



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the June 10, 2014 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on June 10, 2014 at Newport High School with approximately 50 members of the staff, media and patrons present. Chairman Beck was excused from the meeting. Vice Chairman Liz Martin thanked everyone for attending the reception held prior to the meeting honoring retiring Superintendent Tom Rinearson.

Public Hearing- Approved Budget

The Board recessed into a public hearing of the approved 2014-15 budget. Toledo resident Jim Chambers addressed the Board about athletic appropriations to Newport High School.

LCEA President Margie Grinnell addressed the Board about ongoing contract negotiations between the District and union, stating that a proposed 1% increase to licensed staff is not acceptable, especially given concessions made during the recession/teacher negotiations a few years ago. She supported her position by sharing CPI figures from Portland from the last several years.

The regular session board meeting was then reconvened.

Tom Moore Memorial Award

Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Clint Raever introduced Heather Fortner, President of the Toledo Arts Guild. Ms. Fortner described activities members of the Guild have done to provide art instruction to Toledo Jr./Sr. students.

Mr. Raever then surprised Ms. Fortner by presenting her with the district's top award for volunteerism, the Tom Moore Memorial award.

Communications

Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) interim president Bruce Koike thanked the Board for their service and urged them to communicate the benefits of attending OCCC. He reported the college enjoyed increased enrollment this year, the only community college in the state to do so.

PAADA Coordinator Don McDonald and PFLAG President Jeanne St. John expressed their concerns regarding the reduction of two Health Services Advocates at school based health centers.

Board Reports

Director Karen Bondley reported she met with the county health department regarding the Health Services Advocates positions, expressing her opinion about their importance. She also noted she recently presented information on health services careers to Lincoln City Career Tech students.

Director Kelley Ellis said she was honored to have attended graduations at Eddyville, Siletz and Toledo, noting all were wonderful.

Director Terri Woodd reported Waldport had a "splendid graduation," and Vice Chairman Liz Martin attended graduation ceremonies at Taft and Newport High. She expressed her appreciation of both schools' events.

Ms. Martin also attended a recent "Farm to Market" event at Sam Case hosted by Sodexo food services.

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.

West Area Report

Outgoing Sam Case principal Ryan Relken thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to serve in that role the last four years. Mr. Relken and his family are returning to Michigan to be with family. He also thanked Superintendent Tom Rinearson and Newport High principal Jon Zagel for their mentorship.

Mr. Zagel reported Newport High had 125 graduates, with approximately \$700,000 in local scholarships and three IB diplomas. Every spring sports team went to state playoffs.

He thanked an anonymous donor for contributing \$5,000 to the Newport High band to purchase a bass saxophone.

Mr. Zagel thanked Superintendent Tom Rinearson for all he has given to the district the last ten years, saying Rinearson has a “tough day meter. When someone needs you, you come by.”

Insurance Carriers- Other than Health

District Agent of Record John Russell of PayneWest Insurance recommended the district continue with its current insurance carriers (SDAO/PACE for property, liability, vehicles, and errors/omissions, and SAIF for workers compensation insurance).

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported revenue from federal forest fees projected by ODE came in significantly less than projected. This will be adjusted in May 2015 by ODE.

Enrollment is holding steady; interest rates remain flat.

Ms. Baldwin reported \$40.1 million of the \$63 bond issue was spent in Lincoln County (64%).

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked the Oregon Community Foundation, Siletz Bay Music Festival and the Lincoln City Cultural Center for a \$210,000 “Studio to Schools” grant to Taft 7-12, Oceanlake and Taft Elementary schools. The grant will support music education in a variety of ways, and will be distributed over the next three years.

The Superintendent recognized Waldport High teacher Dominic Scharp, INMS teacher Amber Houck, and Toledo Jr./Sr. High teacher Scott Metz for their support of students participating in the Waldport Library Young Writers competition. Jill Tierce and Sharon McCrum of the Waldport Public Library shared their appreciation of the teachers in a letter to Superintendent Tom Rinearson.

Mr. Rinearson gave kudos to Taft 2014 graduate Henry Lahti for 13 years of perfect school attendance. Mr. Lahti attended a private school through ninth grade, then went to Taft 7-12. He is a scholar athlete and earned a year of college credit as a high school student.

The Superintendent congratulated Newport Intermediate, attendance flag winners for May (followed closely by Sam Case Primary).

He noted his attendance at the “Seeds, Sand and Storms” literary review held at the Lincoln City Cultural Center recently. The event highlighted writing efforts of Taft’s seventh and eighth grade students, featured the school’s jazz band, and was catered by Taft’s culinary students. “It was an amazing event,” said Rinearson.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 5/13/14 Regular Session;
- Eddyville Charter Contract, 2014-2019;
- Siletz Valley Early College Academy Charter Contract, 2014-2019;

•Regular Personnel Items and addendum, including:

-New Administrative Hires: Dave Kline, Asst. Principal, NHS/NPA; Jim Helmen, Asst. Principal, Taft 7-12/North Area SpEd Coordinator;

-New Classified Hires: Jamie Nicholson, D.O.;

-Resignations: Keith Hamilton, NIS; Jon Ziegler, Toledo Jr/Sr.; Ryan Relken, Sam Case; Angelina Scarminach, Taft Elem.; Brandy Hill, Toledo Elem.; Stephanie Lilley, D.O.; Jennifer Stobie, Crestview; Nina Kettles-Fairfield, NHS; Morgan Rutherford, Oceanlake; Ashlea Templeton, Taft 7-12; Alma Simon, Crestview Heights; Brandi Ward, Oceanlake; Ryan Custodio, Oceanlake; Melinda Paulson, Taft 7-12; Pat Neal, Toledo Jr/Sr.;

•Food Services Contract, Sodexo, 2014/15;

•Organizational Resolution, 2014/15;

•Board Meeting Schedule, 2014/15;

•Amendment to Contract, Steve Boynton.

Resolution Adopting the 2014/15 Budget

The Board approved the resolution adopting the 2014/15 budget, with further discussions to occur regarding the disbursement of athletic funding and seeking some sort of remedy regarding the loss of two health service advocates.

Approval of Appropriations Transfer

The Board approved a resolution allowing a transfer between funds, as allowed by law. Each year the budget is reviewed to ensure that appropriation levels and actual spending are in accordance with budget law. After this review, it was determined that a transfer was necessary.

Approval of Insurance Carriers

The Board approved SDAO/PACE for property, liability, vehicles, and errors/omissions insurance, and SAIF for workers compensation insurance.

Discussion on New Course, STEM III

Principal Clint Raever and CTE teacher Peter Lohonyay presented the new STEM III course, comprised of two semester-long classes: Introduction to Microprocessors, and Introduction to Robotics. The classes will continue the emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) begun at the school over the last few years. The course will return for the Board's consideration at the August board meeting.

Policy GBK/JFCG/KGC, Tobacco Free Environment

Student Services Administrator Aaron Belloni presented a revised policy GBK/JFCG/KGC, Tobacco-Free Environment. The policy was revised to include electronic and replica cigarettes. All of the policies presented by Mr. Belloni will return for the Board's consideration at an upcoming board meeting.

Policies, Section J- Students

Aaron Belloni presented several revised policies and one set of administrative rules. The revisions were necessitated due to a change in state law regarding the zero tolerance for weapons policy and consequences to students for bringing a weapon to campus. Zero tolerance remains in effect for firearms and requires an expulsion of not less than one year. All other weapons violations no longer require automatic expulsion. Suspected weapons violations will be thoroughly investigated and may result in discipline up to and including expulsion.

The following policies are affected by this change: •Policy JFC, Student Code of Conduct; •Policy JFCJ, JFCJ-AR, Weapons in the Schools; •Policy JG, Student Discipline.

Board Special/Work Session, July

Due to scheduling issues, the July board meeting was moved to July 22nd, 6:30 p.m. at Newport Intermediate School. The board will meet in a brief special session that evening to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman, and to consider regular personnel items. Following the special session, they will meet in a work session setting with a consultant for training on board roles/responsibilities, working agreements and communication skills. Vice Chairman Martin asked board members to contact Laurie Urquhart with other suggestions.

Other

Ms. Martin thanked Sodexo for helping with the refreshments at the Superintendent's reception.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked everyone "for the memories."



Hope your summer leaves you floating on air!

***Next Board Meeting: July 22, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
at Newport Intermediate (Special Session and
Work Session)***