

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, June 11, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

Present: Ron Beck, Chairman; Jean Turner, Vice Chairman; Karen Bondley, Liz Martin, Directors

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 30 members of the staff, media and patrons present

Public Hearing, 13/14 Approved Budget

The Board recessed into a public hearing of the 2013/14 approved budget. No comments from the public were offered, and the board meeting was recovered.

Board Reports

Board Vice Chair Jean Turner reported she attended both the Eddyville and Waldport High graduation ceremonies. Eddyville had 17 graduates, all of whom indicated their plans to attend college. Ms. Turner noted the Waldport High ceremony was the last that will take place in the existing school.

Director Martin she recently distributed “math facts” certificates to Sam Case students, and said she attended Newport High’s graduation. “It was great, as always,” commented Martin.

Director Ellis attended graduation ceremonies at Siletz and Toledo High Schools, and said both were exciting.

Director Bondley attended Taft High’s graduation, and said she was impressed with the large number of attendees to the ceremony.

Chairman Beck was out of town, and said it was the first Newport High graduation he had missed for several years. “Graduations are one of the highlights of being a board member,” said Beck.

West Area Report

Newport High Principal Jon Zagel reported June 1st was quite a day in Newport, as the Newport Marathon, the baseball state championship and graduation all occurred on that day. He noted NHS had two International Baccalaureate graduates and 13 valedictorians. He gave kudos to students and local organizations for the \$631,000 in local scholarships.

Mr. Zagel noted his pride in the school's state test scores, which were 91% "met or exceeded" in reading, and 80% in reading. He extended kudos to all of the Newport schools for making this possible.

Principal Zagel then recognized the school's special education department, saying "What we do for the kids that need the most is really impressive." The ECEL Program (Education for Community Employment and Life) has several businesses, including plant sales, dog biscuit sales, and lunch sales. They hope to add a cookie business in the coming year.

Superintendent Rinearson called attention to the copy of "Devocean," a special issue of the Harbor Light dedicated to ocean literacy. He called it an "amazing piece of work."

Taft Disaster Supply Cache

Safety Coordinator Sue Graves described the recently completed Taft disaster supply cache. She reminded the Board of the probability of a magnitude 8 to 9 earthquake due to the Cascadia subduction zone off the coast of Oregon. "Schools will have damage," said Graves.

The supply cache is designed to provide basic survival needs (shelter, water, medical and food) for the approximate 1300 students and staff in Taft for two days. Twenty one community partners collaborated to make this possible; the project garnered over \$44,000 of supplies.

Ms. Graves noted the Waldport area has a significant cache, and said she is working on one for Newport, with Toledo's to begin in the coming year.

Financial Reports

Business Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of May 31, 2013. She noted nothing unanticipated, and said she hopes the YTD student enrollment will increase from current figures. Interest rates remain flat.

For capital construction, approximately \$54 million of the \$68 million in bond funds has been expended. 65.4% of this, or \$35.3 million, was spent in Lincoln County.

Chairman Beck asked if the monies for the Crestview repair would come from Construction Excise Tax monies or another fund. (This topic was a separate agenda item, "Contingency Fund Transfer Resolution.) Superintendent Rinearson noted several funds have been reduced significantly to keep dollars in classrooms. "If we move the facilities expenses back into the general fund, it will mean fewer teachers in classrooms," said Rinearson.

Director Martin asked if the District is on track with bond projects to complete "what we need to." Ms. Baldwin replied in the affirmative, saying that capital construction financial reports list the various projects and the funds that will pay for them. "Some projects are listed as being completed as funds are available in the Construction Excise Tax and building maintenance funds," said Baldwin.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Rinearson thanked Chairman Ron Beck for his service as Chair this year, presenting him with a business card holder.

The Superintendent recognized and thanked Cohen and Park Photography for their donation of two more framed aerial photos of improved schools. The latest pictures of Toledo Jr./Sr. High and Sam Case will be hung in the District Office lobby, alongside previously donated photos of Oceanlake, Toledo Elementary and Newport High/Prep.

Mr. Rinearson thanked Dave Miller and KNPT for a donation of "scrip" to pay the cost of a room rental for an upcoming school board retreat.

The Superintendent noted that "Grant's Getaways" had to reschedule the visit to Waldport High's Kayak Shack due to an injury. Details about the upcoming visit and air times will be shared when they are known.

Mr. Rinearson recognized Newport Intermediate, attendance flag winners for the month of May.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 12/13-32

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

- Minutes, 5/14/13 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- 2013/14 Insurance Carriers, Other than Health (PACE and SAIF);**
- 13/14 Board Meeting Calendar.**

Approval of 13/14 School Calendars (District, Toledo Jr./Sr. and Taft 7-12)

Motion 12/13-33

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved three school calendars for the coming year, one for Toledo Jr./Sr. High, one for Taft 7-12 and one for the rest of the district as listed in the 6/11/13 Board Folder. The calendars will be posted on the District website in the coming days.

Operations Administrator Joe Novello described changes and corrections in the calendars compared to those in the May 13, 2013 board folder.

Toledo Jr./Sr. will follow a calendar similar to that of Taft 7-12 (i.e., "Friday school" for some students as well as staff development) beginning in 2013-14.

Chairman Beck asked about the policy dealing with graduation ceremonies, saying that they are to be held within five days of the last day of school, per policy. He suggested the Board examine the policy in the coming year.

Approval of 13/14 Achievement Compact**Motion 12/13-34**

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved the 13/14 Achievement Compact as presented at the Board meeting. Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented the compact, which will be submitted electronically to the Oregon Education Investment Board by June 30th.

Mr. Novello explained that the “College and Career Ready” targets were developed by examining the five year cohort and assuming a growth rate of 2.09% per year, which is what would be needed to achieve the governor’s 40/40/20 goal by 2025. This percentage was applied to the other college and career readiness indicators. The achievement compact is based upon data from 2011/12.

“Safe harbor” calculations were used to show ‘progression’, another indicator in the compact. Safe harbor reduces the number of students who do not meet targets by 10%.

If the state approves an extension, the Board will reconsider the Achievement Compact, using more timely data.

Approval of Instructor and Instructional Leader Evaluation Handbooks**Motion 12/13-35**

On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved the “Evaluation and Accountability Handbooks,” both for “Educators” (teachers) and “Instructional Leaders” (administrators). The handbooks will help guide teachers and administrators through the evaluation process as required by SB 290.

Human Resources Director Chelsi Sholty reported the district will implement the evaluation system in the coming year, and said adjustments will be made to the handbooks. Chairman Beck commented it is clear that Ms. Sholty and others worked hard on the handbooks.

Approval of Resolution Adopting 13/14 Budget**Motion 12/13-36**

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Martin, the Board approved Resolution 2012/13-10, adopting the 2013/14 budget as approved by the Budget Committee 5/21/13. The budget restores a full school year, the first time in the last four years. State law requires the Board adopt a budget by June 30th each year.

Approval of Contingency Fund Transfer Resolution**Motion 12/13-37**

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2012/13-11, Contingency Appropriations Transfer as listed in the June 11, 2013 board folder to pay the costs of unforeseen mold remediation repairs at Crestview Heights School.

Business Manager Julie Baldwin noted that, looking long term at the financial health of the district, it would be best to use general fund dollars. The final determination will not be made until the remaining balance of the general fund is known later this summer.

Superintendent Rinearson said that beginning cash balances will likely be lower than expected. "If we had not been saving for the last six to seven years, this situation could have been very difficult," he added.

Approval of Resolution Certifying Election Results

Motion 12/13-38

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2012/13-12, certifying the May 21, 2013 Special Districts election results. Board members in Zone 3 (Ron Beck), Zone 4 (Kelley Ellis) and Zone 5 (Terri Woodd) were each elected to four year terms in this election.

A revised resolution was distributed at the board meeting, including the Lane County results. (There are about 30 voters living in Lane County that vote in Lincoln County elections.)

Discussion on Contract, Lincoln City Career Tech Charter School

Operations Administrator Joe Novello reported negotiations for a new contract (charter) are continuing with Community Services Consortium for Career Tech. He noted that ODE is now involved, and said there are two main issues with the renewal. The first is the lack of an advisory board as required by the original charter agreement.

In discussing ways to bring that Board back, ODE stated the school should be operating as a 501(c)(3) organization rather than under the "not for profit" rules. (This occurred due to Career Tech being one of the first charter schools in the state).

The second issue is the enrollment of Angell Job Corps students as Career Tech students. ODE is examining the propriety of this.

Mr. Novello hopes to reach an agreement and asked for an extension of time (to the end of August) to continue negotiations. The Board reached consensus to allow this.

Discussion on Annual Designation of Officers Resolution

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented a revised annual organizational resolution, delineating district officers, clerks, agents and depositories of funds. (The resolution was revised to list the Clerk and Deputy Clerks as authorized to sign agreements.)

The mileage reimbursement rate will increase to \$.565 beginning with travel on or after July 1st. Ms. Baldwin also noted there is a vacancy in Zone 4 of the Budget Committee; the current representative was appointed to a one-year remainder term (through June 30, 2013). The resolution will return for the Board's consideration at the next board meeting.

Other

Chairman Beck noted the Board scheduled a work session (retreat) meeting of the board on Friday, June 14th. Consultant Greg McKenzie will join the meeting and will lead the Board through four topics:

boards working together; roles and responsibilities; leadership succession planning; and preliminary goal setting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Board

Superintendent