

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, August 13, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

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

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

Excused: Director Terri Woodd

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 Woodd was excused from the meeting.

Communications

Chairman Beck noted the receipt of a written communication from the North Lincoln Coalition for a Better Future (also known as the North County Coalition for a Better Future).

Lincoln City resident James Hoover addressed the Board on behalf of the Coalition, thanking them for time on the board agenda as well as for holding the board meeting in the evening so more community members could attend. He noted his service as a board member for a K-12 private school. He encouraged board members to “invite people to come to an executive session, where they could talk with no repercussions.”

Chairman Beck responded there is no executive session citation under public meeting laws that would fit what Mr. Hoover suggested. Mr. Hoover said he would look for a way “that fits with the public meeting law” so that the Board could hear testimony from the Coalition members.

Board Reports

Director Karen Bondley reported that she met with the Coalition, saying their concerns were helpful to her.

North Lincoln Coalition for a Better Future

Mr. Hoover spoke for the group, noting his involvement began about a month ago. He noted the hiring of a private investigator by the District, noting that he was encouraged to learn the investigator was not specifically hired to investigate the theft of a plaque from Taft High School.

He urged the investigation report be shared with the Board. Chairman Beck responded that a final report has not yet been received by the district. Mr. Hoover asked that it be shared with the school board after it is received. Hoover also noted that there are other members of the Coalition that could not attend the board meeting; “these are people who would not usually come together,” he added.

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of July 31, 2013. She reported the state school fund revenue has been reduced from that on which the budget was built, due to changes the governor made late in the legislative session. The final ADM (average daily membership) number of students is still being finalized, as is the 12/13 fiscal year.

Chairman Beck noted the month of October’s projected balance of <\$2.1> million and asked if borrowing to meet expenses would need to occur. Ms. Baldwin replied that inter-fund borrowing will occur instead. (This is usual activity for that time of year.)

Director Bondley asked if a vehicle had been purchased. Ms. Baldwin reported a van was purchased for Facilities/Maintenance (for the courier), and an ADA compliant auto was purchased for a Tech employee.

For capital improvements, the overall percentage of funds expended in Lincoln County stands at approximately 65%. For the Toledo Jr./Sr. High project, 71.35% was spent locally, and at the new Waldport High, 75.4%.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized Waldport High’s “Kayak Shack,” featured recently on KGW’s *Grant’s Getaways*.

Mr. Rinearson reported LCSD is the recipient of a \$2.1 million 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. The five-year grant will allow the district to partner with community members to offer engaging educational activities beyond the school day. The project targets students in grades 1-8 and will operate at six sites. It is known as OCEAN (Oregon Coast Educational Afterschool Network).

The Superintendent noted that brand new teachers start work on August 21st, and said the first day for teachers new to the district is August 22nd. Returning teachers’ first day of work is August 26th.

Taft Elementary is having a benefit for arts education on Saturday, August 24th at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. There are two concerts, one at 3:00 pm. for kids, and one at 7:00 p.m. for ‘grown folks.’

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 13/14-7

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

•Minutes, 7/16/13 Regular Session;

- Minutes, 7/30/13 Work Session;
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;
- Contract Amendments, Business Manager, Director of Human Resources.

Chairman Beck noted the upcoming retirement of two long-time employees, Joe Novello and Mary Kelly. He thanked both for their many years of service to the District.

Approval of 2013/14 Alternative Education Program

Motion 13/14-8

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Martin, the Board approved by a vote of three “aye” and one abstention (Director Bondley) the 2013/14 Alternative Education Program, as presented by Administrator Scott Reed. He reported the alternative program will consist of both Insight School of Oregon and the new ‘LCSD Alternative Environments.’

Insight has been offered in LCSD for the last few years, and is an online learning school whose students are taught by ‘highly qualified’ teachers (now required of all teachers).

In addition, the district is offering LCSD Alternative Environments which will have a campus in Newport at Yaquina View and in Lincoln City at the Oregon Coast Community College site. LCSD Alternative Environments also consists of online courses, either by Moodle (taught by LCSD teachers) or Edmentum (a different online vendor). All teachers are highly qualified. The two sites will be staffed by Classified employees.

This addition will greatly expand the menu of options available for students. Students must have a recommendation from their principal and school counselor in order to participate and will then meet with LCSD staff to develop a Personal Education Plan.

Both Mr. Reed and Superintendent Rinearson noted high school principals worked on the alternative education plan extensively over the last school year. The Superintendent noted that the connection with Oregon Coast Community College, and said the alt ed program is “more of a continuum, rather than one single option.”

Approval of Revised 13/14 Achievement Compact

Motion 13/14-9

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved the revised 2013/14 Achievement Compact, as included in the 8/13/13 Board Folder.

Though a compact was approved at the June, 2013 meeting, the state legislature subsequently approved an extension for districts so they may use more recent data. The revised compact reflects 2012/13 data, in part.

Information on Achievement Company Advisory Committees

Operations Administrator Joe Novello noted the Achievement Compact Advisory Committee was established by state law last year. The LCSD Board appointed a committee, who met several times and developed recommendations for the 13-14 Achievement Compact.

Mr. Novello is seeking information regarding requirements of the committee for the current year. He recommended the Board appoint a committee, to be called upon as needed. The group should be comprised of teachers and administrators; parents are encouraged to be a part as well.

Update on Facilities

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni updated the Board on facilities projects, noting that projects at Toledo Jr./Sr. High and Toledo Elementary are virtually complete.

Projects at Crestview Heights, the new Waldport High, Sam Case and the Newport Prep Academy have been the big projects this summer. They will be substantially complete for the opening of school, though some items may be finalized after that.

Chairman Beck noted the improvements in all areas of the district are incredible.

Discussion on 13/14 Goals

The Board began discussions on current year goals for themselves at a recent board retreat and continued the discussion at a recent work session. The draft goals include: •acknowledging student achievement; •supporting completion of capital improvement projects; •completion of a superintendent search and successful transition; •negotiation of a contract with LCEA; and •establishing new policies resulting from the last legislative session. The board goals will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Superintendent Succession Plan

The Board continued their discussion regarding a succession plan for the superintendent. A meeting with consultant Greg McKenzie is planned for early September; a timeline will be developed and shared at an upcoming board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent