

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Sam Case Primary School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

Presiding: Ron Beck, Chairman

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

Also Present: Superintendent Tom Rinearson; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 60 members of the staff, media and patrons

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Beck thanked the audience for attending, noting that the Sam Case Primary gymnasium was dedicated as “Rinearson Court” earlier in the evening.

Public Hearings- Siletz Early College Academy; Eddyville Charter Schools

The Board meeting was recessed into a public hearing to receive comments on the requests from Siletz Early College Academy and Eddyville Charter Schools to continue their contracts with the district.

Eddyville Principal Dennis Schultz thanked LCSD staff for their support of the school, and requested the enrollment cap at the school be increased from 200 to 210. He noted the proposed increase may be able to generate funds for a part-time counselor.

Siletz Early College Academy Principal Sam Tupou congratulated Superintendent Rinearson on his retirement and the naming of the court, and noted he has been “a big support to our school.”

The hearing was recessed, and the board meeting reconvened.

Communications

Newport residents Cynthia Jacobi and Rich Fix addressed the board regarding their support of the Olweus bullying prevention program, and urged the Board to implement it in every school. Both parties are members of a group meeting over the last year (“No More Sandy Hooks”) to consider both sides of the gun issue (gun control rights versus second amendment rights) to find common ground, and the relationship between bullying and school shootings. Mr. Fix reported a statistic noting that approximately 70% of school shooters have been bullied.

Newport Police Chief Mark Miranda updated the Board on activities of the Newport police department, including: •the police canine is on light duty due to physical issues; •the department has one opening at

present; •the Chief hopes to return an officer to the LINT team; •the Chief is submitting a pledge for a school resource officer, though its realization depends upon available resources.

Student Representatives

Students from second grade teacher Nicole Bernardi's class (Kady, Anna, Sam and Metzi) presented a power point slide show created on an Ipad regarding the Titanic. Ms. Bernardi noted the importance of technology in the new Smarter Balanced state tests. The school has 36 Ipads.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin updated the Board on financial reports as of January 31, 2014. She reported an anonymous donor gave the district two gifts of stock, which were sold to benefit the district (\$16,349) and the district homeless program (\$22,000).

She reported interest rates remain flat. Work is progressing on bond projects, including HVAC projects and remodeling in several areas.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized the ECEL (Education for Community Employment and Life) program for their work refurbishing two park benches, now on display at the district administration office. One bench is painted in OSU Beavers colors, and the other, in the Oregon Ducks colors.

The Superintendent congratulated HELP area coordinator Senitila McKinley for her receipt of a "Lifetime Achievement Award" at Portland's annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The award is given to individuals and organizations for exemplary community service.

Mr. Rinearson gave kudos to TOES Kindergarten teacher Erinne Irish. One of her parents wrote a letter of thanks to Principal Sandy Mummey, noting Ms. Irish's exemplary teaching as well as the "smiles and welcoming faces" she experienced at the school. The parent also thanked Secretary Kristy Kosydar for going out of her way to welcome her student.

All schools and district facilities will be closed Monday, February 17th in honor of President's Day.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 13/14-28

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

- Minutes, 1/14/14 Regular Session;**
- Admission of Non-Resident Students (Zero);**
- Regular Personnel Items and addendum;**
- Policy IGBAJ, Special Education, Free/Appropriate Education;**
- Policy JGAB, Use of Restraint and Seclusion.**

Intent to Renew Siletz Early College Academy Charter**Motion 13/14-29**

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Woodd, the Board unanimously approved the intent to renew the public charter with Siletz Early College Academy. This decision will enable staff to negotiate a contract with the school. The contract will return for the Board's consideration at a later date.

Intent to Renew Eddyville Charter**Motion 13/14-30**

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved the intent to renew the public charter with Eddyville Charter School. This decision will enable staff to negotiate a contract with the school. The contract will return for the Board's consideration at a later date.

Approval of Sodexo Contract- Custodial Services**Motion 13/14-31**

On motion of Director Woodd, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved a contract with Sodexo for custodial services for a five year term, through June of 2019 as noted in the February 11, 2014 board folder. Staff is working with Sodexo to continue to improve custodial services. All original terms and conditions of the contract remain the same, including termination language (both for cause and/or convenience.)

Business Manager Julie Baldwin provided information sought by board members at the last meeting regarding forecast cost savings from contracting out custodial services many years ago. Ms. Baldwin reported the annual savings projected over ten years ago was approximately \$323,000. If the district provided its own custodial services, the cost would more than exceed that amount due to the amount of fixed costs.

Approval of Resolution, Classified Employees Week**Motion 13/14-32**

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2013/14-4, proclaiming the week of March 3-7, 2014 as "Classified Employees Week" in LCSD. Chairman Beck read the proclamation to the audience, and thanked Classified employees for the vital work they do.

Approval of ESD Local Service Plan**Motion 13/14-33**

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board approved the 2014-15 Resolution for the Linn Benton Lincoln ESD Local Service Plan, as contained in the February 11, 2014 Board Folder. State law requires the Board to consider the plan each year.

Superintendent Rinearson noted there has been some controversy about the proposed early learning hub. He said the Linn Benton Lincoln ESD has been "wonderful to work with" over the years.

Discussion on Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements

Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented a revised policy IKF, Graduation Requirements. The policy was revised to a change in the terms “second language” to “world language,” and a change in state law that removes the requirements of taking an alternate assessment for those students working toward an extended diploma. The policy will return for the Board’s consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Out of Country Field Trip, Italy and Greece- INMS

Isaac Newton Magnet School teachers Zahn Russell and Katie Sard are proposing a trip to Italy and Greece during spring break 2015. They would like to begin organizing and fundraising, thus the need for early approval. The request will return for the Board’s consideration at the next meeting.

Renewal of Probationary/Permanent Licensed Personnel

Human Resources Director Chelsi Sholty presented a list of licensed contract renewals, as required by Oregon law. Each year, districts must notify all licensed employees of their contract status no later than March 15th. Licensed staff are recommended either for renewal, non-renewal, extension or non-extension of individual contracts. Individuals hired as “temporary” employees are automatically non-renewed; this action is not based on performance.

A list of licensed employees was presented to the Board, with recommendations regarding contract status. Superintendent Rinearson reminded the Board they have the right to ask questions about anyone on the list. “You can take someone off the list, but there is an entire procedure to be followed,” he added.

The list will return for the Board’s consideration at the next regular session.

Discussion on Banking Services Contract

Oregon Coast Bank has provided banking services to LCSD since July, 2005. The District has been very satisfied with the service and banking relationship. Board Policy DG allows three one-year extensions to the original five-year contract. Staff proposed a one-year extension, through June 30, 2015. This item will return for the Board’s consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Food Services

Business Manager Julie Baldwin introduced new Sodexo General Manager Patty Graves. “She is a Lincoln County resident, so is vested in our district,” noted Ms. Baldwin. She is already making improvements in several areas to enhance food services.

Ms. Baldwin noted her attendance at an ODE training on food services, and distributed a handout showing federal and state requirements. She is gathering information on the costs of LCSD’s program, which she will share with the Board, and noted food services in schools across the nation are much different than in the past. She presented Board members with the “Free for All- Fixing School Food in America” book that describes changes in food services through the years.

Director Ellis thanked Ms. Baldwin for the information, and thanked Sodexo for their extra efforts.

Superintendent Succession Plan

Chairman Beck noted the Board is continuing its “laborious search.”

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent