

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors- Regular Session**  
**Wednesday, April 12, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Taft 7-12 School**  
**Lincoln City, Oregon**

**Minutes**

- PRESIDING:** Ron Beck, Chairman
- Present:** Ron Beck, Chairman; Amanda Remund, Vice Chairman; Liz Martin, Karen Bondley, Directors
- Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary
- Excused:** Kelley Ellis, Director
- Handouts:** Financial Statements, March 31, 2017; LCSD Enrollment, 3/31/17; Nutrition Services Newsletter April 2017; Addendum, Contract for Superintendent Tom Rinearson; Addendum, Revised Organizational Resolution

**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 Ellis was excused from the meeting.

**Contract, LCSD and Superintendent Tom Rinearson**

**Motion 2016/17-33**

On motion of Director Remund, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved the contract between LCSD and Tom Rinearson, Superintendent. The contract is based on that of former superintendent Steve Boynton and describes the terms and conditions of employment. The contract's end date is June 2017.

**Revised Resolution, Designation of District Officers, Clerks...**

**Motion 2016/17-34**

On motion of Director Remund, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved a revised Resolution 2016/17-1, Designation of District Officers, Clerks, Agents and Depositories of Funds naming Superintendent Tom Rinearson in the various roles described therein. The resolution also names Brown & Brown as insurance agent of record for insurance other than health for the remainder of the fiscal year; the board approved Brown & Brown earlier in the year.

**Communications**

Jeff Doyle welcomed Superintendent Tom Rinearson back to the district, and quoted Thomas Jefferson saying it is better to concentrate on dreams of the future rather than reflections of the

past. “Healing needs to be done, for the kids,” said Doyle. He asked the Board to include ideas on a new superintendent (when the time comes) from teachers, administrators and the community, and to offer a public session of the final three candidates so that all can be included in the final decision. “We can look at what we’ve done right, and correct what we’ve done wrong,” said Doyle.

### **Student Representatives**

Several third grade Taft Elementary students addressed the board about their exploration of colleges (Reed College and University of Nevada Reno).

Taft Elementary teacher Rachel Martin coached students who competed in a math competition against others in the state. Students shared their experiences with the board; a national online competition is upcoming.

### **Board Reports**

Chairman Ron Beck reported he judged the recent “future chefs” competition and was quite impressed with the outstanding food. He also announced the birth of his granddaughter the first week of April.

### **Mindfulness**

Oceanlake behavior specialist Ali Kurt described the “mindfulness” class she began teaching this year. Students learn calming strategies they can use in class and at home. “We teach them to stop, breathe and then problem solve,” said Ms. Kurt. She presented a video of students using the techniques they are learning.

“We wanted to be more proactive in dealing with children in the moment,” said Ms. Kurt. She reported staff at the school is studying “Conscious Discipline,” as are many throughout the district.

### **North Area Report**

**Taft 7-12 Principal Majalise Tolan** reported all juniors would take the ACT test in the coming week. She noted that the “Willie Wonka” play opens this weekend, and said the Studios to Schools grant is paying for the live orchestra for the performances.

She gave kudos to north county Oregon Coast Community College, who reached out to the school to provide several classes for high school students (Business 101, Accounting, College Success, and CNA).

Ms. Tolan recognized music teacher Andy Hordichok for his “impressive work” organizing a recent band competition held at the school. She also noted students at Taft 7-12 participated in a math competition, with the seventh grade team placing first, another seventh grade team of one student placing second, and the eighth grade team placing third.

**Oceanlake Elementary Principal Sandy Mummey** reported swimming lessons for second grade students are ongoing, sponsored by Behrens foundation funds. Superintendent Rinearson gave kudos to this foundation for its longtime, generous support of students in Lincoln City.

Ms. Mummey reported the Oceanlake SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) program was highlighted in the local newspaper. First graders read with volunteers each week.

Ms. Mummey reported a Taft High Eagle Scout is building a “kinder-garden” at the school. She noted the school scheduled a spring music festival the week of May 15.

**Taft Elementary Principal Nick Lupo** noted one goal at the school is to improve participation in family nights. To that end, “Pi” night was held, with families coming to school in the evening to participate in math activities and enjoy donated pie. A STEAM night is planned for May 25.

Mr. Lupo thanked OMSI who contributed \$20,000 for outdoor school in which sixth grade students recently participated.

He reported Taft Elementary’s spring fundraiser will focus on improving the gym (scoreboards, paint).

The first week of June is ‘music week’ at Taft Elementary, with the musical performances planned for the entire week.

“March madness” happened at Taft Elementary, with students exploring different colleges, as mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked north area principals for their in-depth thought processes related to budgeting. He also noted that Lincoln City Schools are nominated for business of the year as part of the Lincoln City Chamber “community days” events, and gave kudos to the “high quality teachers, classified staff and leadership staff” in the north area.

## **Financial Reports**

Director of Business Services Julie Baldwin noted the ending fund balance would help with planning for the next two bienniums.

She said enrollment remains strong, and said state funding for the coming year is still unknown. Interest rates are increasing slightly.

Superintendent Rinearson noted an increase of approximately 500 students over his three-year absence from LCSD, and said this increase results in additional revenue. “The district is managing an incline, rather than a decline, of students.” He noted that planning for future bienniums is important.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rinearson said he traveled to Michigan earlier this year to help former principal Ryan Relken, who recently accepted a position there as superintendent. He noted of 15 principals who were here three years ago, approximately 20% are now superintendents, and another 20% "made the final cut. This shows that 40% of our building level folk have gravitated up. I encourage you to maintain this. As you look for a new superintendent, I encourage you to look for someone who will build capacity. I would hope you would have two to four valid internal candidates."

The Superintendent congratulated Newport Middle student Laney Price for her winning design for the "Happy Hands Dispenser" design contest. The school will receive \$500 from the sponsors of the contest to purchase art supplies. The school will also receive soap dispensers with the winning design on them.

Waldport High and the Waldport community partnered to beautify the campus by planting indigenous plants. Yachats Lions Club donated money to purchase the plants, fertilizer and hoses. The Seal Rock Garden Club selected the plants and planned the layout, and Thompson's Nursery provided the plants at reduced cost. The Waldport High Leadership Team planted the vegetation.

Mr. Rinearson reported the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with LCSD, would provide a school resource officer for Waldport and Toledo schools, pending approval by the county budget committee.

He gave kudos to Newport High Principal Jon Zagel, who recently did a good deed for a woman who left her purse at Newport High after an evening event. Mr. Zagel called the woman (who lives in Lincoln City) and waited at school for her to return to Newport. She said he is "an angel on my list."

Superintendent Rinearson noted that district office administrators are meeting with school administrators this week to review their proposed budgets for the coming year.

He also noted the solar eclipse would take place August 21, 2017. Staff is exploring the affects to the district, including staff training.

## **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**Motion 2016/17-35**

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Consent Calendar items, as noted in the April 12, 2017 board folder.

- **Minutes, March 8, 2017 Regular Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items.**

## **School Calendars**

This agenda item was postponed to the May board meeting.

**Oregon Coast Bank for Banking Services**

**Motion 2016/17-36**

On motion of Director Remund, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Oregon Coast Bank for banking services for the July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022 period, with the possibility of three one-year extensions.

Oregon Coast Bank has provided banking services to LCSD since July 1, 2005. Staff is very satisfied with the service and banking relationship and would like to continue the relationship.

**Resolution, Teacher Appreciation Week**

**Motion 2016/17-37**

On motion of Director Remund, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2016/17-8, proclaiming the week of May 1 through 5, 2017 as “Teacher Appreciation Week” in Lincoln County School District. Chairman Beck read the resolution to the audience, and called on the community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to teachers for a job well done.

Director Martin commented, “It is not a week, but 365 days of teachers teaching and caring about their students. I applaud each and every one.”

**Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements**

**Motion 2016/17-38**

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved revised policy IKF, Graduation Requirements as presented in the April 12, 2017 board folder. Approval of the policy will allow English Language Learners to demonstrate proficiency in their language of origin, if they are eligible for these accommodations. ODE has specific criteria for meeting eligibility.

This will affect several students this year.

**Information Partnership. Turf Field, Newport Middle School**

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported staff and the Newport Boosters are exploring the possibility of building two multi-use turf fields at Newport Middle School. The Boosters have raised almost half of the needed funds (approximately \$700,000 total); the district will be responsible for the other half. Lighting is not included in the project.

Mr. Belloni noted district policy will dictate scheduling of the new fields. He will update the board as the project proceeds.

Superintendent Rinearson reminded the board of the partnership between the city of Lincoln City and the district to make the Taft High turf field a reality many years ago. “That provided a framework for how to do projects like this,” said Rinearson.

Chairman Beck stated his appreciation for booster clubs in all areas of the district.

## **Results of Investigation**

Chairman Beck reported concerns were raised over the last couple of months regarding former Superintendent Steve Boynton. No complaint was filed, but out of an abundance of caution, the Board asked the Hungerford Law Firm to investigate. Chairman Beck tasked the law firm with answering two questions: 1) Did Mr. Boynton engage in inappropriate contact with students? Based on all available evidence, he did not. And 2) Did Mr. Boynton interfere in any way with the initial investigation of these matters? Although by all appearances unintentional, Mr. Boynton's presence potentially could have affected the investigation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent