

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, October 8, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Waldport High School
Waldport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Vice Chairman, Liz Martin

Present: Vice Chairman, Liz Martin; Karen Bondley, Kelley Ellis, Terri Woodd, Directors

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

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

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

Communications

Toledo resident and former school board member Brenda Brown addressed the Board regarding student achievement in LCSD and her desire for it to improve. She urged the Board to mirror the collaborative effort put forth during the bond campaign to focus on student achievement and the quality of education.

Tidewater resident Annie McHale addressed the Board regarding the Waldport open space project, saying she is part of the “Waldport Community Open Space Ad Hoc Committee.” She noted the group’s desire to unite ideas from their group with other groups meeting on the issue, and said they are hoping to develop a “Parks and Rec”-like format for the space.

She said the group will seek funds to become self-sustaining, and said they would like to obtain and repurpose some of the old middle school materials. Vice Chair Liz Martin urged Ms. McHale and her group to attend the next Waldport Open Space meeting October 16; 6:00 p.m. at the Waldport Community Center.

Board Reports

Director Karen Bondley noted her attendance at a recent ‘welcome back to school’ event at Taft 7-12 and sponsored by the Taft Native Student Association, the LCSD Indian Education program, and Taft student body.

Vice Chair Liz Martin reported her attendance and awe at the recent dedication event at the new Waldport High school. She also visited Sam Case Primary and ate lunch with first, second and third graders.

Student Representatives

Waldport High students Maddie Parnell and Phil Hawkins described the Kayak Shack program at the school, featured recently on Grant's Getaways. The student-run business has been operating for ten years and has grown tremendously over the years. Both students said they have learned a lot about running a business.

Crestview Heights Principal Kelly Beaudry introduced three fifth grade students from Ms. Forshee's class who participated in STEM activities last school year as part of the SEAL grant. Lily, Danika and Lucas described their learning experiences with salmon, from their lifecycle to the magnetic field they produce. Students also worked with scientists from the Oregon Hatchery Research Center.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of September 30, 2013. She reported 2012/13 year end information will be shared next month. Expenditures were less than projected in September.

Ms. Baldwin reported both Siletz and Eddyville charter schools were provided the third installment of \$50,000 (will receive a total of four) each from construction excise tax funds.

For capital improvements, the overall percentage of funds expended in Lincoln County is holding steady at 65%. For the Waldport High project, T. Gerding Construction has expended approximately 74% of funds in Lincoln County.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson reported the District received the ODE Collaboration grant for the second year. He recognized community curriculum liaison Ruth McDonald for her efforts in writing much of the grant, which will focus on continuing the efforts begun last year on evaluation systems, professional development, career pathways and compensation for teachers and administrators.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Cohen and Park Photography for their donation of two more framed aerial photographs of Taft Elementary/Taft 7-12 and Newport Intermediate/INMS. As capital improvement projects have been competed, Cohen and Park has photographed and framed them, then presented them to the District.

The Superintendent thanked the Rockfish Bakery Café in Lincoln City for their donation of cookies, brownies and cupcakes to Taft Elementary's art benefit concert.

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Taft and Newport High Schools for their participation in "College Application Month," declared by Governor Kitzhaber as November. Trained volunteers and staff members will help interested seniors complete college applications over two weeks in November.

Mr. Rinearson noted the Coastal Learning (formerly known as the 'Ocean Literacy') Symposium will take place Thursday and Friday, October 10 and 11, 2013 with about 70 breakout sessions over two days. Over 300 participants are registered.

The next Waldport “open space” meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at the Waldport Community Center.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 13/14-16

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

- Minutes, 9/10/13 Regular Session;
- Suspension of Portion of Policy IGD through 6/30/14;
- Regular Personnel Items and addendum;
- Policies/ARs: JOA, JOB, IGBAB/JO-AR, JO/IGBAB-AR, IGBAG-AR, IGBAJ-AR.

Approval of Resolution 2013/14-2: Native American Heritage Month

Motion 13/14-17

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Woodd, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2013/14-2 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.

Discussion on Budget Calendar/Budget Committee Vacancy

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented a draft Budget Calendar and Process for the 14/15 budget. The first budget committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2014 with Board adoption of the 2014/15 budget scheduled for June 10, 2014.

A vacancy exists in Zone 4 of the District Budget Committee; the representative appointed last year was appointed to a one-year remainder term.

Information on Superintendent Succession Plan

Vice Chair Liz Martin reported that consultant Greg McKenzie and his associate were visiting the district the day of the board meeting and the following day to gather information on needed qualities/qualifications in a new superintendent. Also, an online survey is available on the district’s website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent