

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, July 16, 2013- 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

- PRESIDING:** Ron Beck, Chairman
- Present:** Ron Beck, Chairman; Liz Martin, Kelley Ellis, Terri Woodd, Directors
- Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 15 members of the staff, media and patrons present
- Excused:** Director Karen Bondley

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Bondley was excused from the meeting.

Just prior to the meeting's call to order, Business Manager Julie Baldwin administered oaths of office to Directors Ron Beck, Kelley Ellis, and Terri Woodd. Mr. Beck represents Zone 3 and was originally appointed to the Board in 2002 (re-elected several times since then). Director Ellis represents Zone 4 and was elected to a 2-year remainder term beginning in July 2011, and re-elected to a full four year term.

Director Terri Woodd, representing Zone 5, was elected to a four year term. This is the seat formerly held by Jean Turner, who served on the Board for over ten years.

Election of Chairman

Motion 13/14-1

On motion of Director Woodd, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously elected Ron Beck as Chairman of the Board for the 2013/14 year.

Election of Vice Chairman

Motion 13/14-2

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Woodd, the Board unanimously elected Liz Martin as Vice Chairman of the Board for the 2013/14 year.

Communications

Executive Director of Community Services Consortium (CSC) Martha Lyon addressed the Board regarding the proposed contract for Lincoln City Career Tech Charter School. She asked to share her remarks during the portion of the agenda dealing with the Career Tech contract, which the Board reached consensus to allow.

Board Reports

Vice Chairman Liz Martin noted her attendance at a “tsunami readiness” awards assembly at Oregon Coast Community College. She attended in place of Safety Coordinator Sue Graves, who was not available to attend. The award was given by NOAA and the National Weather Service.

Director Terri Woodd gave kudos to the recent Camp inTENTsity, a two-day event for Tribal and non-Tribal youth. Director Woodd reported the camp offered workshops focused on positive life choices and healthy relationships. She said Director Ellis organized the camp, and noted that Director Bondley also presented a workshop for students (as did Director Woodd).

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Homeless Program Coordinator Katey Townsend who was instrumental in procuring the McKinney Vento grant to benefit H.E.L.P. (Homeless Education Literacy Program).

Mr. Rinearson also recognized Taft 7-12 Science teacher Avery Marvin and INMS teacher Katie Sard, who are taking part in NOAA’s Teacher at Sea program. Part of the program involves charting the ocean floor in the Gulf of Alaska.

Mr. Rinearson noted that Taft 7-12 sent a team to the MATE (Marine Advanced Technology Education) ROV (Remote Operated Vehicle) international competition. Teams from all over the world took part in the competition.

The Superintendent invited board members to attend any of the staff development sessions planned for August. He noted the Board’s plan to meet in a work session setting in late July to develop board goals for this school year.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 13/14-3

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

- Minutes, 6/11/13 Regular Session;**
- Minutes, 6/14/13 Work Session;**
- Minutes, 6/19/13 Special Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items.**

Approval of 13/14 School Calendars (Newport Prep/Newport High; District)

Motion 13/14-4

On motion of Director Woodd, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved 13/14 School Calendars as presented in the July 16, 2013 Board Folder. The two calendars revised at the July board meeting are for Newport Prep/Newport High and for schools **other than** Taft 7-12 and Toledo Jr./Sr. High.

With this approval, the district will have four calendars for the 2013-14 year: one for Taft 7-12, one for Toledo Jr./Sr. High, one for Newport Prep Academy/Newport High, and one for all other district schools. (Calendars for the district charter schools are developed separately by each charter school).

Newport Prep/High's calendar will have early release days for students most Wednesdays. The first Wednesday of the month will be reserved for staff collaboration and staff development. Most other Wednesdays will provide two periods at the end of the school day for interventions or enrichments for students. Some students will be required to attend and all others are welcome to.

In order to provide training from nationally known trainers, the "all others" calendar was revised by changing two inservice days. The April 25th inservice day was rescheduled to December 6th, and the February 7th inservice day changed to February 14th.

The calendars will be posted on the District website in English and Spanish.

Approval of Annual Organizational Resolution

Motion 13/14-5

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Woodd, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2013/14-1, Designation of District Officers, Clerks, Agents and Depositories of Funds as listed in the July 16, 2013 board folder. The resolution is an annual housekeeping item.

Mileage rates increased by one cent to \$.565; meal reimbursement rates are unchanged. There is a vacancy in Zone 4 of the LCSD Budget Committee.

Revision of 13/14 Achievement Compact

The Board approved a 13/14 Achievement Compact at the June 2013 board meeting. After that time, the state legislature approved an extension of time for districts to submit their compacts using more up to date data.

Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented a revised Achievement Compact for the Board's consideration using some data from 12/13. Targets were set using the "safe harbor" method, which reduces the number of students who do not meet targets by 10%. The compact will return for the Board's consideration at an upcoming meeting.

Approval of Contract, Lincoln City Career Tech Charter School, (with Caveat)

Motion 13/14-6

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved a contract with Community Services Consortium (CSC) for Lincoln City Career Tech Charter School, contingent upon the District's receipt of acknowledgement from the IRS that an application packet from CSC/Career Tech to become a 501(c)(3) has been submitted. When this occurs, the contract will be retroactive to July 1, 2013.

CSC Director Martha Lyon asked the Board for "expedited" consideration of the contract, contingent upon LCSD's receipt of acknowledgment from the IRS as noted above. She reported CSC staff has

been negotiating a contract with District staff (Mr. Novello), and said it would be difficult to wait until the next scheduled school board meeting August 13th to learn if the board would approve the contract.

One of the first charter schools in the state, Career Tech has been operating under the auspices of ORS 190 non-profit status. Revised state laws regarding charter schools now require them to be under federal 501(c)(3) status. CSC will be submitting the packet to the IRS within five business days of the board meeting. Superintendent Rinearson reiterated that the state requires charter schools to have 501(c)(3) status; "It is their issue," noted Rinearson. Ms. Lyon expressed her concern that the IRS would not grant the request for several months, but Mr. Novello stated that all the district needs is proof that the IRS received the request, which can take two to four days.

Operations Administrator Joe Novello stated the contract was developed to mirror those of other charter schools in the District, and said one goal of the new organizational status is the formation of a local board for the school.

One of the most significant changes to the contract is the increase in enrollment by 20 students for a YouthBuild-type program to be located centrally. Other changes include: •CSC's provision of monthly and yearly financial reports by fund numbers; •an increase to the inventory control to \$500; and •early submission of proof of insurance with the annual report.

Director Ellis asked if payments would be made to CSC prior to the District's receipt of the 501(c)(3) acknowledgment; Mr. Novello replied that this would not occur, adding "otherwise, we could be liable to pay the money back to the state."

Update on Facilities (Added Item)

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni updated the Board on facilities projects, including the old Waldport High School. The grandstands have been demolished, and plans are being formulated to remove the school, as required by the agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Bids for asbestos abatement are due soon.

The Waldport Booster club will be holding a month-long garage sale, prior to Waldport, Toledo and Newport fire departments' practice burns at the school. An "open space" group continues to meet about possible uses of the space once the building is removed. Mr. Rinearson noted the group will have five sub-committees to explore possible uses of the space.

Superintendent Rinearson noted the old Taft Elementary and the old Waldport Middle School are also being considered for demolition using funds from FEMA, as they are becoming eyesores and expensive to maintain.

Mr. Belloni reported the new Waldport High is on track to open September 3rd. Crestview Heights School is also being renovated and is on schedule.

Mr. Belloni will provide updates on other buildings and projects at upcoming board meetings.

Discussion on Superintendent Succession

Chairman Ron Beck noted the Board's approval of an amendment to Superintendent Rinearson's contract allowing him to retire from PERS and continue this year as LCSD's Superintendent. The Board began discussions on next steps with regard to a successor to the Superintendent by reaching consensus to employ a search firm and to use Greg McKenzie of Window to Leadership in this role. Mr. McKenzie has provided training to the LCSD Board for many years and is familiar with LCSD.

The Board Chairman and Vice Chairman will be the primary contacts for the search. Board members also expressed interest in a creative solution to the superintendency, including the consideration of internal candidates, etc.

Discussion on 13/14 Goals

The Board began discussions on current year goals for themselves at a recent board retreat. Suggestions on possible goals include the revision of the graduation ceremony policy, the superintendent search, completion of bond projects, and contract negotiations with teachers. Chairman Beck noted he would like to see the acknowledgement of student achievement continue as well.

Superintendent Rinearson reminded board members of the probable deluge of new or revised policies due to the legislative session this year.

The Board plans to meet in a work session setting to continue goal setting in late July.

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

Chairman

Superintendent