

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, April 9, 2013- 7:00 p.m.
Taft 7-12 School
Lincoln City, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Jean Turner, Vice Chairman

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

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

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Vice Chairman Jean Turner convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:01 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Chairman Beck was excused from the meeting.

North Area Report

Student Non-Fiction Writing- Taft Elementary

Principal Chris Sullivan introduced teacher Valerie Baker and students Savannah Brooks, Kaila Wilson, Fatima Lupercio-Rubio and Ashley Scheuing, who described their wildlife garden. Students considered both non-fiction writing and an emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for this project.

Board Reports

Director Karen Bondley noted her attendance at an all-day community health center planning meeting. She reported the group would like to share the availability of mental health services for students at school based health centers.

Director Liz Martin reported Board Chair Ron Beck and she took part in a panel discussion at Newport High. Students quizzed them on board service, and shared other concerns with them as well.

Student Representatives/North Area Report

Principal Scott Reed distributed information to the Board regarding Taft students' college persistence (highest in the district) and attendance (much improved in April). He introduced Assistant Principals Tiana Tucker and Ryan Hawkins, and teachers Barton Howe and Bruce Rasmussen.

Mr. Howe described a project undertaken by several students in the days following the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting in Connecticut. Makalha Downs, Austin Getty and Anayely Borbonio reported they would like to change the culture regarding gun violence, and are developing a "**Put the Gun Down**" project.

Part of the project involves exploration of anger (recognizing its signs, ways to deal with anger, etc.) and how it relates to gun violence. Students and Mr. Howe will continue to work on the project during Friday school, and hope to have an impact not only on their community, but a much wider audience.

Mr. Howe and teacher Bruce Rasmussen then described a non-fiction writing project at the school using the “Taft Values Victories Trilogy.” (Teacher Reyla Zumhofe is another key contributor to the project, though was unable to attend the board meeting.) Students consider their answers to questions including: Who am I? What do I value? What can I contribute?

Students developed the idea of interviewing fellow students to tell their stories and explain why they are different. Board members and Superintendent Rinearson thanked the teachers and students for their excellent work.

Financial Reports

Business Services Supervisor Kim Cusick presented financial reports as of March 31, 2013. She noted nothing unanticipated, and said interest rates have decreased slightly.

For capital construction, \$51.4 million has been spent to date, with 65.7% spent in Lincoln County.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Crestview Heights teachers and Principal Kelly Beaudry for their great work together the week of April 1-4. Mr. Rinearson noted their excellent work, and said staff is still engaged and doing good things for kids, even during this difficult time. More information on Crestview was shared later in the meeting.

The Superintendent thanked Mylan Specialty L.P. and the District nurses’ office for their work procuring 22 free “EpiPens.” The EpiPens are used to treat anaphylactic emergencies. Mr. Rinearson gave kudos to the District nurses and said the model used in LCSD is receiving attention at the state and federal levels.

He reported the annual Retirement/Recognition event is planned for Thursday, May 23rd at Toledo Elementary School, with the social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the program scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Rinearson congratulated Newport Intermediate School, attendance flag winners for the month of February.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 12/13-24

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

- Minutes, 3/12/13 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum.**

Realignment of Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School**Motion 12/13-25**

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board approved, by a vote of three aye, one opposed (Director Martin) the realignment Newport Intermediate School and Isaac Newton Magnet School as listed in the 4/9/13 Board Folder. For next school year (2013/14), Newport Intermediate will have grades four through six, and Isaac Newton Magnet will have grades seven and eight only.

This change was necessitated by the adoption of Common Core State Standards in Oregon, which increased rigor for all students.

Approval of Policy CCG, Licensed Evaluations**Motion 12/13-26**

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Policy CCG, Licensed Evaluation- Administrators as presented. The current policy was revised to include administrative standards required by Senate Bill 290. The policy will be posted on the District website and distributed to schools soon.

Approval of Policy GCN/GDN, Evaluation of Staff**Motion 12/13-27**

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved Policy GCN/GDN, Evaluation of Staff. This combines two existing LCSD policies, GCN (Evaluation of Licensed Staff) and GDN (Evaluation of Classified Staff). The revisions were needed due to SB 290.

In addition, new Administrative Rules were added to GCN. GCN-AR is titled "Core Teaching Standards," and will be posted to the website and distributed to schools in the next several days.

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10, 2013**Motion 12/13-28**

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2012/13-7, proclaiming the week of May 6 through 10 as "Teacher Appreciation Week" in LCSD. Vice Chairman Turner read the proclamation to the audience, and thanked teachers for their stellar work.

Child Abuse Prevention Month (April)**Motion 2012/13-29**

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2012/13-9, proclaiming the month of April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month." Vice Chairman Turner noted the importance of this effort.

Discussion on Robotics Course

Newport High Principal Jon Zagel and teacher Mike Jakobsson presented a Planned Course Statement and Syllabus for a new course, "Robotics and Engineering." The class is an advanced level design and engineering course involved in building robots to accomplish certain tasks. Students will learn about the primary systems of mechanical, electrical, pneumatic and programming that are integrated into robots.

The planned course statement and syllabus will return for the Board's consideration at the next board meeting.

Update on Evaluation System

Human Resources Director Chelsi Sholty presented an update/overview on the evaluation system related to requirements of SB 290. She reported the CLASS Collaboration grant team has been hard at work all year on four teams: evaluation, professional development, compensation and career pathways.

LCSD is one of 14 pilot districts statewide developing evaluation systems (part of SB 252). Student or School Learning Objectives (SLO) is a key component of the system; train-the-trainers professional development for SLOs is planned for May 6th. A pilot resource page has been added to the LCSD website.

The evaluation pilot includes 19 administrators and 19 teachers for the teacher evaluation pilot. Dr. Sara Johnson is piloting the administrator evaluation system with ten principals.

Evaluation handbooks have been developed and will be submitted to ODE by the end of April; the Board may consider them in May. The Charlotte Danielson Framework for Teaching Training is the system upon which the evaluation systems are based.

The evaluation system will be implemented in 2013-14 with opportunities to make adjustments at the end of the year available. Full implementation should occur in 2014-15.

Discussion on Food Services Contractor

Director of Support Service Rich Belloni reported the district solicited Requests for Proposals for food services, with one responder: Sodexo. (He noted that Business Manager Julie Baldwin handled the RFPs but was not able to attend the board meeting.) Mr. Belloni recommended the District continue with Sodexo. The contract will return for the Board's consideration at the next board meeting.

Director Bondley noted her surprise that pizza and fried foods are still on the menu. Sodexo representative John Stone replied that the company offers food that students will eat, made with healthy ingredients (whole grain pizza crust, low fat cheese, low fat hamburger, etc.). He also said there are no fryers in the district as of four or five years ago; items are baked instead.

Update on Crestview Heights Repairs

During the course of renovating classrooms at Crestview Heights School, maintenance staff discovered windows had been leaking. Further investigation over spring break revealed mold behind cabinets in several areas in the school. A decision to close Crestview for one week following spring break was expanded to two weeks. When it was determined that the cleanup, air testing, duct cleaning, etc. would take even longer, district administrators made a decision to have students in grades seven and eight attend school at Waldport High beginning on April 15th.

A plan for students in grades K-6 is being developed and will be shared with families and staff as soon as it is complete. Staff is looking at several options to return these students to school. Among the

options being considered are: ●spaces in Waldport (churches, meeting rooms, etc.); ●space in the new Waldport High; ●space in the old Waldport Middle School; ●returning to Crestview once it is completely cleaned and approved for occupancy; ●split shifts in the Waldport High building; ●busing students to Newport; ●canceling school for the rest of the year. The last two options, though on the table, are the two of last resort and will not likely occur.

All options are being explored simultaneously; a team is meeting daily to identify the best option for students. Once the plan is finalized, it will be shared with families and staff, and a community meeting will be scheduled in Waldport. Superintendent Tom Rinearson thanked families and staff for their patience during this difficult time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent