

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, October 9, 2012- 7:00 p.m.
Waldport High School
Waldport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

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

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 40 members of the staff, students and patrons

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

The school board met in regular session on October 9, 2012 at Waldport High School with approximately 40 members of the staff, students and patrons present.

Communications

Linfield student and Waldport High alum Maddie Webb addressed the Board about concussion protocols and impact testing, urging the district to expand its current practices. She noted that though each school has a protocol, she felt they could be stronger. "Much of it is self-reporting," said Webb. Superintendent Rinearson stated many parents feel football is an injury prone sport, but may not realize soccer is also a high contact sport with potential for injuries.

Former principal and current chairman of the local PFLAG chapter (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) Jeanne St. John addressed the Board about bullying prevention.

Staff Recognition

Chairman Beck presented teachers Mary Koike and Ingrid Olson with decorative glass "waves" as an expression of the Board's appreciation for both teachers' excellent work.

Ms. Koike received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching, while Ingrid Olson was named the 2012 Outstanding Marine/Aquatic Classroom Educator. Mr. Beck thanked the teachers for their outstanding work, which impacts the entire district.

Board Reports

Director Kelley Ellis reported she enjoyed lunch at Toledo Elementary School, and Director Liz Martin said recent football games have been exciting.

Student Representative, South Area

Waldport High Junior Class President Lexie Larsen reported most students at the school are excited about their upcoming move to a brand new school next fall. “We have a lot of new teachers as well as a new principal. We are excited and comfortable with them,” said Larsen. She recognized Principal Tyler Stiner for seeking students’ opinions about issues. She said student leaders are working on homecoming activities.

Student Non-Fiction Writing- Waldport High

Waldport High Principal Tyler Stiner reported that school uses the “Write Tools” methodology for non-fiction writing. “I was picking up trash in front of several different classrooms; when I looked at the papers I picked up, I realized all of them had highlights in three different colors, for the three different content areas being studied.”

Mr. Stiner recognized student Maria Alvarado (in the audience of the board meeting) for her excellent writing skills.

He noted both Lexie Larson and Maria Alvarado embody “the best in what we want for our students.”

Student Non-Fiction Writing- Crestview Heights

Crestview Heights Principal Kelly Beaudry recognized first grade teacher Ingrid Olson in the audience, whose students created placemats given the board. The placemats integrated science with art.

A group of fifth grade students described the “plastic bags” writing project begun last year with their fourth grade teacher, Gary Cavanaugh. Students explored the City of Newport’s discussions about banning plastic bags, did research regarding different kinds of bags, their cost and eco-friendliness, and wrote to the mayor.

They are continuing the project this year with teacher Lori Miller, and are working on a letter to the editor on the issue.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of September 30, 2012. She noted the financial reports now reflect the five school days added back to the calendar.

Student enrollment has increased slightly from last school year. Superintendent Rinearson noted the district has been in “stop loss” for several years, so even if the enrollment holds, the district will not see an immediate jump in state school fund support.

Ms. Baldwin reported funds will be moved from Umpqua Bank to the Local Government Investment Pool due to a change in interest rates from the bank.

Ms. Baldwin reported PERS rates in LCSD will not increase in the 2013-15 biennium (the only district in the state with this status). Part of the reason for this is the district’s large “side account,” initiated

when the district sold bonds several years ago to pay down its unfunded PERS liability. Also, the district's payrolls have declined over the last two years; which affects the PERS rate.

Over \$36.7 million has been expended on capital construction (bond) projects, with \$24 million of that spent in Lincoln County.

Summer Bond/Capital Improvement Projects

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni and Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented a photo/slide show of bond/capital improvement projects begun and/or completed over the summer. Board members expressed appreciation and awe at the sheer number of projects undertaken and their excellent outcomes.

Major projects are either underway or completed in every area of the district.

Achievement Compacts

Superintendent Rinearson reported the first meeting of the Achievement Compact Advisory Committee took place on September 25th. The Committee is mandated by state law and will oversee the achievement compact.

Operations Administrator Joe Novello was elected Chairman of the group, and LCEA President Margie Grinnell, Vice Chair. Their next meeting is October 16, 4:30 at Newport High. The group will be developing a system to collect student achievement data as well as targets for the next achievement compact.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson recognized and thanked the many organizations that donated school supplies at the beginning of the school year, including (but not limited to): ●**Stuff a Bus**- held September 7th in Lincoln City. Mid Columbia donated a large bus which was filled with over \$13,000 worth of supplies and cash. Stuff a Bus events were held in other areas of the district as well. ●**Bank of the West, Yachats**- donated over \$600 worth of math teaching supplies to Crestview Heights. ●**Walgreens**- Kids in Need Foundation donated school supplies to Newport High. ●**Timbers Restaurant, Toledo** held a school supply drive to benefit Toledo Elementary students. ●**Umpqua Bank of Waldport and Out of Gas Pizza, Yachats** gathered 50 backpacks filled with school supplies for students at Crestview Heights.

Mr. Rinearson noted Thursday, October 11th marks the end of the first progress period for the year. Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday evening October 24th and all day and evening October 25th. Please contact the respective school for exact conference times.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 12/13-5

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

- Minutes, 8/28/12 Regular Session;**
- Policy IGEB, Adult High School Diploma;**

- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;
- Policies and Administrative Rules:
 - IGBA & IGBA-AR,* Students with Disabilities- Child Identification Procedures;
 - IGBAF, Special Education- Individualized Education Program (IEP);
 - IGBAH, Special Education- Evaluation Procedures;
 - IGBAJ-AR,* Special Education- Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE);
 - IGBAB/JO & ARs,* Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities Management;
 - JO/IGBAB & ARs,* Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities Management.

*Though the school board generally does not approve administrative rules (ARs), federal law stipulates that they do consider some. The ARs with an asterisk fit this category.

Approval of Resolution: November as Native American Heritage Month Motion 12/13-6

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2012/13-2, proclaiming the month of November as “Native American Heritage Month.” The resolution notes the many important contributions of Native Americans in our area. The resolution will be distributed to schools to help honor Native Americans in LCSD schools and community.

Information on Literacy Grant

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sara Johnson described the new literacy grant awarded the district by the U.S. Department of Education- Project SEAL: Students Engaged in Authentic Literacy. This first-time grant aims to improve literacy skills for students in high-need districts and schools.

The two-year, over \$700,000 grant will provide for a .5 Certified Library Media Specialist, will purchase a total of \$90,000 in library resources, and will extend media assistant time in each school building by 1.5 hours per day for increased parent and student access.

The grant will also purchase a class set of Kindle Fires (or like technology) for each library that can be checked out by teachers. Professional development on model classrooms is included, as are bi-annual Family Literacy Nights at each school library.

Superintendent Rinearson gave kudos to Community/Curriculum Resource Liaison Ruth McDonald, who did the lion’s share of the writing of the grant. He noted the district will be advertising for a full time library person.

Policy LBE, Public Charter Schools

Operations Administrator Joe Novello presented a revised policy LBE- Public Charter Schools. The policy was revised three times over the last year. One significant change (as in several other revised policies) is the requirement that special education responsibilities be provided by the district in which the public charter school is located (rather than the district of parental residency as in the past).

References to CIM/CAM have been removed from the policy, and the fiscal accountability sections have been revised. Verbiage related to online and virtual schools has been added.

Administrative rules were also revised and sent to the board under separate cover. The policy will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Transportation Policies EEA, EEAC, EEACC, EEACD, EEAE

Mr. Novello presented several revised student transportation policies, also changed several times over the last few months. The State Board of Education reorganized the Pupil Transportation rules, which resulted in a complete renumbering of the associated administrative rules. Language pertaining to transporting preschool students with disabilities was also revised.

The policies will return for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on First Budget Committee Meeting

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented a proposed 2013-14 calendar of budget committee meetings and process. The first budget committee meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2013, and the public hearing and budget adoption is scheduled for June 11, 2013. The Board will consider the date for the first budget committee meeting at the next board meeting.

Information on Budget Committee Vacancies

There are vacancies in Zone 2 (Agate Beach, Depoe Bay, Schooner Creek) Zone 3 (central-Newport) and Zone 4 (Siletz, Toledo, Eddyville). Terms for these volunteer positions are three years, though the Zone 4 position is a remainder term expiring June 30, 2013. Applications will be available soon; the Board will appoint the budget committee members at an upcoming board meeting.

New Superintendent Evaluation Form

During the Board retreat last summer, the board reached consensus to change the evaluation form for the Superintendent. They will beta test the online survey by the end of October, and will discuss it at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent