

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, April 8, 2014- 7:00 p.m.
Taft Elementary School
Lincoln City, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

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

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Steve Boynton, Superintendent Designate; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 50 members of the staff, media and patrons

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:01 p.m.

Introduction of Superintendent Designate

Chairman Ron Beck introduced Superintendent Designate Steve Boynton, inviting attendees to meet him. A reception was held prior to the board meeting in his honor. Mr. Boynton stated he would stay after the board meeting for those wishing to speak to him.

Communications

Sodexo Food Services Director Patty Graves presented a \$2,000 scholarship check to the district. Four \$500 scholarships will be funded, one in each of the four regular LCSD high schools.

Board Reports

Board Chair Ron Beck made note of the tragic events over the weekend, with the deaths of two students in separate auto accidents. "All of the families and people affected are in our thoughts," said Beck.

Director Woodd said she visited Walport High and said the care room there was "a beautiful thing." She added that the District has a good program in place for incidents like these.

Superintendent Rinearson gave credit to the staff who came together over the weekend to deal with the crises. He gave kudos to Special Education Administrator Susan Van Liew, who is also coordinator of the crisis response team. "She does an exceptional job," said Rinearson.

Student Representatives

Third grade students in Ms. Roebber's, Ms. Clark's and Ms. Willoughby's classes described the mural at the school, made possible by a fundraiser held last August. Artists Chris Czekalsi (who drove from Portland to be at the board meeting) and John Stommel directed creation of the mural, which depicts the varieties and life cycle of salmon. Every third grade student took part in creating it, using salmon stencils to draw the fish on the wall followed by priming them in white then painting with colors.

The students, assisted by Technology Coach C.J.Griffith, presented information on the life cycle of salmon using a Promethean Board. They also created learning logs, poetry books, made hats shaped like salmon, and plan to visit Crowley Creek to continue learning about salmon and other ocean/river topics.

Principal Chris Sullivan gave kudos to all who took part, and thanked the Looking Glass Inn and Chinook Winds for providing lodging to the artists during their stay in Lincoln City.

North Area Report

Taft 7-12 Principal Majalise Tolan thanked the Lincoln City community for all of their support after the death of a student at the school. "They always come together to help us," said Tolan.

She reported north area principals developed a K-12 budgeting plan for their area for the coming year. Part of the plan involves aligning math instruction which will occur in the current year with training by Lori Cook on Five Steps to Balanced Math. Spring sports are off to a great start at the school.

Oceanlake Principal Rilke Klingsporn noted several exciting events at the school including: •students learned African drumming which they presented at a family night; •several ocean-themed field trips are planned for spring; •a talent show will take place April 11th at 6 p.m.; •teachers are preparing for parent/teacher conferences April 16th and 17th.

Taft Elementary Principal Chris Sullivan called attention to the salmon mural at the school, highlighted by third grade students earlier in the evening. He described several upcoming or recently completed events, including: •the Behrens foundation is supporting a writing festival developed by second grade teacher Becca Fitzwater that will include instruction in origami taught by Christy Kallevig; •Title teacher Judy Nakano is planning a garden themed literacy night in May; •after school coordinator Teri Kimberling guided students in a wind energy challenge held at the Hatfield Marine Science Center, where they received five awards for their efforts.

Board member Terri Woodd asked Ms. Tolan how Olweus (bullying prevention program) is going. Ms. Tolan replied that staff is seeing good results, though "it is always a work in progress."

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported the financial outlook for the District has changed since last month with ODE's reconciliation of the 12-13 and 13-14 years, specifically related to the teacher experience rating. The District's rating dropped significantly which will result in lower funding from the state. The rating compares the years of teaching experience of LCSD teachers to the state average. Funding is adjusted either higher or lower depending upon the District's teaching experience. LCSD's

experience rate went from .13 to negative (2.71). She said the experience rating change cannot be predicted and said districts must be prepared to deal with an issue such as this in other ways.

Along with a small amount of ADMw reduction (enrollment), the district lost \$352,853 from the 2012/13 year and \$1,074,363 from the current year State School Fund (SSF) revenue.

“We were fortunate to have the \$2.9 million ending fund balance to absorb this hit. Without it, we would have had to do layoffs, pay freezes or other measures since school districts cannot have a negative balance,” said Baldwin. She will talk with Oregon Coast Bank about a short term loan and will look at all funds available for use, allowed in the organizational resolution and by state law.

Superintendent Rinearson noted that it is imperative that the ending fund balance be built back up. “We have seen huge swings in state funding over the last ten years. It is fortunate that the teacher experience issue happened in a time of good economics,” said Rinearson. He urged the Board to build the fund to about \$4 million over time, and said budgeting is “really a three year thing, not just one year at a time.”

Ms. Baldwin noted capital construction projects are continuing, with significant activity over spring break. Approximately 64% of bond funds have been spent in Lincoln County; the dollar amount will soon reach \$40 million.

Added Item: NHS Roof

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported the last major bond project is a new roof for Newport High School. Due to the complex nature of the job, he would like to have an exemption from formal competitive bidding for the project. Although formal RFPs will not be generated, it will be competitively bid and the District will act as the general contractor. The timeline does not allow the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) method used on other bond projects.

The school board acts as the District’s Local Contract Review Board where they will consider the request. This topic will return to the Board at the May local contract review/board meeting, with contracts being considered by the Board at the June meeting.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked the many members of the Crisis Response teams in two areas of the District this week and extended deepest sympathies to those suffering because of the two tragedies. (Two LCSD students were killed in separate auto accidents over the weekend. Cayden Fitch, a senior at Taft High died in a head on collision April 4th and Makala Osborn, a Waldport High senior died in a one car accident on April 5th).

Mr. Rinearson thanked an anonymous donor for his/her donation of \$8,000 to Waldport High School. The funds will be used to purchase yearbooks for those students who cannot afford them.

The Superintendent gave kudos to Toledo Jr./Sr. High student Dylan Purdom, who has been accepted into the Air Force Academy. One of the many requirements to allow a student to apply is the sponsorship by a member of Congress. Mr. Purdom had two sponsors, Rep. Kurt Schrader and Sen. Jeff

Merkley. An assembly at the school is planned for April 25th at 8:00 a.m., when Rep. Schrader will speak.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Portland resident Tim Boyle for his donation of \$10,500 to Taft 7-12. The funds will purchase a timing system for track events at the school.

The Superintendent thanked Mid-Columbia Bus Company, Sodexo Food Services and Sodexo Custodial Services for their continuation of scholarships to graduating seniors. Each entity donates \$2,000 to offer a scholarship of \$500 to seniors at Taft, Newport, Toledo and Waldport High Schools. The recipients are selected by principals at the respective schools.

Mr. Rinearson noted spring conferences are scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 16th and Thursday, April 17th. Please contact schools directly for exact times of conferences, as they vary between schools.

He noted that the district uses at least five different bullying prevention/character programs and said staff will use the survey developed by Olweus to see how the programs connect. "Olweus is not really a K-12 program," added Rinearson.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 13/14-36

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

- Minutes, 3/6/14 Special Session;
- Minutes, 3/11/14 Regular Session;
- Regular Personnel Items and addendum;

Approval of Resolution, Teacher Appreciation Week

Motion 13/14-37

On motion of Director Woodd, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2013/14-5, declaring the week of May 5 through 9, 2014 as "Teacher Appreciation Week" in LCSD. Board Chair Ron Beck read the resolution to the audience and thanked teachers for their dedication.

Added Item: Approval of MOU, City of Waldport

Motion 13/14-38

On motion of Director Woodd, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Waldport regarding the former Waldport High site as discussed 4/8/14.

Negotiations between the District and the City of Waldport have been ongoing following the demolition of the old Waldport High School. The district received a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that funded demolition of the school. The FEMA grant delineates certain responsibilities for the property, including the requirement that it be restored as open space.

The City of Waldport is interested in the future conveyance of the 11.47 acre property to the City and proposed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with LCSD to work toward that goal. The Board approved the MOU, which relates to planning and development activities for the site.

Discussion 2014/15 School Calendars

Student Services Administrator Aaron Belloni presented proposed school calendars for 2014-15, slightly different from those in the April 8th board folder.

Schools in the west area (Newport) propose a common calendar with early release Wednesdays, but with slight variations by school. Isaac Newton Magnet School and Newport Prep/High Schools will have early release for student interventions on Wednesdays.

Schools in Lincoln City and Waldport as well as Toledo Elementary have proposed a common calendar, with early release Wednesdays. (Taft 7-12 is suggesting a change from Friday interventions they have done the past few years to a Wednesday early release schedule. Staff has done a significant outreach campaign with the community to share information on this change.)

Toledo Jr./Sr. High would like to maintain a calendar similar to the one from the current year, with Friday interventions.

Superintendent Rinearson encouraged board members to look the calendars over and let Mr. Belloni know of needed changes. Chairman Beck commented that he is proud the district can offer so many options; Mr. Belloni added that principals developed what they thought would best serve their students. The calendars will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on 2014/15 Achievement Compact

Student Services Administrator Aaron Belloni presented the Achievement Compact for the current year, and a draft proposed one for 2014/15. The achievement compact needs to be completed by October 15th, but must be presented to the Board by May 1st. The data in the proposed one will change, as some tests whose data will be included have not yet been administered.

Mr. Belloni noted the Achievement Compact Advisory Committee will be reconvened, the data collected and a revised achievement compact presented to the Board in August, 2014.

Superintendent Transition Plan

Superintendent Tom Rinearson and Superintendent Designate Steve Boynton met the day of the board meeting to develop a transition plan. Mr. Rinearson reported they will be meeting with administrators and community representatives over the next few weeks. Next steps will be shared at the May board meeting.

Chairman Beck reported he was in contact with Board representatives from Mr. Boynton's current district, and said LCSD would be buying days from them for Mr. Boynton's time between mid-April and June.

One idea is for principals and parents to set up meet and greet events in their respective areas or schools for community members to meet the Superintendent Designate. As plans are finalized, they will be shared.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent