

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, June 10, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Liz Martin, Vice Chairman

Present: 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

The school board met in regular session on June 10, 2014 at Newport High School with approximately 50 members of the staff, media and patrons present. Chairman Beck was excused from the meeting. Vice Chairman Liz Martin thanked everyone for attending the reception held prior to the meeting honoring retiring Superintendent Tom Rinearson.

Ms. Martin also commented “We are all thinking of Reynolds High School and their unfortunate incident today,” and asked all to keep them in our prayers. (There was a school shooting at Reynolds the day of the board meeting.)

Public Hearing- Approved Budget

The Board recessed into a public hearing of the approved 2014-15 budget. Toledo resident Jim Chambers addressed the Board about one of the assumptions in the budget of a \$50,000 athletic appropriation to Newport High School. “I understand this was added to account for the \$50,000 the Newport Boosters have contributed to the school the last few years.” He said this could result in a perception to other booster clubs that they are unappreciated.

Superintendent Rinearson responded that the idea was to provide funding at the high school level that would go to coaches’ salaries, and added that the budget is an appropriations document that can be shifted. He also said “There are many conspiracy theories out there. For all of the communities to become healthier they need to look at the truth before making assumptions. The whole thing about one community getting more than another needs to go away.”

Director Kelley Ellis responded that she had addressed the athletic funding during the Budget Committee meeting. Superintendent Rinearson said the additional funds were a way for the district to pay for something the Boosters club had been doing in past years.

LCEA President Margie Grinnell congratulated Superintendent Tom Rinearson on his retirement, saying she enjoyed working with him in her role as LCEA President. She then addressed the Board about

ongoing contract negotiations between the District and union, stating that a proposed 1% increase to licensed staff is not acceptable, especially given concessions made during the recession/teacher negotiations a few years ago. She supported her position by sharing CPI figures from Portland from the last several years.

Ms. Grinnell noted she recently visited several LCSD schools with state Representative David Gomberg, who was interested in class sizes. She noted class sizes have improved and said “There is not enough money to do it all right. We want your bargaining team to bargain a fair settlement with our union. We believe there is money there to give us more than 1%,” said Grinnell.

Tom Moore Memorial Award

Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Clint Raever introduced Heather Fortner, President of the Toledo Arts Guild. Ms. Fortner described activities members of the Guild have done to provide art instruction to Toledo Jr./Sr. students.

Mr. Raever then surprised Ms. Fortner by presenting her with the district’s top award for volunteerism, the Tom Moore Memorial award.

Communications

Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) interim president Bruce Koike thanked the Board for their service and urged them to communicate the benefits of attending OCCC. He reported the college enjoyed increased enrollment this year, the only community college in the state to do so.

Partnership Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (PAADA) Coordinator Don McDonald and PFLAG President Jeanne St. John expressed their concerns regarding the reduction of two Health Services Advocates (HSA) at school based health centers. Both speakers are retired LCSD administrators and active in schools. They said the centers would be closed on some days of the week to account for the reduction of HSAs. Ms. St. John noted the HSAs work is “amazing,” and said she and Mr. McDonald would be addressing the county commissioners about the issue.

Superintendent Rinearson reported school based health center funds have been reduced by the federal government, so the shortfall is not only a result of the survey participation. He added that he had not heard the centers would be closed any days of the week, and said conversations about ways to address the situation are ongoing. Director Woodd noted that students’ basic needs must be met before learning can happen.

Board Reports

Director Karen Bondley reported she met with the county health department regarding the Health Services Advocates positions, expressing her opinion about their importance. She also noted she recently presented information on health services careers to Lincoln City Career Tech students.

Director Kelley Ellis said she was honored to have attended graduations at Eddyville, Siletz and Toledo, noting all were wonderful.

Director Terri Woodd reported Waldport had a “splendid graduation,” and Vice Chairman Liz Martin attended graduation ceremonies at Taft and Newport High. She expressed her appreciation of both schools’ events.

Ms. Martin also attended a recent “Farm to Market” event at Sam Case hosted by Sodexo food services.

West Area Report

Outgoing Sam Case principal Ryan Relken thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to serve in that role the last four years. Mr. Relken and his family are returning to Michigan to be with family. He also thanked Superintendent Tom Rinearson and Newport High principal Jon Zagel for their mentorship.

Mr. Zagel reported Newport High had 125 graduates, with approximately \$700,000 in local scholarships and three IB diplomas. Every spring sports team went to state playoffs.

He thanked an anonymous donor for contributing \$5,000 in cash to the Newport High band to purchase a bass saxophone.

Mr. Zagel thanked Superintendent Tom Rinearson for all he has given to the district the last ten years, saying Rinearson has a “tough day meter. When someone needs you, you come by.”

Insurance Carriers- Other than Health

District Agent of Record John Russell of PayneWest Insurance recommended the district continue with its current insurance carriers (SDAO/PACE for property, liability, vehicles, and errors/omissions, and SAIF for workers compensation insurance). The increase in rates for liability insurance is 5.5%. For workers compensation, the premium will go down by 18% due to no loss time incidents.

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported Rich Belloni and Sarah Hibbs are examining coverage amounts for each building to ensure the limits are adequate.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported revenue from federal forest fees projected by ODE came in significantly less than projected. This will be adjusted in May 2015 by ODE.

Ms. Baldwin noted the next financial report will be presented at the August board meeting.

Enrollment is holding steady; interest rates remain flat.

Ms. Baldwin reported \$40.1 million of the \$63 bond issue was spent in Lincoln County (64%).

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson thanked the Oregon Community Foundation, Siletz Bay Music Festival and the Lincoln City Cultural Center for a \$210,000 “Studio to Schools” grant to Taft 7-12, Oceanlake and

Taft Elementary schools. The grant will support music education in a variety of ways, and will be distributed over the next three years.

The Superintendent recognized Waldport High teacher Dominic Scharp, INMS teacher Amber Houck, and Toledo Jr./Sr. High teacher Scott Metz for their support of students participating in the Waldport Library Young Writers competition. Jill Tierce and Sharon McCrum of the Waldport Public Library shared their appreciation of the teachers in a letter to Superintendent Tom Rinearson.

Mr. Rinearson gave kudos to Taft 2014 graduate Henry Lahti for 13 years of perfect attendance in school. Mr. Lahti attended a private school through ninth grade, then went to Taft 7-12. He is a scholar athlete and earned a year of college credit as a high school student.

The Superintendent congratulated Newport Intermediate, attendance flag winners for May (followed closely by Sam Case Primary).

He noted his attendance at the “Seeds, Sand and Storms” literary review held at the Lincoln City Cultural Center recently. The event highlighted writing efforts of Taft’s seventh and eighth grade students, featured the school’s jazz band, and was catered by Taft’s culinary students. “It was an amazing event,” said Rinearson.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 2013/14-43

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

- Minutes, 5/13/14 Regular Session;**
- Eddyville Charter Contract, 2014-2019;**
- Siletz Valley Early College Academy Charter Contract, 2014-2019;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- Food Services Contract, Sodexo, 2014/15;**
- Organizational Resolution, 2014/15;**
- Board Meeting Schedule, 2014/15;**
- Amendment to Contract, Steve Boynton.**

Director Ellis left the meeting at 8:14 p.m. due to a prior commitment so did not vote on the remainder of the decision items.

Approval of Resolution Adopting the 2014/15 Budget

Motion 2013/14-44

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Woodd, the Board approved Resolution 2013/14-7 adopting the 2014/15 budget, with further discussions to occur regarding the disbursement of athletic funding and seeking some sort of remedy regarding the loss of two health service advocates.

Superintendent Rinearson noted the budget is intended to be a fluid, appropriations document, with only the unappropriated ending fund balance off limits. “The \$50,000 (athletic funding) was not intended to offend anyone. All of our Boosters clubs do amazing things,” said Rinearson. He added that the district may have become accustomed to them paying for things. “This budget is the framework; you can move things around. But you may want to wait until cash becomes known later.”

Regarding the health services advocates issue, Mr. Rinearson suggested learning what the county commissioners may be prepared to do to help. He said the budget was developed in February, before the HSA issue was known.

Director Woodd noted she appreciates the fluidity of the budget. Mr. Rinearson suggested an explanation about this may be helpful to print in the front of the budget document.

Approval of Appropriations Transfer

Motion 2013/14-45

On motion of Director Woodd, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2013/14-6, Appropriations Transfer, as listed in the June 10, 2014 board folder. Each year the budget is reviewed to ensure that appropriation levels and actual spending are in accordance with budget law. After this review, it was determined that a transfer was necessary.

Approval of Insurance Carriers

Motion 2013/14-46

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Woodd, the Board unanimously approved SDAO/PACE for property, liability, vehicles, and errors/omissions insurance, and SAIF for workers compensation insurance.

Discussion on New Course, STEM III

Principal Clint Raever and CTE teacher Peter Lohonyay presented the new STEM III course, comprised of two semester-long classes: Introduction to Microprocessors, and Introduction to Robotics. The classes will continue the emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) begun at the school over the last few years. Mr. Lohonyay noted the technology students learn is cutting edge, and said the school has two 3-D printers. A “clean room” is nearly complete at the school for use with the STEM classes; much has been funded with grant dollars. “We would like to make drones next year,” said Lohonyay.

Director Woodd asked if there is a speaking component to the proposed class where students can explain what they are doing; Mr. Lohonyay replied that there is.

The course will return for the Board’s consideration at the August board meeting.

Policy GBK/JFCG/KGC, Tobacco Free Environment

Student Services Administrator Aaron Belloni presented a revised policy GBK/JFCG/KGC, Tobacco-Free Environment. The policy was revised to include electronic and replica cigarettes. All of the policies presented by Mr. Belloni will return for the Board’s consideration at an upcoming board meeting.

Policies, Section J- Students

Aaron Belloni presented several revised policies and one set of administrative rules. The revisions were necessitated due to a change in state law regarding the zero tolerance for weapons policy and

consequences to students for bringing a weapon to campus. Zero tolerance remains in effect for firearms and requires an expulsion of not less than one year. All other weapons violations no longer require expulsion. Suspected weapons violations will be thoroughly investigated and may result in discipline up to and including expulsion.

The following policies are affected by this change:

- Policy JFC, Student Code of Conduct;
- Policy JFCJ, JFCJ-AR, Weapons in the Schools;
- Policy JG, Student Discipline.

Superintendent Rinearson noted the revised policies will be included in the student handbook as presented, unless board members wished to make changes; none were offered.

Board Special/Work Session, July

Due to scheduling issues, the July board meeting was moved to July 22nd, 6:30 p.m. at Newport Intermediate School. The board will meet in a brief special session that evening to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman, and to consider regular personnel items. Following the special session, they will meet in a work session setting with a consultant for training on board roles/responsibilities, working agreements and communication skills. Vice Chairman Martin asked board members to contact Laurie Urquhart with other suggestions.

Other

Ms. Martin thanked Sodexo for helping with the refreshments at the Superintendent's reception.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked everyone "for the memories."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent