

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, January 15, 2013- 7:00 p.m.
Sam Case Primary School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

Present: Ron Beck, Chairman; Jean Turner, Vice Chairman; Karen Bondley, Liz Martin, Kelley Ellis, Directors

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 30 members of the staff, students and patrons

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

West Area Report
Student Non-Fiction Writing- Sam Case

Four Sam Case third grade students (Sujehy, Elijah, Madelene and Christian) shared their written opinions of the new gym at the school. All expressed their thanks and how much they appreciate the extra space and its attractiveness, saying the new gym is awesome, colorful, and bigger.

Principal Ryan Relken noted students and staff moved into two new classrooms before winter break. He thanked all for “stepping up to the task.”

Communications

Newport resident Jeanne St. John addressed the Board regarding the nationally celebrated “no name calling week,” the last week of January. (Many LCSD schools will observe this during the first week of February, due to finals week in late January). ‘No Name Calling Week’ is designed to prevent bullying of all kinds, including that directed toward LGBT students. “We want kids to feel safe and welcome everywhere in the district,” said Ms. St. John.

She also reported a Youth Leadership Conference will be held January 26th, 9:30 to 3:30 at the Oregon Coast Community College Newport campus.

Board Reports

Director Karen Bondley reported she is working with Pacific Communities Hospital to start a health careers club at Waldport High.

West Area Report

Newport Intermediate Principal Majalise Tolan presented the Board with two paperback books students there are currently reading. She thanked the Board for their dedication and support.

She noted the annual science fair will take place on Thursday, January 31st from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hatfield Marine Science Center.

Ms. Tolan reported monthly family nights are continuing at the school, with one focusing on ocean literacy held the night of the board meeting. Several community partners combined efforts for the event, including the Red Cross, the Oregon Coast Aquarium and teacher Matt Love. The February family night (February 19, 6 to 7:30 p.m.) will focus on math.

Sam Case Principal Ryan Relken presented the Board with small bamboo plants, likening them to the work done at the school district. "In the work that we do with students, our efforts are not always readily apparent. You might not see results for a long time, then suddenly it sprouts and grows quickly," said Relken.

Mr. Relken reported data on the "Tribes" program shows that behavior referrals at the school have been significantly reduced.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of December 31, 2012. She reminded the Board of the upcoming adjustment from the state due to the state's overpayment to the District earlier this school year.

Interest rates remain flat.

Ms. Baldwin noted the detail of the "Bills and Claims" financial report, showing fund and object numbers. She noted this level of detail creates additional staff time, and asked the board if they would like to continue seeing it. The Board reached consensus that it is no longer necessary to show fund and object numbers on the bills/claims report.

For capital construction, \$30 million has been spent in Lincoln County since passage of the bond measure. Director Liz Martin noted the District is living up to its promise to taxpayers to spend the funds locally. Ms. Baldwin reminded the Board that the financial reports are also available on the District website in the days following each school board meeting.

Achievement Compacts

Achievement Compact Advisory Committee Co-Chairs Joe Novello and Margie Grinnell presented the Committee's recommendation for the 2013-14 achievement compact to the Board of Directors. Mr. Novello explained that several organizations formed a work group pursuant to the compacts, including OSBA, ODE, COSA, OEIB and Region 1. Considering suggestions of the work group as well as the

local Achievement Compact Advisory Committee, Mr. Novello suggested the District follow the recommendations of the state, which are still evolving.

He explained that latest data requirements from the state were communicated to the advisory committee on the last scheduled meeting date of the group. "It will continue to change," said Novello. "We recommend the District adopt whatever is in place from the state on June 1st. The requirements are mandated by law," he said.

Both co-chairs said the advisory committee meetings were beneficial. Ms. Grinnell added that "We learned of things we are doing that will make the 40-40-20 goal happen."

Grants Update- P/3 Grant

Homeless Coordinator Katey Townsend and Sam Case Principal Ryan Relken presented information on the \$5,000 P-3 (Pre-Natal through Grade 3) Alignment planning grant received from the Oregon Community Foundation. The goal of the effort is for students to be reading by the end of third grade.

This planning grant will send a team of five representatives of LCSD, Early Intervention, the Lincoln County Commission on Children & Families and Head Start to training from early childhood experts. Mr. Relken noted the focus on early education will help the process of achievement of graduation requirements.

Director Martin said she looks forward to future updates, and said it is nice to see the different partners working together to improve student achievement.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked the LCSD Board of Directors for all of their service to and support of the District. "You do amazing work and are the ultimate volunteers," said Rinearson. January is Board Recognition month; the Superintendent presented each board member with a "Teach at the Beach" sweatshirt.

Mr. Rinearson recognized WHS teacher Kama Almasi, who was selected to be part of the NOAA Climate Stewards Education program. The group works to strengthen ocean, climate and atmospheric science education.

Mr. Rinearson recognized Dutch Brothers Coffee for sponsoring a book donation program to benefit the District's HELP program. Over 800 children's books were donated and will be distributed to students at "Read and Feed" events around the district.

The Superintendent thanked Dollar Tree in Newport for collecting donations from customers to give presents to children in the HELP program. Twenty boxes filled with stocking stuffers, books, scarves, mittens and food items were distributed to homeless students at holiday parties at HELP centers. Individuals, groups and churches also donated presents and gift cards to distribute to homeless students.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Waldport residents John and Linda Denny for their generous cash donation to Crestview Heights. The money will be used to help purchase student needs, including coats and shoes. This is the second donation from the couple this school year.

Mr. Rinearson reported Toledo Jr./Sr.'s band (the "Hydraulic Raisins") is giving a concert on January 17th, 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. He noted that Monday, January 21st is Martin Luther King Jr. day (no school), and said January 24th marks the end of the first semester. Friday, January 25th is Records Day (no school).

Chairman Beck reminded the Board of the open house at Taft Elementary on January 24th, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 12/13-14

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 12/11/12 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum.**

Superintendent Evaluation- Form and Timeline

Motion 12/13-15

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved the timeline and form for the 12/13 evaluation of the Superintendent, as noted in the January 15, 2013 board folder. The form will be completed by board members, Learning Support Team members, and principals, using an online survey. The Board will meet with the Superintendent in February to discuss the results of the evaluation.

Declaration of School Board Vacancies

Motion 12/13-16

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2012/13-4, Declaration of Board Vacancies, as noted in the 1/15/13 board folder. There will be three vacancies in the board's roster as of July 1, 2013: **Zone 3** (Newport area, currently held by Chairman Ron Beck), **Zone 4** (east area, including Toledo, Siletz and Eddyville currently held by Kelley Ellis) and **Zone 5** (south area, Waldport/ Tidewater/ Yachats, currently held by Vice Chairman Jean Turner). Each of the three terms is for four years. A 'special districts' election will take place May 21, 2013 to fill these and other vacancies.

Candidates may not be employees of LCSD, must be registered voters, and must live in the zone to which they are applying. Candidates may file verified signatures or a \$10 filing fee with the County Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 21, 2013. The earliest date one may file is February 9, 2013.

February as "Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month"

Motion 12/13-17

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2012/13-5, declaring the month of February as "Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention"

month. The District was approached by a representative of the CARE (Community Awareness Respect and Empowerment) program about the event and the Board's willingness to consider a resolution.

Admission of Non-Resident 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 new law.

Part of the law directs the Board to decide upon the number of students they wish to admit under this process by March 1st each year. They may also decide not to give consent to any person under this process (as they did last year). The application window closes April 1st.

Mr. Novello said the law is ambiguous. The District policy states that principals will decide in January how many students from elsewhere they can accommodate. "This law works best for districts that have a dividing line going right through town," said Novello.

The Board will consider this topic at the next board meeting.

Renewal of Charter School- Lincoln City Career Tech

The charter contract between LCSD and Community Services Consortium (CSC) for Lincoln City Career Tech Charter School will expire June 30, 2013. Representatives from the school submitted a letter requesting renewal of their charter. A public hearing for this renewal will be held at the February 12, 2013 board meeting, and the Board will consider the renewal no later than the March, 2013 board meeting.

Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Rubric

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sara Johnson presented criteria upon which teachers and administrators will be evaluated. The Board is required to approve these criteria as part of recent state legislation (SB 290).

Teachers' evaluations will be based upon the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) standards, and administrators' will employ the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) standards.

Dr. Johnson explained that the InTASC standards are contained in the Charlotte Danielson framework, used to evaluate teachers for many years in LCSD. ISLLC standards are identified in the Administrative Assessment and Evaluation Rubric. The Board received both the Danielson framework and the administrator rubric under separate cover.

Vice Chair Jean Turner reminded the Board of her involvement with a committee tasked with developing the evaluation rubric, and noted it is built upon work from the Chalkboard Project. "These

are outstanding tools,” said Turner. “It will really help our teachers get better, even the ones that are already very good.”

The Board will consider both sets of standards at the next board meeting.

COSA Legislative Budget Project

Superintendent Rinearson reported LCSD is one of ten districts in the state asked by COSA (Confederation of School Administrators) to provide information on the effects of differing levels of funding from the state.

This year, the district spent \$1.7 million in cash and had five ‘cut’ days, along with no or minimal increases in pay to employee groups.

The governor’s proposed budget at the \$6.15 billion level for state K-12 education would result in significant reductions in LCSD. One scenario to address this shortfall would mean five additional cut days (a total of ten) and reductions to several programs not required by law (primarily the Expanded Options program). Scheduled textbook adoptions would not take place, professional development would be reduced, co-curricular activities would be reduced or eliminated, and staff layoffs would occur.

At a state funding level of \$6.55 billion, the above items could be added back, but the district would still need to reduce an additional five days of school (ten total).

If state level for K-12 education was at the \$6.895 billion level, a full contract school year could be restored, and 3.2 licensed positions could be added to support academic counseling tracking. This would support requirements of the state 40/40/20 goal.

The governor is also considering major changes to ESDs and their funding, which would result in further significant reductions to LCSD. Tier II services would most likely be completely eliminated (about \$600,000).

Superintendent Rinearson noted the information will certainly change between now and the end of the legislative session, and said it was developed quickly with a broad brush. The 2013-14 budget for LCSD will most likely be prepared without knowing what the state funding level will be.

The Superintendent noted he is currently serving on two different groups at the state level regarding school funding.

ESD Resolution Services

Every two years, the Linn/Benton/Lincoln Education Service District (ESD) presents a resolution to each of the twelve districts within their boundaries describing services to be provided the following two years by the ESD, and funded with “resolution” dollars. These services are offered to districts when approved by the two-thirds of the districts representing over one-half of the average daily membership of the 12 districts.

Tier I services are available to all 12 districts and are determined to be essential to all districts. The emphasis on Tier I is on achieving the greatest economies of scale and assuring equity of access. They are funded using 90% of the ESD's State School Fund (SSF) allocation.

Tier 2 services are allocated to districts using the remainder of ESD monies after funding Tier I services, and are customized to the particular district.

Since state funding is so unsettled, superintendents in LBL ESD decided to adopt the service plan from the last biennium and decide upon an action plan when the funding is known at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent