

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, September 10, 2013- 7:00 p.m.
Oceanlake Elementary School
Lincoln City, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

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

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 60 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 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of five board members present. He welcomed audience members to the meeting.

Consultant Report- Greg McKenzie

Greg McKenzie of Window to Leadership LLC reported he met with the Board during the summer on planning and a possible superintendent search. He also met the afternoon of the board meeting with two board members and other district staff to begin planning the superintendent search. He presented a proposed search calendar which will serve as a road map of the process. The calendar lists the job being posted in mid-December and closing January 31, 2014, with screening committee activities, interviews, “meet and greets” to follow. The hope is to select a new superintendent in March, 2014. The calendar is a framework that may be adjusted.

Community and staff meetings will be scheduled between October 8-10, 2013 to gather input on desired qualities and qualifications of a new superintendent. “We will ask what is going well, what you are looking for, etc. during these meetings.” An online survey will be available as well for those unable to attend the meetings.

He explained that job postings for superintendent vacancies are no longer posted in newspapers, but online using a variety of listings. For this search, he will post regionally with some national postings. Mr. McKenzie noted the Board should take action on several items that evening: declaring the Superintendent position vacant, approving a contract for professional services for the search along with the proposed search calendar, and approving an advertising/posting budget.

Declaration of Vacancy- Superintendent, Lincoln County School District Motion 13/14-11

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously declared a vacancy in the position of Superintendent of Lincoln County School District, effective July 1, 2014.

Approval of Contract, Superintendent Search and Search Calendar**Motion 13/14-12**

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Woodd, the Board unanimously approved the contract between Window to Leadership LLC/Greg McKenzie and LCSD for professional services related to a superintendent search, as well as the Search Calendar presented 9/10/13.

Approval of Advertising/Posting Budget Superintendent Search**Motion 2013/14-13**

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Woodd, the Board unanimously approved the advertising/posting budget for the superintendent search, not to exceed \$2,000.

Communications

Lincoln City resident and KBCH radio representative Roger Robertson welcomed the Board to Lincoln City, and noted “the Superintendent you have is just fine.” He reported the “stuff a bus” event was held in late August for the 14th consecutive year, and said nearly \$14,000 in school supplies, clothing and cash was raised in the school supply drive. In addition, Nike donated about \$4,000 worth of shoes. He thanked the Tanger Outlet, Mid Columbia and others for their help with the event.

Otis resident and retired teacher/coach Jack Wilkinson expressed his support of educators and his hope for the school district to continue in a positive direction.

Dan Kauffman of Lincoln City noted the right of free speech enjoyed by people in this country, and reminded the Board of his membership in the North Lincoln Coalition for a Better Future. He asked about the Board’s conversations with a local newspaper; Chairman Beck responded that he had conversations with the editorial board to correct an error.

Taft 7-12 teacher Barton Howe expressed his support of former principal Scott Reed and the need to stand up to the “small group of bullies that has been attacking” school board meetings. He gave kudos to Chairman Beck for his stand in support of Mr. Reed. Director Kelley Ellis explained that the Board Chair is the designated spokesman for the entire Board.

Several others addressed the Board in support of Mr. Reed, including Reyla Zumhofe, Mindy Hall, student Goldie Miller, Tim Hinton, Tom Miller, Jason Miller, Rebecca Dressler and Bo Walsh.

North Area Report

Taft Elementary Principal Chris Sullivan reported the school year started very well, with several new staff members in place. A back-to-school event is planned for September 19.

Oceanlake Elementary Principal Rilke Klingsporn expressed her excitement for the new school year and beautiful building. She noted Kindergarten classes started September 9th and said an open house was held August 29th.

Taft 7-12 Principal Majalise Tolan introduced new Assistant Principals Nick Lupo and Kelly Hart, and said the year has started well. She invited Board members to visit, and thanked them for all they do.

Financial Report

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of August 31, 2013. She noted expenditures are normal and customary for this time of year. Interest rates remain static.

Bond projects are on target. "With the information that we have now, we expect that all identified work to be completed with bond funds will be done," said Baldwin.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized the Waldport Lions Club for their donation of \$1,000 to Waldport High School. The funds will be used in the positive referral program which rewards students with \$5 certificates to local businesses.

The Superintendent reported that Oregon State Police volunteers are partnering with the District to provide periodic patrols at schools in Lincoln City, Newport and Waldport. The goal is to provide a visible presence near schools and to promote a safe school climate.

Mr. Rinearson recognized the Homeless Education and Literacy Program (H.E.L.P.) for holding back to school events in Lincoln City and Newport. Approximately 450 students were helped between the two events; they received school supplies, hygiene items, clothing and information on local resources.

The Superintendent reminded the Board of the Waldport High open house/dedication scheduled for September 18th at 6:00 p.m. He reported the opening of school went well; enrollment numbers are in flux and will be shared in the coming weeks when they are more firm.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 13/14-14

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

- Minutes, 8/13/13 Regular Session;
- Minutes, 8/26/13 Special Session;
- Regular Personnel Items and addendum;
- Temporary Contracts for Operations Administrator and Data Coordinator;
- 13/14 Board Goals.

Approval of Syllabus, Advanced Physics

Motion 13/14-15

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Martin, the Board approved a syllabus for the "Advanced Physics" course as listed in the September 10, 2013 board folder. The course was developed by Taft 7-12 with help from NHS teacher Brian Hanna. It was originally planned to be offered at the community college, but those plans were not realized.

Grading/Co-curricular Eligibility

Newport High Principal Jon Zagel and Athletic Director Wayne Spencer shared information regarding the new student evaluation model (grading) and how it interfaces with the current co-curricular

eligibility requirements. They reported that a “D” grade will no longer count toward a student’s grade point average, which will skew the average.

Superintendent Rinearson noted a recommendation will be shared when it is available, and said “we want to be fair to kids.”

Discussion on Policies JOA, JOB, IGBAB/JO-AR, IGBAB/JO-AR, IGBAG-AR, IGBAJ-AR

Special Education Administrator Susan Van Liew presented several policies and administrative rules for the Board’s discussion:

- Policy JOA, Directory Information;
- Policy JOB, Personally Identifiable Information;
- IGBAB/JO-AR, Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities Management;
- JO/IGBAB-AR, Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities Management;
- IGBAG-AR, Special Education- Procedural Safeguards;
- IGBAJ-AR, Special Education- Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

Ms. Van Liew reported the main reason for the revisions to the policies and administrative rules is a change in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) federal law. Disclosure of student records is now allowed to be shared with child welfare services without parental permission, under certain circumstances.

The policies and administrative rules will return for the Board’s consideration at the next meeting.

Update on Facilities

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni briefly updated the Board on facilities projects, first by reporting that all schools opened on time. “We have a long list of little things to do,” said Belloni. The boiler at NIS is in the process of being installed. The new high school in Waldport opened four months earlier than originally planned.

Chairman Beck gave kudos to Mr. Belloni, Darla Zagel, Kyle Luther and their team for their stellar work in overseeing all of the bond projects work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairman