

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors – Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting Via Zoom**  
**Newport, Oregon**

**Minutes**

**PRESIDING:** Amanda Remund, Chair.

**Present:** Amanda Remund, Chair; Liz Martin, Vice Chair; Ron Beck, Megan Cawley, and Jenny Demaris, Directors.

**Also Present:** Dr. Karen Gray, Superintendent; Rhea Warren, Secretary.

**Handouts:** Regular Session Meeting Agenda; Draft Resolution 201/20-6 Appropriation Transfer; Financial Statements as of April 30, 2020.

**Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum**

Chairman Remund convened the meeting and called the session to order at 6:30 p.m. with a full quorum of five Board members present.

**Communications**

*Written*

None at the time.

*From the Audience*

None at this time.

*Recognition*

None at this time.

*West Area Report*

Sam Case Elementary Principal, Shelley Moore introduced John Sutherland, Unified Program Advisor. Mr. Sutherland presented information on Sam Case's work to become a Unified Champion School. A Unified Champion School has three pillars that include unified sports, inclusive youth leadership, and whole-school engagement. For Sam Case to become a state-level banner school, the school must meet one of sixteen criteria in each of the three pillars. Sam Case has met the requirements and hopes to have a banner presentation at Sam Case once the Covid-19 restrictions lift. Sam Case has a goal to become the first elementary school in the state to be nationally recognized as a Unified Champion School. To become nationally recognized the school must meet 10 criteria and Sam Case has met 12. However, since this is the schools first year they needed to be recognized at the state level first and will work next year to be recognized at the national level. Mr. Sutherland shared photos of Sam Case students participating in different unified activities such as sports, leadership, clubs, and assemblies.

*Introductions*

Superintendent Gray introduced Michael (Mike) Gass who is the new principal for Crestview Heights Elementary School starting the 2020/2021 school year. Mike Gass shared he has been in Colorado for 33 years. His wife is a retiring elementary teacher and they own a home in Otter Rock so they have been exploring this area for several years. Mike shared that his wife is excited to retire but he is not ready to give up working with kids yet and was excited when the Crestview Principal position opened. He is looking

forward to working with the teachers and students. Mike shared he is already meeting weekly with Sandi Battles the new Assistant Principal at Crestview Heights and they are planning to hit the ground running.

### *West Area Report (continued)*

Newport Middle School Principal, Aaron Belloni shared that things at Newport Middle are moving along in distance learning with the focus being on the student connection. Aaron shared the school has made contact with every student since the closure and they continue to try to accomplish this weekly. If a student is not reached each week, they continue to try the following week and work to figure out why the student is not connected to the school. The school has many ways they are staying connected with the students such as live meetings, student surveys, phone calls, remind calls, home visits, videos, and using social media. Staff are currently working on a 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation video and that should be coming out soon. It has been a learning curve for not only students but also the staff. Aaron introduced his two children who are Newport Middle School students. Newport Middle School Students spoke about working with their leadership group to stay connected to students through Instagram. The leadership group created five different committees, a committee working on doing kindness challenges, a committee working on 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion, a committee doing book-reporting challenges, and a committee doing a digital talent show. Also, the students are making motivational videos that they send out each week to stay in touch as a school.

### **Financial Report**

Kim Cusick, Business Services Director updated the Board on Financial Reports as of April 30, 2020. Kim shared information about receiving federal Forest fee's, an update on State School funds received, and the difference in estimated funds compared to received funds in different areas.

Chair Remund asked for clarification regarding the amount paid for resource officers while schools are closed. Superintendent Gray explained that the resource officers are still working heavily with the schools regarding items such as inappropriate behaviors during distance learning and even doing home visits when we are unable to reach a student.

In addition, Kim Cusick shared regarding the Draft Resolution 2019/20-6 Appropriations Transfer from Facilities and Maintenance in 2019-20 be redirected to the Technology Fund.

### **First Student Monthly Written Report**

Board members received a written report from First Student outlining information regarding meal routes, sanitation, the status of staffing, status of the Route Study, driver/candidate status report, and what the bus drivers are doing to minimize Covid-19 exposure.

### **Board Reports**

School Board members shared "good news" reports regarding current school events in each of their respective regions. Director Demaris shared her astonishment about all the interesting and unique ways staff are connecting and engaging with kids. Director Beck said that he appreciated all the good things happening in LCSD. Vice Chair Martin is impressed with the parent participation with their children and her appreciation for all the efforts everyone is putting in to make the best of this situation.

Chairman Remund shared that Eston Smith who is a Waldport graduate who was accepted into West Point. Also, she shared her excitement for the new Principal and Assistant Principal for Crestview Heights and taking part in the delivery of 2020 Graduate signs to Waldport graduating seniors. Director Cawley said she enjoyed seeing all the senior pictures everywhere and seeing everyone doing the best at this time.

## **Superintendents Report:**

### *Budget Discussion*

Superintendent Gray talked about being in conversation over the past week with the statewide superintendents group, ODE, and COSA trying to keep up to date regarding their predictions of a very large shortfall in the budget. Superintendent Gray said the shortfall would be discussed more at the May 14, 2020, Budget Committee Meeting but wanted to make sure the Board was aware. ODE and COSA have told the districts to budget at the 9 billion and that is what the district has done. However, we know there will be severe shortfalls in the Oregon state fund budget due to taxes decreasing because of the Covid-19 pandemic. At this point, we do not know what is going to happen but we are moving forward as directed.

### *New Administrator Announcements*

Superintendent Gray shared that they are still filling positions for Toledo Assistant Principal and Sam Case Assistant Principal and believe they are close to making an offer for the positions.

### *Ending School for students June 5, 2020*

Superintendent Gray discussed wanting to end school on June 5<sup>th</sup> instead of June 9<sup>th</sup> and needing the Board to take action due to this being a change in the calendar year. Teachers will need the three days to determine where each one of their students ended for the year and prepare a plan for moving forward. Especially since out participation rates are not very high, the district will have students who do not pass their classes and teachers need to make a plan for these students. The last day for teachers will still be June 10<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Gray believes it will take the teachers to the 10<sup>th</sup> to plan for their students.

## **Action Items**

### *Ending School for students June 5, 2020*

On motion of Director Demaris and seconded by Director Cawley, the Board unanimously approved decreasing the number of students days from June 9<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup> to allow the teachers appropriate time to finish the evaluation of each student progress by the end of the year as presented by the Superintendent at the May 12, 2020 Board Meeting.

### *Graduation Plans*

Superintendent Gray shared that every school will be doing something to honor their graduates on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Gray shared the district put out a graduation survey to parents and students to receive community feedback on what the community wanted. Everyone by far wanted to have in-person graduation. However, since that is not possible, every school will create a modified event to honor their graduates virtually.

### *Distance Learning Update*

Superintendent Gray shared that we are running 30 to 50 percent of students logging into their classroom but we are feeding students and will continue to feed students and work on distance learning.

## **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

On motion of Director Cawley and seconded by Director Martin the Board unanimously approved consent calendar items as listed in the April 14, 2020, Board folder including:

- Minutes: April 14, 2020, Regular Session
- Human Resource, Personnel Action May 12, 2020

## **Action Items**

### *Teaching and Learning*

Intent to Award for Chrome Book Purchase

On motion of Director Demaris and seconded by Director Beck the Board unanimously approved the Intent to Award a Cooperative contract through a participating agreement with WSCA-NASPO for Chrome Book Purchases as presented in the May 12, 2020, Board Folder.

*Sodexo Renewal – Food Services*

On motion of Vice Chair Martin and seconded by Director Cawley the Board unanimously approved the contract with Sodexo as the provider of food services for the 2020/21 year.

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Superintendent Evaluation

On motion of Vice Chair Martin and seconded by Director Cawley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendents Evaluation as presented in the May 12, 2020 Board Meeting.

Rolling Superintendent's Contract

On motion of Director Cawley and seconded by Vice Chair Martin the Board unanimously approved rolling the Superintendent's Contract forward effective July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2023, as presented under separate cover.

**Items of Discussion and Information**

*Business Services*

Sodexo Custodial Renew

Kim Cusick, Business Services Director updated the Board on the draft of the Sodexo Custodial Renewal. The Renewal has a CPI index that is used and this year it is 1.9%.

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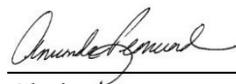
Draft 2020/21 Board Meeting Calendar

Board discussed the draft of the 2020/21 Board Meeting Calendar. Board will take action on June 9, 2020, Board Regular Session.

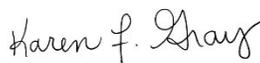
*Other*

Reminders of upcoming Budget Committee Meeting dates.

There being no future business, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Chairman



Superintendent