

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session and
Local Contract Review Board
Tuesday, May 13, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Crestview Heights School
Waldport, Oregon**

Minutes

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

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

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Steve Boynton, Superintendent Designate; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 30 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. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Woodd was excused from the meeting; Chairman Beck shared her regrets with the audience. The meeting was then recessed into a meeting of the Local Contract Review Board.

Local Contract Review Board- Public Hearing

The LCSD Board, acting in its capacity as the Local Contract Review Board (LCRB), conducted a public hearing to hear and take testimony on creation of an exemption from competitive bidding requirements for the Newport High Roof Project.

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported this exemption is necessary due to the tight timeline and nature of the project, and to “control our own destiny.” The findings in support of the exemption state that “an alternative contracting process is unlikely to encourage favoritism or diminish competition, and that the process will result in substantial cost savings to the public agency.”

No comments from the audience were offered.

**Local Contract Review Board- Findings of Fact/
Exemption from Competitive Bidding**

Motion 13/14-39

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Bondley, the LCRB unanimously approved the findings in support of exemptions from competitive bidding for the Newport High roof project as listed in the May 13, 2014 board folder.

The regular session board meeting was then reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

Communications

Margie Grinnell, speaking as a south county resident rather than as LCEA President, asked the Board to keep quality programs at Waldport High. "I'm retiring at the end of the year, but I'm not going away," said Grinnell.

Sodexo Custodial Manager Bill Hemphill presented a \$2,000 check to the district. Four \$500 scholarships will be funded, one in each of the four regular LCSD high schools.

Board Reports

Director Karen Bondley noted her attendance at Oceanlake's recent talent show, and said she is always amazed at the great turnout at such events.

Director Kelley Ellis expressed gratitude for being invited to present "math facts" and "Tribes" awards at Toledo Elementary. She also chaperoned a fourth grade field trip to the Hatfield Marine Science Center.

Chairman Beck reported he will miss the June board meeting due to a long planned vacation.

Student Representative

Waldport High freshman Natosha Wagner described her experience during the recent Oregon Regional Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) competition. Student-built and operated ROV's were required to complete a series of complex tasks in a pool, such as opening cargo holds and retrieving items from a shipwreck.

Waldport High's "scout class" team (beginners to ROV building) took first place in their class, while another Waldport High team was awarded second place in the "navigator class" (more complex tasks required of the ROV).

Ms. Wagner said it was an eye opening experience for her that may lead to an occupation. The Waldport teams were coached by teachers Melissa Steinman and Daniel Wirick; volunteer Bill Turner observed the teams' practice interview.

South Area Report

Waldport High Principal Tyler Stiner thanked teachers Melissa Steinman and Daniel Wirick for their "amazing job" advising the school's five ROV club teams. Three of the five teams competed. "We're always focused on student achievement; I wanted to recognize what our students and teachers have accomplished," said Stiner. He invited Ms. Grinnell to visit with him about student offerings.

Crestview Heights Principal Kelly Beaudry shared video clips of students practicing one facet of the math program at the school related to math fluency. Students practice math facts daily for six minutes to enhance those skills. Math concepts are taught prior to this practice; staff studied 'Five Easy Steps to a Balanced Math Program' and implemented the 'Mastering Math Facts' program.

Food Services Consultant Review

Registered dietician Janet Beer was invited by Business Manager Julie Baldwin to conduct an impartial review of the District's food services program. Ms. Beer is a registered dietician and has long experience with food service operations in school settings.

She visited six schools and found that Sodexo is providing good food for students, staffing levels are adequate, and staff in the kitchens is "exceptionally wonderful." She gave an overall grade of "B" with an A- at Newport and Taft High schools, and said the current manager is a good choice. She suggested Sodexo invest in this manager.

Areas for improvement generally revolve around compliance with U.S.D.A. requirements and paperwork related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. She noted many districts share some of the same issues, and said switching contractors or having the district provide the services will not guarantee a fix. Sodexo food services will develop an action plan, will share it with the Board, and provide updates as it is implemented.

Director Ellis asked about the 20-minute lunchtime many school have. Ms. Beer replied that USDA cannot dictate a lunch time, and added that "most would say that is not long enough."

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni asked how the District should respond to comments such as "breakfast in the classroom causes obesity." She responded that obesity has many causes and that it cannot be "pinned on breakfast in the classroom."

Another review of the program will be conducted about January, 2015.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported the District received a refund from PACE insurance due to lower property values after the demolition of buildings in Waldport and Lincoln City. She reported local revenue may come in lower than projected, which could result in an adjustment from the state school fund in May 2015.

Superintendent Rinearson noted the teacher experience rating from the state (which resulted in a significant decrease in funding) is an unknown factor for the coming year especially considering the hiring of over fifty teachers for the coming year.

Interest rates remain flat.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked Cohen and Park Photography for their donation of a framed, aerial photograph of the Waldport High/Crestview Heights campus. Cohen and Park has donated pictures of all schools after completion of the capital improvements made possible by bond measure funds.

The Superintendent reported Newport High received a commendation from Secretary of State John Kerry as an “exceptional school that supports diplomacy efforts” for hosting high school exchange students sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

Mr. Rinearson gave kudos to Taft 7-12 Science teacher Avery Marvin and many community partners for their vision and carrying out of the F3 (fish, file and feast) field trip. Students went out on a charter board, caught fish, fileted them, and then were taught how to cook them. He called it “an extraordinary exercise in ocean literacy.”

Superintendent Rinearson reported Waldport High is once again named one of America’s best high schools by U.S. News and World Report. The school has attained this ‘bronze’ ranking for the last several years.

He congratulated Taft Elementary for winning the attendance flag for April.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 2013/14-40

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

- Minutes, 4/8/14 Regular Session;**
- 2014/15 School Calendars;**
- Regular Personnel Items and addendums, including contracts for Directors of Elementary and Secondary Education (Susan Van Liew and Eric Clendenin, respectively);**
- Seashore Family Literacy Agreement (old Waldport Middle School).**

Declaration of Need for Layoff (Added to Agenda)

Motion 2013/14-41

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously declared the need for a layoff of personnel for the 2014/15 school year, though every effort will be made to minimize the effects to our students and staff. This declaration is specified in the agreement with the Lincoln County Education Association and begins other timelines/process for both employee associations.

Superintendent Rinearson noted a potential layoff could be needed due to changes in course offerings and teachers’ licensure. He said a layoff for the coming year will be minimal.

Discussion on Eddyville Charter and Siletz Valley Early College Academy Charter Contracts

Aaron Belloni and Joe Novello worked with attorneys and staff at both Eddyville and Siletz Early College Academy Charter Schools to develop new contracts (charters). The charter was sent to the respective school’s board of directors for their review and was shared with the LCSD board as well. The contracts are substantially the same as the previous charters and each have a five-year term. They will return for the Board’s consideration at a subsequent meeting.

Approval of Out of Country Field Trip- Newport High Spain/Italy/France- Summer 2015

Motion 2013/14-42

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved the Newport High School field trip to Spain, Italy and France proposed in the May 13, 2014 Board Folder.

Newport Spanish teacher Brandye Rawles and students presented information on the trip, scheduled for June, 2015. They would like to begin fundraising now for the trip, so this agenda item was moved to a "Decision" during the board meeting. Several fund raising activities are planned, including community dances, car washes and silent auctions.

2014/15 School Meal Prices

In order to move toward parity with the National School Lunch Program, LCSD Meals will increase by \$.10 per meal in 2014-15. Business Manager Julie Baldwin said the increase was required in response to federal regulations. She noted the new prices are comparable to other districts' prices.

Food Services Contract, 14/15- Sodexo

The District currently has a contract with Sodexo for food services. State law requires annual renewals for food services, so although the District renewed its contract with Sodexo for food services for a five year term during the last fiscal year, a one year renewal is required for the coming year. The board will consider the contract at the next meeting.

Annual Organizational Resolution

Each year the designation of district officers, clerks, agents and depositories of funds is required to be updated and approved by the Board of Directors.

For the coming year, mileage reimbursement rates will change to \$.56 per mile (from \$.565), and meal reimbursement rates are proposed to increase as follows: breakfast and lunch from \$9.50 to \$11.50, and dinner from \$19 to \$23. Recommended meal rates mirror those of the state of Oregon.

There are Budget Committee Vacancies in Zones 1 and 2 due to resignations, and Zone 5 will be vacant after June, 2014. Also, required notifications will be published in the News Guard for the coming year.

The organizational resolution will return for the Board's consideration at the June board meeting.

Ms. Baldwin noted there may be a need for a resolution for transfer of appropriations in some funds at the next meeting as a decision item. She said she would share information as she has it regarding whether such a resolution is needed.

Board Meeting Schedule 2014/15

Board meetings are typically scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month with some exceptions. The July 2014 meeting is scheduled for July 22nd due to summer schedules, and the November meeting for November 18th due to the Veteran's Day holiday.

The calendar will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent