



# ***BOARD REPORT***

**A Summary of the February 12, 2013 School Board Meeting**

The school board met in regular session on February 12, 2013 at Newport High School with approximately 30 members of the staff, media and patrons present.

## **Public Hearing- Lincoln City Career Tech Charter School**

A public hearing was held to receive comments on the request from Lincoln City Career Tech Charter School to continue their contract with the district. The current contract will conclude June 30, 2013. The school would like to expand its enrollment by an additional 20 slots to operate a satellite campus in Newport. This satellite campus would serve students through a new YouthBuild program.

Community Services Consortium (CSC) Workforce and Education Director Clay Martin, Principal Sean Larsen and Education Supervisor Mark Peery presented information about Career Tech for the board's consideration. A decision on the renewal will be considered by the board at the next meeting.

## **Communications**

Thomas Hurst addressed the Board regarding the possible restructure of Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School. He asked Board members to consider the change carefully and to seek additional public input on the issue.

Lincoln City resident Erica Corett noted Career Tech was beneficial for her daughter, a high achieving student who needed a few credits to complete her diploma. She expressed her appreciation for the school.

Toledo Elementary Principal Bob Shindelman presented "scrolls" to Board members in honor of School Board Recognition Month (January).

## **West Area Report**

### **Student Non-Fiction Writing- Newport High**

Newport High Language Arts teacher Nina Fairfield and student Xavie Tryon presented information on non-fiction writing at Newport High. Ms. Tryon read an essay she wrote regarding her preferences in music (not jazz).

## **Financial Reports**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of January 31, 2013. She noted the recording of \$3 million under special revenue, explaining the FEMA grant funds are recorded there. (Part of the funds is held in escrow until a later date).

For capital construction, \$31.2 million has been spent in Lincoln County since passage of the bond measure. This figure represents 66% of the total bond funds spent.

Ms. Baldwin noted that securities held at Wells Fargo Bank are starting to mature.

## **Grants Update- FEMA**

Safety Coordinator Sue Graves and Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported the District is the recipient of a \$3 million pre-disaster mitigation grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the very first of its kind. The grant stipulates that the agency will purchase all structures and development rights on the existing Waldport High campus. The district will remove the school buildings and grandstands and will restore the site into open space. The property will be maintained in perpetuity with no future development.

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 Tom Rinearson, Superintendent at 265-4403.

Superintendent Rinearson noted the importance of acknowledging the history of the building and the generations of families who have attended there.

Discussions with City of Waldport representatives are ongoing regarding future uses of the open space property. The new Waldport High is scheduled to open in fall 2013.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Sodexo Food Services for their meal certification by ODE and the USDA. This rating signifies that Sodexo meals meet requirements of the federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, and results in additional meal reimbursement for the district.

Mr. Rinearson thanked parent Cait Goodwin for her extraordinary efforts coordinating the Newport science fair held at the Hatfield Marine Science Center January 31<sup>st</sup>. About 200 student displays were presented, representing work by about 400 middle school students. Some work by younger students was also displayed. 38 scientists from several organizations served as mentors.

The Superintendent recognized Crestview teacher Krista Williams for her receipt of a \$700 field trip grant from Target.

Mr. Rinearson thanked the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for their award of emergency preparedness matching grants. Of the \$30,000 the county budgeted for this program, LCSD schools are receiving \$22,500 for disaster supply caches. OCCC, the City of Newport, Newport Fire, North Lincoln Fire, and the City of Lincoln City all contributed their awards to LCSD for this project.

The Superintendent wished Director Kelley Ellis a belated (February 2<sup>nd</sup>) "happy birthday," and wished Vice Chair Jean Turner (February

29<sup>th</sup>) and Director Karen Bondley (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) early birthday wishes.

He reminded Board members of the Presidents' Day holiday February 18<sup>th</sup> (all district facilities closed), and noted the filing window for school board candidates is now open, through March 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

The Board approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 1/15/13 Regular Session;**
- Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Rubrics;**
- Regular Personnel Items, including:**
  - New Coach Hire:** Michael Ulstad, NHS;
  - Resignation/Retirement:** Kelly Wood, Taft Elem.; Craig Selvidge, Taft 7-12; Bea Robinson, Sam Case;
- 2013-15 ESD Resolution Services- Local Service Plan.**

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

The Board voted to admit zero students under the auspices of Policy JECB, Admission of Nonresident Students. The 2011 state legislature approved a bill allowing districts to continue to enter into voluntary inter-district transfers with other districts, but also creates a new transfer process that does not require the consent of the school district in which the student lives. Last year, 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 under this process by March 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

### **Classified Employees Week: March 4-8, 2013**

The Board approved a resolution proclaiming the week of March 4-8, 2013 as "Classified Employees Week" in LCSD. Vice Chairman Jean Turner read the proclamation to the

audience, and thanked Classified employees for the important week they do.

### **Redesign of NIS and INMS**

Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School Principal Majalise Tolan presented a redesign of the two schools to combine all sixth grade students into one level at Newport Intermediate. Isaac Newton Magnet School would then have grades seven and eight only.

The primary reason for this change is the adoption of Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Oregon, which demands increased rigor for all students. Having sixth grade students all in one level would help build their skill level using the middle school model, and would equalize the expectations for students in the same grade at the same building. Grades 7 and 8 at INMS would also see an increase in rigor.

The Superintendent asked Board members to forward questions on the proposal to him. This item will return for further discussion at the next board meeting.

### **Renewal of Licensed Personnel**

Human Resources Manager Chelsi Sholty presented a list of licensed contract renewals, as required by Oregon law. Each year, districts must notify all licensed employees of their contract status no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>. Licensed staff are recommended either for renewal, non-renewal, extension or non-extension of individual contracts.

A list of licensed employees was presented to the Board, with recommendations regarding contract status. The list will return for the Board's consideration at the next regular session.

### **Agent of Record, Other than Health Insurance**

The District has been served by a local agent of record for insurance coverage other than health for over 20 years. Immediate accessibility is critical, as is having an agent familiar with coastal climate and situations.

Policy EI, Insurance Agent of Record, currently states the District will solicit requests for proposals from qualified agents. Current purchasing policy allows selecting an agent of record, therefore staff recommends rescinding Policy EI. The insurance agent of record will be recommended to the Board in the annual organizational resolution, done each July.

Rescission of Policy EI will be considered by the Board at the next meeting.

### **Budget Assumptions**

Superintendent Rinearson is part of an effort by the Confederation of School Administrators (COSA) to share information regarding how different levels of state school funding will affect LCSD. Mr. Rinearson and Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented information showing potential impact to LCSD with state funding at four different levels. The financial impact information shared was gathered quickly, but represents one snapshot of what could occur.

The funding level proposed by the Governor (\$6.15 billion for K-12 education, statewide in the next biennium), is a "crisis budget" level of funding. In LCSD, an additional five days of school would be cut (for a total of ten) for the coming year. Programs would have to be reduced, including access to college courses. Textbook adoptions would be eliminated, impacting Common Core State Standards. Staff would be reduced (two administrators, four teachers, eight classified), and all co-curricular activities would be eliminated.

At the next level of funding (\$6.550 billion), cuts to LCSD would still need to occur. Five more school days would still need to be cut (total of ten). No cash reserves would be available to spend, as was done in the current year.

At the \$6.750 billion level of state funding for K-12 (a “stability budget”), all cut days would likely be restored. This funding level could also mean improvement in student achievement.

The final funding level of \$6.895 billion is the “investment and improvement” budget. A full school year would be provided, academic counseling support would be enhanced, and targeted investments aimed at improving achievement for all students would be made. This funding level would put LCSD on a trajectory to achieve Oregon’s 40-40-20 goal.

The Superintendent reported the 2013-14 budget for LCSD will be built on an assumed state funding level of \$6.2 billion for the coming biennium, though the true amount is yet unknown. Staffing sheets will go out to principals in March. Mr. Rinearson will share more information as it is known.

### **Food Services Management Process**

The Oregon Department of Education requires districts to solicit Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for food services every five years. (The contract is for one year, though may be renewed annually four additional years). Staff prepared the RFP which is currently awaiting ODE approval. The tentative timeline is for a recommendation to the Board at the April board meeting and final approval on May 14, 2013.

### **ESD Changes**

Education Service Districts in Oregon will most likely change due to proposals from Governor Kitzhaber. Superintendent Rinearson reported the latest thinking is that ESDs will be responsible for all professional development (K-

20), mentor programs, teacher improvement centers, and early childhood councils. The Superintendent will share more information as he receives it.

### **Superintendent’s Evaluation**

Vice Chairman Jean Turner shared the results of the Board’s annual evaluation of Superintendent Rinearson. As in past years, board members, principals and Learning Support Team members completed the evaluation form. Vice Chairman Turner commended the Superintendent for his “continued outstanding work with leadership/district culture, policy/governance, values/ethics of leadership and labor relations.”

Ms. Turner stated the Board is prepared to offer the Superintendent a three-year contract, the longest allowed by state law.

*Next Regular Session Meeting: March 12, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at Toledo Elementary School*