. A timeline and evaluation form were presented for the board’s review; they will consider both at the next meeting.

Discussion on Board Vacancies (After June 30, 2015)

An election for special districts will be held on May 19, 2015 for vacancies on the LCSD Board of Directors. After June 30, 2015 vacancies will exist in Zones 1 and 2, positions currently held by Karen Bondley and Liz Martin, respectively.

Candidates may file verified signatures or a \$10 filing fee with the County Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2015; the earliest date candidates may file is February 7, 2015.

Other

Superintendent Boynton noted Governor Kitzhaber released his budget for the coming biennium, and said the Governor did a “great job of starting a conversation and inspiring advocacy about how the budget affects students around the state.”



Have a wonderful holiday season!!

Next Meeting: January 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Sam Case Primary School