

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, July 11, 2017- 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Oaths of Office were administered by Director of Business Services Julie Baldwin to Directors Ron Beck, Amanda Remund and Jenny Demaris

PRESIDING: Ron Beck, Chairman

Present: Ron Beck, Chairman; Amanda Remund, Vice Chairman; Karen Bondley, Liz Martin, Jenny Demaris, Directors

Also Present: Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary

Handouts: Personnel Addendum, 7/11/17

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

Election of Board Chairman

Motion 2017/18-1

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Demaris, the Board unanimously approved Ron Beck as Chairman of the Board for the 2017/18 year.

Prior to the vote, Director Remund was nominated by Director Martin, seconded by Director Bondley. Ms. Remund declined the nomination, stating her preference for gaining more experience on the board before serving as its chairman.

Election of Board Vice Chairman

Motion 2017/18-2

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved Amanda Remund as Vice Chairman of the Board for the 2017/18 year.

Introductions

Chairman Beck introduced News Times reporter Joan Brown, who will be covering education stories for the paper.

Board Reports

Director Jenny Demaris thanked Directors Rich Belloni and Susan Van Liew for providing her with a tour of the district.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated the Newport High "Finnovators" Robotics team for their 14th place showing out of 40 teams in international competition. The eight-member team, mentored by Liz Fox, traveled to the Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) competition in Long Beach, CA. Their ROV (Remote Operated Vehicle) can use a scoop to pick up sediment and can turn 360 degrees-under water.

Mr. Rinearson reported that Taft 7-12 Principal Majalise Tolan and Toledo Jr./Sr. Principal Clint Raever attended the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA) meeting in Philadelphia, part of a national principals' meeting. Mr. Raever is President of OASSA.

The Superintendent thanked several benefactors for their generous contributions to the turf field under construction at Newport Middle School. Central Coast Excavating (Vern Wiles and Bob Farrington) donated \$10,000 in cash to the effort.

Vern Wiles also donated \$3,000 in trucking services for the project, and Road & Driveway (Rob Wienert) donated asphalt and labor for the track that will go around the field. Sincere thanks to all!

Superintendent Rinearson noted that Waldport High saw a large increase in the number of students taking part in Career Technical Education courses. The school now has four offerings: Tourism/Hospitality; Fire and Emergency Services; Manufacturing and Fabrication; and Commercial Art.

Mr. Rinearson congratulated the Newport High IB Diploma candidates, all eight of whom earned the IB diploma. In six of eight areas tested, NHS students exceeded average scores compared to IB test takers around the world.

The Superintendent reminded the board that the district will use online registration for the coming year. The system will open on August 7th; labs will also be offered at schools (dates and locations are listed on the District website).

A list of summer trainings for staff will be finalized and sent in the coming week. Board members are welcome to attend any of the training sessions.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 2017/18-3

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Demaris, the Board unanimously approved Consent Calendar items, as noted in the June 14, 2017 board folder including:

- **Minutes, June 14, 2017 Regular Session;**
- **Regular Personnel Items and Addendum**
- **Resolution 2017/18-1, Designation of District Officers, Clerks, Agents & Depositories of Funds ("Organizational Resolution");**
- **2017/18 Board Meeting Calendar.**

Policy DBDB, Fund Balance

Policy DBDB, Fund Balance was presented to the board at the last meeting. Staff recommended retaining seven percent of the general fund, directed by the Superintendent. Any amount over that would be discussed by the school board regarding where it should be directed. Superintendent Rinearson stated this topic could also be added to the annual resolution.

Director of Business Services Julie Baldwin noted the district has the ability to transfer money between funds as it becomes necessary. Chairman Beck asked about the last sentence of the policy regarding annual review, and if that referred to the Budget Committee. Ms. Baldwin replied that it does not.

The policy will return for the board's consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion on Construction Excise Tax Rate

The construction excise tax was enacted by the state legislature several years ago as a way to generate revenue for capital improvements. In January of this year, the board approved a resolution raising the rate for the first time in nine years to \$1.07 per square foot for new residential construction, and \$0.53 per square foot for non-residential use.

The state Department of Revenue allows rates to increase, indexed to inflation. Staff recommends increasing the rate gradually each year to eventually reach the rate allowed by the state. For 2017/18, the recommendation is an increase of seven cents per square foot for residential construction, and three cents per square foot for commercial (bringing the rate to \$1.14 per square foot and \$0.56 for commercial construction respectively).

A resolution will be presented for the Board's consideration at the August board meeting.

Information on Eclipse Planning

A total solar eclipse will occur August 21, 2017. Director of Secondary Education/Principal Jon Zagel reported he has been involved with planning with various entities. Approximately 100,000 people are expect to visit the Oregon coast for the event.

All schools will be closed the day of the eclipse, and there will be no athletic practices that day. Mr. Zagel described a planned event at Taft 7-12 the day of the eclipse (the event was subsequently canceled).

The Lincoln County Fair is scheduled the weekend of the eclipse and will continue for one additional day (August 21). As occurs each year, the parking lots at Newport High will be available for fair parking.

This agenda item will return to the board each month until the date of the eclipse.

Discussion on Board Retreat

The board will meet in a work session (retreat) on Tuesday, July 18 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Just after the work session is convened, the board will meet as the Local Contract Review Board to hold a public hearing

and consider findings of fact and a Request for Proposals for the seismic work at Newport High and Sam Case Elementary.

The retreat will focus on communication, goals, and a discussion on a superintendent succession plan. Chairman Beck noted the goal discussion will likely not result in the board setting goals the day of the work session, but rather discussions about what the board would like to accomplish as well as a discussion on the search for a new superintendent.

Superintendent Rinearson said one of the proposed work session agenda items concerns whether the board wishes to run the search for a new superintendent in house or go outside. He suggested they watch some of the presenters at the annual OSBA convention and have conversations with them.

Other

The final enrollment report for the 2016/17 year was contained in the July 11th board folder. Director Demaris asked if the district has an attendance goal. Mr. Rinearson replied that it does not, though attendance is addressed in many ways. There are also several factors playing into students' absences (eg, illness). School Resource Officers and the district truancy officer have roles as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent