

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Tuesday, February 9, 2016- 7:00 p.m.

Sam Case Elementary School

Newport, Oregon

Minutes

- PRESIDING:** Liz Martin, Chairman
- Present:** Liz Martin, Chairman; Karen Bondley, Vice Chairman; Kelley Ellis, Amanda Remund, Directors
- Also Present:** Steve Boynton, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary
- Excused:** Ron Beck, Director
- Handouts:** Financial Reports, 1/31/16; Personnel Action 2/9/16; Sodexo Food Services Newsletter; Enrollment Report, 1/31/16

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

The school board met in regular session on February 9, 2016 at Sam Case Elementary School with a quorum of four board members present, and approximately 30 members of the staff, media and patrons in the audience.

Communications

Food Services Director Patty Graves distributed a newsletter to the Board, and noted each elementary school will be receiving a “water garden” self-cleaning fish tank that grows food.

She also reminded the board of the upcoming future chefs’ competition on Saturday, March 19th.

WSE consultant David Dahle introduced himself, saying he is working to connect positive school news using social media.

Newport Middle Principal Aaron Belloni presented each board member with a homemade canvas plaque created by Leadership students. They were created to honor board members in observance of Board Recognition month.

Board Reports

Director Amanda Remund reported the south area recently held a successful Booster auction.

Chairman Liz Martin noted she attended “alumni night” at Taft High. She said the climate at the school is very positive.

Student Representatives

Sam Case students Blair Thompson, Braylon Belloni, Ella Jenkins and Layla Schroeder addressed the board about their “no chocolate milk” campaign. The students reported chocolate milk has too much sugar to be considered healthy.

West Area Report-

Sam Case Principal Tiana Tucker reported over 1,000 people attended the Newport science fair. “The fair enhanced inquiry and creativity for our students,” said Tucker.

With the new configuration of Sam Case, Ms. Tucker started the year with a blend of teachers from several schools. “They all have a voice.” she said.

Wednesday professional development days at the school have gone well and are appreciated by staff. Mid-year STAR results show most students are on track to attain one year’s growth over the course of the year. Each student takes part in leveled reading and math for 30 minutes each day; teachers examine student data on professional development Wednesdays. ESOL students’ (about 22% of the school’s population) literacy skills are growing, and math results are improving dramatically.

Ms. Tucker reported the school is nearly at capacity with the number of students attending. Students have character education once per week. All students received a new school t-shirt this year; the school is sending a team to Battle of the Books. The school has a Facebook page and Instagram.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported nothing unanticipated in the month of January. She noted the state legislature still has some decisions to make regarding revenue. The ending fund balance has increased, which will accommodate the spending of \$1 million the second year of the biennium.

The first estimate from the state for next year’s funding is due March 7th. Interest rates have increased to above one half of one per cent.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Boynton recognized Taft and Newport High Schools for their receipt of Nike School Innovation grants. The grants will fund the AVID program, which supports high school success and college/career readiness.

The Superintendent gave kudos to the Newport High band and their teacher (Rachel Steward), who were invited to perform in the Grand Floral parade in Portland on June 11th.

Mr. Boynton thanked and recognized the many students from Taft and Newport High Schools for their support at the recent COSA conference at Salishan. Taft High student Erica Haun sang the national anthem, accompanied by Essential Skills students who signed the song; Taft Leadership students manned the welcome booth; Taft culinary students catered all the receptions and the Newport High jazz band performed at the event.

Superintendent Boynton gave kudos to Safety Coordinator Sue Graves, for her recognition in a recent letter from Hatfield Marine Science Center Director Robert Cowen. Mr. Cowen expressed “tremendous appreciation” for Ms. Graves and her expertise on tsunami preparedness and an information sharing plan.

The Superintendent noted the Newport science fair had more than 1,000 attendees and 150 displays. He reminded the board of an upcoming policy work session February 23rd, 6:30 at Newport High, and said that all district facilities will be closed for the Presidents’ Day holiday February 15th.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 15/16-23

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

- Minutes, January 12, 2016 Regular Session;**
- Minutes, January 26, 2016 Work Session;**
- Independent Adoption, Math (Waiver);**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 2/9/16;**
- Administrative Contracts, 7/1/16 through 6/30/19: Susan Van Liew, Eric Clendenin, Michael Morgan, Julie Baldwin, Rich Belloni, Tim Kaufman;**
- ESD Resolution, 2016/17 Local Service Plan;**
- Admission of Non-Resident Students, 16/17 (Policy JECB): Zero.**

Contractor, Toledo Jr./Sr. High Gym Seismic Upgrade

Motion 15/16-24

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Directed by Director Remund, the Board unanimously approved DSL Builders, LLC as the CM/GC contractor for the Toledo Jr./Sr. High gymnasium seismic upgrade project. Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported DSL has done a great deal of work for the district in the past, so staff is comfortable with this contractor.

The gross maximum prices is still being negotiated; the final contract will be reviewed by an attorney.

LCEA Contract 2015/18

Motion 15/16-25

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Remund, the Board unanimously approved the finalized contract between the LCSD Board of Directors and the Lincoln County Education Association for the July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 time period. This is the final step for implementation of the agreement.

Chairman Martin thanked both teams for their hard work.

Classified Employees Week, March 7-11, 2016

Motion 15/16-26

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Remund, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 15/16-4, proclaiming the week of March 7 through 11, 2016 as “Classified Employees Week.” Classified employees around the state are recognized during this week for their important work. Chairman Martin thanked all district classified employees for their contributions.

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Remund, the Board unanimously tabled the consideration of the Superintendent's contract to an upcoming meeting, when all five board members could be present.

Information on CTE Course Descriptions

This item was continued to the next meeting.

Calendar, RFP for Audit Services

The district is participating in a joint public agency RFP for audit services along with the Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD and several other districts. The process is being coordinated by the ESD; a notice of RFP will be published in the News Guard, the News Times and several other newspapers in the valley.

Proposals will be received in early March, with a recommendation to the Board of Directors for final selection in April. Audit services are being requested for five years, with the possibility of an extension of an additional two years.

Contract Extension, Banking Services

Oregon Coast Bank (OCB) has provided banking services to LCSD since July 1, 2005. The district has been very satisfied with the services and banking relationship we've had with OCB. Policy DG allows three one-year extensions to the original five year contract. Staff is proposing a one-year extension, with would be the third and final one. This item will return for the board's consideration at the next meeting.

Policies, Section I

The Board began a complete rewrite of district policies during the last school year with the help of Oregon School Boards Association. They last met in a work session to discussion Section I, Instruction on January 26, 2016.

The board will complete the review of Section I and Sections K/L at a work session on February 23rd. A draft version of all of the policies will be available on the district website once the process is complete. The Board hopes to adopt all of the policies at the June 2016 regular session.

Public Statement, Superintendent's Evaluation

Chairman Liz Martin reported the Board conducted the annual evaluation of Superintendent Boynton and issued a statement about the evaluation. Ms. Martin reported the board commended the Superintendent on his passion in implementing the Board's vision of "every child, every day." They gave him kudos on fiscal management, and noted "Our learning environment continues to grow under his leadership," The statement also said Mr. Boynton's integrity is beyond reproach and that he promotes exceptional moral and ethical practices.

The board will be meeting with the superintendent in the coming months to establish goals.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent