

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, October 14, 2014- 7:00 p.m.
Waldport High School
Waldport, Oregon

Minutes

- PRESIDING:** Liz Martin, Chairman
- Present:** Liz Martin, Chairman; Ron Beck, Kelley Ellis, Terri Woodd, Directors
- Also Present:** Steve Boynton, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 40 members of the staff, media and patrons
- Excused:** Karen Bondley, Vice Chairman
- Handouts:** Financial Reports; Board/Superintendent Working Agreements (Version 2); 2014/15 Board Goals (Versions 2 and 3); School Report Card Comparisons, 2012/13 to 2013/14

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Liz Martin convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Bondley was excused from the meeting.

Communications

Newport resident and Budget Committee member Tom Hurst addressed the Board regarding communication about possible changes in the alignment of schools in Newport for the coming year. He asked if decisions about changes have been finalized, and the fate of Isaac Newton Magnet School. Mr. Hurst said that two years ago when INMS changed to exclude sixth grade students, patrons were told this would help preserve INMS.

Superintendent Steve Boynton reported no decisions have been made, other than Yaquina View will have to be reopened to accommodate students. Newport High is currently at capacity, and all day kindergarten next year will require additional space. "We are looking at the feasibility and viability of our options. When we have a firm plan we will share it," said Boynton.

Chairman Martin commented the rumor mill is alive and well, and said the community would be fully involved with the process.

Seal Rock resident Ted DeWitt reiterated concerns shared by Mr. Hurst, and suggested that parents be involved in the planning and decision making.

LCEA President Peter Lohonyay stated any changes in the district should provide the best learning opportunity for students, and said he would like to be included in the conversation.

Student Representatives

Waldport High Principal Diana MacKenzie introduced science teacher/athletic director Melissa Steinman. Ms. Steinman summarized the partnership between Waldport High and Central Coast Fire and Rescue, who are providing a cadet program for students this year.

Students Blake Bittick, James Henderson, Kira Shadden and Jonah Land described the skills they hope to gain from the program as well as those the community will gain. Fire Chief Dennis Cannon noted they are blessed to have nine instructors for the program and hope to attract additional students in the coming years. Students must be between 16 and 18 years of age and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

STAR Update

Data Coordinator Vince Dye described the STAR program being used to assess students in grades K-8 beginning this year. It is a formative online assessment tool that measures student growth in regular intervals. A formative assessment drives instruction by demonstrating where a student is at one point in time and what actions are necessary to move the student forward. It also projects where a student should be at the end of the school year.

Students are assessed in reading one week, math the next, and are not tested the third week. The cycle then begins again. Information will be shared with parents once several calibrations have been administered.

Information on Crisis Response

Director of Elementary Education/Special Education Susan Van Liew described the Crisis Response program in the district. She noted that each crisis (serious loss in the school community such as the death of a student or staff member from an accident, suicide, illness, etc.) is different and requires a unique response. Generally, response to a crisis is intended to support members of a school community during the immediate aftermath of the event.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin was out of town, so Superintendent Boynton presented financial reports as of September 30, 2014. He reported there has been little change since the last report and urged board members to call with any questions.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Boynton thanked Dr. Rick Letherer, who is continuing the tradition of offering six children's eye exams and glasses for those of the six that need them. Dr. Letherer began this tradition in 1994 and has continued it every year since.

Mr. Boynton reported that Newport Intermediate School received their first "e-script" payment of \$194. Patrons sign up through Safeway and select a school to receive donations from items sold.

The Superintendent recognized Taft 7-12 student Zach Colbert, who organized significant improvements to the grandstands at Voris Field, for an Eagle Scout project. He organized replacement of benches, painting, power washing, and placing of bird spikes to discourage nesting.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 14/15-12

On motion of Director Woodd, seconded by Director Beck, the Board approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 9/9/14 Regular Session;
- 2014/15 Achievement Compact;
- Regular Personnel Items;
- Policy CCG, Licensed Evaluations, Administrators;
- Policy GCDA/GDDA, Criminal Records Checks/Fingerprinting;
- Policy KBA, Public Records;
- Policy JGAB, Use of Restraint and Seclusion.

Approval of Resolution, Native American Heritage Month

Motion 2014/15-13

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Woodd, the Board approved Resolution 2014/15-4, proclaiming the month of November as “Native American Heritage Month.” The resolution will be distributed to schools to help honor Native Americans in our schools and community.

Approval of College Application Week Resolution

Motion 2014/15-14

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Woodd, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2014/15-6, proclaiming the week of November 3-7, 2014 as College Application week.

One of the goals in Oregon and in Lincoln County School District is for students to be prepared for post-secondary options of all sorts. To that end, all LCSD high schools will be hosting “College Application Week” events, when students will be exposed to college applications including options such as trade school, the military, etc.

Resolution, American Education Week

Motion 2014/15-15

On motion of Director Woodd, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2014/15-5, proclaiming the week of November 17-21, 2014 as American Education Week. This event is observed throughout the nation to honor educators and the vital work they do.

The resolution was considered at the October board meeting, since the November meeting falls during American Education Week.

Information on Oregon Report Card

Data Coordinator Vince Dye highlighted portions of the Oregon Report Card publicly released October 9th. He noted three schools’ ratings increased (Newport High, Newport Prep Academy and Siletz Early Learning). Isaac Newton Magnet School received a ‘5’ rating (the highest), while Newport and Waldport High Schools each received a ‘4’ rating.

Mr. Dye noted report card states it is “based on mainly on high stakes testing and accordingly, represents a limited view of student performance.” He said the district has work to do and has begun several strategies to improve student achievement.

Date of First Budget Committee Meeting

The date for the first budget committee meeting for the coming year is May 19, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Newport High School. If another meeting is necessary, it will occur May 26, 2015.

Business Manager Julie Baldwin will present additional information regarding the budget process at the November board meeting.

Budget Committee Vacancies

Vacancies exist In Zones 1 (Lincoln City area), Zone 2 (Agate Beach, south Lincoln City) and Zone 5 (Waldport area). Budget committee members may not be employees of LCSD, must currently reside in the respective zone, and must be registered voters.

Applications are available on the district website and at the district administration office. They must be received by Laurie Urquhart in the district office by Friday, November 7th.

Proposed 2014/15 Board Goals

The Board met in a work session setting on October 2nd. One of the outcomes of the meeting was the development of draft board goals for the current year. Board members discussed the goals and reached consensus on three of four of them. They will discuss the goals again at the November board meeting.

Draft Board/Superintendent Working Agreements

During their recent work session, board members reviewed the “Board/Superintendent Working Agreement” from past years. The agreement was developed several years ago to guide the board and superintendent in working together to accomplish its business.

Board members worked on a new set of agreements, presented in draft form for further discussion at the board meeting. They reached consensus on a revised draft, which they will consider at the November board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent