

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Work Session
Tuesday, July 30, 2013– Following 1:30 p.m. Executive Session
Boone Center
Newport, 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

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 2:45 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

Discussion on 2013/14 Goals

Board members began the discussion by examining goals from 2012/13, with items discussed in prior meetings added to them. They reviewed each goal, as follows.

1. The LCSD Board of Directors will acknowledge student achievement by:

The three bullets under this goal were retained, but modified to allow more flexibility for board members. New bullets are:

- Recognizing elementary students for learning multiplication tables
- Recognizing students of all levels for achievement in non-fiction writing
- Exploring and supporting art programs for students.

Chairman Beck noted that art is being supplemented by local artists in several schools; Mr. Rinearson noted that Taft 7-12 led the way by switching to the “Friday School” calendar.

Director Woodd asked if the district offers summer school; the Superintendent replied it does not due to cost. He noted a local option levy could fund things like summer school. Trust with the community is being built by the district’s completion of the current general obligation bond projects (doing what we said we’d do). When the projects are completed, it could make the ground more fertile for a local option, said Rinearson.

Director Woodd noted the importance of Board members’ presence in schools, and asked how they learn of events. Laurie Urquhart will share information when she has it. Chairman Beck noted the board member’s relationship with individual principals makes a difference. “Don’t let your position as a board member keep you from volunteering in the school,” he added.

Other goals are:

2. The Board will continue supporting completion of the capital improvement projects.
3. The Board will complete a Superintendent Search. (“and successful transition” was added to this goal.
4. The Board will negotiate a contract with the teachers’ union (teachers’ union was changed to “Lincoln County Education Association”).
5. The Board will implement new policies resulting from the last legislative session. (“implement” was changed to “establish”)

Board members discussed Goal 3 regarding the Superintendent Search. Chairman Beck noted the proposal shared by Greg McKenzie at the board retreat provided a “not to exceed” price. He asked if any board members had a preference regarding when the search start, or be completed. Director Ellis said it would likely be unlikely that a new superintendent start the job until after July 1st.

The Superintendent suggested the Board ask questions of consultant Greg McKenzie regarding the search. The draft proposal provided by McKenzie earlier has draft timelines, including several community meetings. Mr. Rinearson said the Board might want to consider having criteria, etc. decided by the December board meeting.

Chairman Beck surmised that having an online questionnaire for people to complete regarding what they would like to see in a superintendent would be helpful. Director Ellis agreed, adding that community meetings should still occur.

Mr. Rinearson noted that finding the right candidate would determine the hire date.

Director Bondley said it would be helpful to learn the ‘why’s’ of Superintendent Rinearson’s success in Lincoln County. He responded that it would be more beneficial to him to meet in a work session and have the Board ask him questions. Director Ellis suggested having Secretary Laurie Urquhart develop a list of Tom’s traits that she has observed.

Mr. Rinearson commented that one of his character traits is the ability to relax during an upheaval. He noted his “over the fencepost” type of management style.

Chairman Beck said Laurie would work with Mr. McKenzie to set up a planning meeting with the Chair, Vice Chair, Superintendent, and her.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent