



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the March 12, 2013 School Board Meeting

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

East Area Report

Student Non-Fiction Writing- Toledo Elem.

Toledo Elementary Kindergarten students in Ms. Irish's class presented examples of their non-fiction writing. The students were tasked, using Write Tools prompts, to select their favorite kind of weather. Three students read their writings to the Board. (All three selected snow, and hot chocolate was a part of their reasoning).

Communications

Newport resident and teacher Amanda Zerr addressed the Board regarding proposed changes at INMS/NIS. She spoke in support of the changes, saying it would provide additional opportunities for gifted students.

Student Representative- Toledo Jr./Sr.

ASB President Kyle Cameron updated the Board on activities at Toledo Jr./Sr., including:

- spirit week/cancer awareness week was held, including a fund raiser for a cancer research facility;
- "brain day" included Yahtzee, chess, checkers and other games, as well as a friendly competition;
- a Sadie Hawkins dance was held close to Valentine's Day;
- fundraising for Doernbecher Children's Hospital will be held the week of March 18-21, including a kickoff assembly, a fashion show, lip sync contest and an auction.

East Area Report

Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Clint Raever distributed journals from the school's STEM

class to demonstrate students' non-fiction writing skills. Teachers Rich Berenson and Peter Lohonyay noted students are engaging in technical writing and reading in the class, and invited board members to visit.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked both teachers for their work.

Grants Update- MSP Grant

Community Curriculum Resource Liaison Ruth McDonald highlighted the U.S. Department of Education Title IIB "Math/Science Partnership" (MSP) grant. The two-year grant builds on previous "OCAMP" work, and includes several additional partners including the Tillamook School District. The new Oregon Coast Regional STEM Education Center will focus on teaching 18 LCSD and six Tillamook teachers to integrate science, technology, engineering and math through project/problem based learning.

In addition, the MSP project has been invited to join a National Science Foundation grant to pilot a new online professional development model to prepare for the Next Generation Science Standards.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of February 28, 2013. She noted the district will see an adjustment from ODE in May, 2014, affecting the district's ending fund balance. Higher "local income" means a reduction in State School Fund support.

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.

For capital construction, the district has expended approximately \$50 million of the \$68.6 million total, with 66.1% spent in Lincoln County.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Toledo Jr./Sr. High's CTE Program for their donation of \$171 to Toledo Food Share from the sale of scrap metal.

Mr. Rinearson recognized Toledo Elementary sixth grade teacher Dana Spink for her receipt of a \$400 Willamette University Action Research grant. The funds will purchase supplies to support students' work on designating TOES as a "Schoolyard Habitat" through the National Wildlife Federation.

The Superintendent thanked Mid Columbia Bus Company for its continuation of a \$2,000 donation for four \$500 scholarships (one \$500 award each to graduating seniors from Taft, Newport, Toledo and Waldport High Schools).

Mr. Rinearson thanked State Farm Insurance for a grant award of \$5,720 to purchase tents for the Taft disaster supply cache project.

The superintendent reminded the Board that Friday, March 22nd is a furlough day (all schools closed). Spring Break is March 25-29, with all schools closed.

Mr. Rinearson congratulated Newport Intermediate School, attendance flag winners for the month of January.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 2/12/13 Regular Session;**
- Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement, Eddyville Softball Player to Toledo Jr./Sr.;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum, including:**

-New Coach Hires: Morgan Kilduff, WHS; Justin James, Taft 7-12; Dustin Hankins, Taft 7-12; Brock Martin, Taft 7-12;

-New Classified Hires: Vicki Lott, Taft 7-12; Bruce VanDyke, Newport Intermediate; Julie Morris, Taft 7-12; Annette Delehanty, NHS; Leon Buel, Facilities/Maintenance; Dana Snyder, Special Programs; Constanze Waterbury, Sam Case;

-New Temporary Licensed: Kelsey Hammond, Taft Elem.; Luke Flowerday, Taft 7-12;

-Resignation/Retirements: Lynn Hawley, Taft 7/12; Dave O'Donnell, Taft Elem.; Carolyn Dyle, Newport Prep/High; Ashley Perkins, Oceanlake; Chuck Buel, Facilities/Maintenance; Charla Guiwits, Homeless program; Jennifer Anderson, Oceanlake; Lacy Barth, Special Programs; Brent Barth, Tech.; Marina Valesa, NIS; Jesus Hernandez, Taft Elem.; Pam Sullivan, Toledo Elementary;

•**Renewal and Non-Renewal; Extension and Non-Extension of Probationary/Permanent Licensed Employees;**

•**Contracts, C. Sholty, J. Baldwin, R. Belloni;**
•**Rescind Policy EI, Insurance Agent of Record.**

Charter Renewal, Lincoln City Career Tech

The Board approved renewal of the charter with Community Services Consortium for Lincoln City Career Tech Charter School. The request from the school includes an additional 20 ADM at a satellite campus in Newport that will serve students through a new YouthBuild program.

The Board's decision will enable staff to negotiate a contract (charter) with CSC for the school. The contract will return for the Board's consideration at a later date.

Redesign of NIS and INMS

At the February board meeting, Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School Principal Majalisse Tolan presented a proposal to redesign 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 Board continued the discussion at the March meeting.

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. “There is more student thinking and doing, as opposed to multiple choice memorization,” said Tolan.

Ms. Tolan held a series of community meetings around the district to share information and answer questions. This topic will return for the Board’s consideration at the April board meeting.

2013/14 Budget Update

Superintendent Rinearson reported the co-chairs of the Ways and Means Committee of the state legislature released a budget plan for the 13-15 biennium. The co-chairs’ budget suggests funding for K-12 education be set at \$6.55 billion, with an additional \$200 million in suggested PERS reform savings. This PERS savings is not guaranteed, and would not affect LCSD as the PERS rate in this district did not increase.

The funding picture continues to change daily, as clarifications are gleaned. Mr. Rinearson noted that budgeting activities with principals have been postponed. The LCSD budget will be built on the co-chairs’ budget; information on next year’s budget will be shared as it is learned.

Superintendent’s Contract

Chairman Beck reported the Board conducted the Superintendent’s annual evaluation in

February, and a public statement was issued after that meeting. The Board reached consensus to offer the Superintendent a three year contract, the longest allowed by state law.

Strong Schools, Strong State Resolution

The Board approved a resolution supporting stable funding for schools in Oregon. A coalition of education leaders including the Oregon School Boards Association, the Oregon PTA, Oregon School Employees Association, Confederation of Oregon School Administrators, the Oregon Education Association and others are united in an effort to support adequate and stable funding for schools in our state.

The resolution will be forwarded to Rep. David Gomberg and Sen. Arnie Roblan as well as to Governor Kitzhaber.

*Next Regular Session Meeting: April 9, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
at Taft 7-12 School*