



# ***BOARD REPORT***

**A Summary of the August 12, 2014 School Board Meeting**

The school board met in regular session on August 12, 2014 at Newport Intermediate School with approximately 10 members of the staff, media and patrons present. Director Ellis was excused from the meeting.

## **Communications**

LCEA President Peter Lohonyay addressed the Board regarding his new position as leader of the local teachers' union, stating his belief that collaboration and data driven decisions best describe how he prefers to work. He said he would like to share the wonderful things teachers are doing and that he believes in open, honest communication.

## **Board Reports**

Director Karen Bondley noted her attendance at a County health department meeting where school based health centers were discussed. The County applied for a grant which will have an effect on how the centers are staffed; the outcome of the grant is not yet known.

## **Financial Reports**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported year end information is not yet finalized. The final numbers may affect the projected ending fund balance, which currently is projected at \$1,450,000 (from a budgeted ending fund balance of \$2,129,000). This difference is due in part to SSF funding adjustments in the teacher experience rating issued by the state of Oregon, which occurred in March, 2014. It is not possible for the District to predict what our rating will be, as our teacher experience is compared with the State's overall experience.

In addition, the district received approximately \$190,000 less in State School Fund (SSF) than

projected with the most recent estimate received in July.

Ms. Baldwin said the District should exercise caution and should spend less than what is budgeted. She noted the need to grow the ending fund balance, which will allow for fluctuations such as these.

## **Resolution- Short Term Borrowing (Added Item)**

The Board approved a resolution allowing short term borrowing to meet expenses. This situation is typical for the time of year when our beginning fund balance is low. The District's major revenue does not arrive until November with property tax payments.

There are costs associated with borrowing, said Business Manager Julie Baldwin. The amount of borrowing and associated expenses will not be known until later in fall.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Steve Boynton congratulated mentor teacher Dana Spink (formerly at Toledo Elementary) who was selected as one of five Oregon state level finalists for the 2014 Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching program. She is now a candidate for the state Presidential Award.

Mr. Boynton thanked Oceanview Senior Living in Newport for hosting a school supply drive August 8<sup>th</sup>, and reported the annual "Stuff The Bus" event will take place August 15<sup>th</sup> at both Walmart in Newport, and Tanger Outlet in Lincoln City.

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He wished Director Ron Beck a belated “Happy Birthday,” congratulated him upon his becoming a grandfather, and presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his Chairmanship over the last four years.

The Superintendent noted the Back to School Institute is being held this week, with a wide variety of professional development opportunities available. Teachers new to the district will start work August 18<sup>th</sup>, and returning teachers on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Student registration has begun at many schools and will start at others August 18<sup>th</sup>.

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new “Little Free Library” at Sam Case is planned for Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The free library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book and bring back another book to share.

Mr. Boynton noted the District now has a Facebook page and a Twitter account, providing two more ways to share information.

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

The Board approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 6/10/14 Regular Session;**
- Minutes, 7/22/14 Special Session;**
- Minutes, 7/22/14 Work Session;**
- STEM III (Intro to Microprocessors; Intro to Robotics);**
- Policy GBK/JFCG/KGC, Tobacco-Free Environment;**
- Policy JFC, Student Code of Conduct;**
- Policy JFCJ, Weapons in the Schools;**
- Policy JG, Student Discipline;**
- Regular Personnel Items and addendum, including:**

-**New Licensed Hires:** Janet Erskine, NIS; Britt Beernink, Sam Case; Sharon Dvora, WHS; Jon Lewis, Taft Elem.;

-**New Classified Hires:** Lynn Foster, Oceanlake; Tamara Rosser, Crestview;

-**Resignations:** Jennifer Hamilton, TOES; Teresa Hartsell, Sam Case; Lisa Lund, CVH; Catherine Tardif, WHS.

### **Approval of Alternative Education Program**

The Board approved the plan for Alternative Education for 2014/15, described by Director of Secondary Education Eric Clendenin the evening of the board meeting. The goal is to simplify the system and refocus, with a high quality presence in each community. The program will support essential skills for students, including their passing the Smarter Balanced test.

Plans include having a Classified employee at locations in Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo and Waldport. One of those Classified employees will serve as the Program Coordinator who will oversee the sites. The coordinator will communicate with principals and counselors as well.

Licensed, highly qualified staff will assess the students; Canvas is the online learning management system for the program. The curriculum is in process of being developed.

Mr. Clendenin will update the Board on the progress of the program at an upcoming meeting.

### **Approval of Cooperative Sports Agreement-Waldport/Newport Soccer**

The Board approved a four-year cooperative sponsorship agreement to allow soccer players from Waldport to play on Newport High’s girls and boys soccer teams. Waldport does not have a soccer team. The Board has approved similar agreements in the past.

## **Supplemental Transportation Plan**

The last supplemental transportation plan was done in 2010. Since that time, enrollment has increased in the Sam Case/NIS area and Waldport High was relocated. There are several students who should be transported for safety reasons, which requires a change in the transportation plan. The new supplemental transportation plan was approved by the Board and will be submitted to the Oregon Department of Education.



*Welcome back!!*

## **Policy JHCDA, Administering Injectable Medicine to Students**

State law now requires school district policy to allow backup auto-injectable epinephrine to be kept in the student's classroom if requested by the student's parent/guardian and other conditions are met. Policy JHCDA, Administering Injectable Medicines to Students, has been revised to reflect this change.

The policy will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

## **Policy JHFF, Reporting Requirements Regarding Sexual Conduct with Students**

To correct an omission, OSBA added a sentence to Policy JHFF regarding who is designated to receive sexual conduct reports. The sentence is: "In the event that the designated person is the suspected perpetrator, the personnel director shall receive the report." The Board will consider the policy at the next meeting.

## **Discussion on Upcoming Board Work Session**

The Board met in a work session setting in July and would like to continue those discussions at an upcoming work session. Part of the meeting will consist of training from OSBA, discussion on Board/Superintendent Working Agreements and development of board goals. The date for the meeting is being finalized and will be shared when known.

*Next Meeting: Regular Session,  
September 9, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at Taft 7-12*