

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors – Regular Session
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting Via Zoom
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Megan Cawley, Chair.

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

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

Handouts: Board Folder; Meeting Agenda; Blueprint for Reopening; Financial Reports

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Cawley convened the meeting and called the session to order at 5:30 p.m. with a full quorum of five Board members present.

Introductions: None at this time.

Communications

Written

None at this time.

Blue Cards

The Board received one requests to speak.

Teacher and community member Daryl Ettner addressed the Board and commented on her concerns regarding being asked to come into the building for face to face in person meetings to help parents understand the Comprehensive Distance Learning model and then continue to conduct online classes from within the school building. Daryl explained she is questioning the need for these potential exposures to the virus and possibility of taking home the virus to others in her household and does not feel she has seen any protocols for testing or tracing for teachers. Daryl expressed she believes there are other options such as conducting phone call or zoom meetings with families in place of face to face meetings as well as even making the virtual backgrounds during class meetings look like the classroom or be inviting from a teachers home.

Recognition

None at this time.

Consultant Reports/Staff Reports/Student Reports

Financial Report

Kim Cusick, Business Services Director updated the Board on Financial Reports as of June 30, 2020 and July 31, 2020.

Board Reports

School Board members shared reports regarding the schools and district having a good media presence, Waldport Booster club looking for a president, and also appreciation for all the zoom information meetings taking place to help answer parents/community questions.

Items of Discussion and Information (*Board members unanimously agreed at beginning of the meeting to move Edmentum up on the Agenda to take place after Financial Reports*)

Edmentum Presentation

Mark Thompson and Amy Harris from Edmentum presented a demonstration of what students will see when they choose to use the Edmentum program. Mark said Edmentum is looking forward to working with our district in this unique time and believes Lincoln County School District is ahead of the curve. Amy demonstrated Exact Path and explained that students start with a diagnostic assessment for math, language arts, and reading which will then generate a learning path based on the students skill needs. Amy also demonstrated a brief look at Study Island and Edmentum for middle and high school students.

Zach Lillebo Lincoln County Administrator for the Edmentum program clarified that Lincoln County School District (LCSD) students who enroll to use these programs will not have direct contact with LCSD certified teachers and the parents will need to be the learning guide for their children. Dr. Gray shared LCSD had a number of families that chose to go to online charters due to not knowing what was happening and the uncertainty. When the district hit its 3% cap for students attending online charter schools the district began denying transfers to online charter schools. However, the district realizes there are families that want an online option and by offering a program like Edmentum LCSD hopes to fill a need for those families that would prefer to go to online schools. Also Dr. Gray clarified the goal for LCSD is to move into a Hybrid Model as soon as we are able to safely.

School Board members shared their belief that this option could work well for a specific population of students and their appreciation that we have this option available.

Board members requested clarification on switching between Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) and Edmentum. Dr. Gray and Zach Lillebo clarified that students will have the first week to change options. However, the district is asking that after the first week they stay with the selection for the first 9 weeks. However, of course there will be situation where students will need to change and we will work on a case by case basis with those students.

Superintendent's Report

Policy Updates – First Readings

Superintendent Gray reviewed first readings of the policies and explained changes and updates to each of the following policies:

1. IGBAH-AR – Special Education – Evaluation and Eligibility Procedures
2. JHH – Student Suicide Prevention
3. GBL – Personnel Records
4. GBLA – Disclosure of Information
5. GBN/JBA – Sexual Harassment
6. GBN/JBA-AR (1) – Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure
7. GBN/JBA-AR (2) – Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure
8. JBA/GBN – Sexual Harassment
9. JBA/GBN-AR (1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure
10. JBA/GBN-AR (2) – Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure

Superintendent Gray encouraged Board Members to review the changes made and to ask questions or let her know suggestions they have regarding the policy updates. Vice Chair Martin expressed interest in having something that gives the overview of the changes. Dr. Gray shared that we would work on getting a handout that shows some of the main points as well as possibly having a presentation if the board felt it was needed. Also, August 19th the district is having a mandatory training for all Administrators regarding Title IX updates.

Board Retreat, review and finalize agenda

Superintendent Gray shared the Board Retreat Agenda and invited feedback from the Board members. Director Demaris requested adding a round table section to discuss upcoming Board position elections.

Update Fall Education Plans

Superintendent Gray shared regarding the three FAQ's that were created from the community zoom meetings where the district had 1127 attendees. The FAQ's can be located on the district website. A new community letter will be coming out Friday with new updated information from ODE that was just received a few hours ago. She shared that ODE made many changes to the guidance that we will need to review it to really understand all the changes. The guidance looks like even with CDL the district may be able to bring some kids back on campus that need extra support. Also, the district will not be starting a hybrid model until we believe all staff and all students are safe. In addition, the county will need to meet the ODE requirements for onsite which include items such as having to be at 5% or less of positive cases and the county is currently around 9%. Superintendent Gray talked about a portion of CDL wording that was removed regarding tourists. She said the wording was inappropriate and should not have been in the language. Dr. Gray thanked Director Remund for bringing the wording to her attention. The district met with Lincoln County Public Health (LCPH) and shared the plan. Also the superintendent received a nice email from Rebecca Austen with LCPH thanking the district and being conservative with the district's plan.

Superintendent Gray shared the guidance was updated today letting the districts know even though just starting with CDL and not hybrid model at this time the whole Blueprint is due to ODE by August 15th. In addition, there is no requirements for ESD or union approval. However, the Board is required to take action and vote on the Blueprint for reopening. A brief update was shared regarding the charter schools Blueprints for Reopening. Dr. Gray explained there was controversy regarding whether or not Eddyville can open or now. Siletz and Career tech are going to start with CDL.

Director Remund expressed curiosity for starting a week later. Superintendent Gray explained September 8th & 9th were built in as professional development (PD) days taking from other PD days that would have happened later in the year. The district did plan to start September 10th and 11th but decided the teachers needed more time to be prepared. Also, the first two weeks will be meet and greets between the teachers and the students.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

On motion of Director Beck and seconded by Vice Chairman Martin the Board unanimously approved consent calendar items as listed in the August 11, 2020, Board folder:

- Human Resources: Regular Personnel Items

Action Items

Blueprint for Reopening

On motion of Director Demaris and seconded by Director Beck the Board unanimously approved the Blueprint for Reopening as noted in the August 11, 2020 Board folder.

2020/2021 District Calendar

On motion of Director Remund and seconded by Director Demaris the Board unanimously approved the 2020/2021 District Calendar as noted in the August 11, 2020 Board folder.

Items of Discussion and Information

CTE Report

Majalise Tolan Director of Secondary Education shared that the welding program has started back up again. The Taft lab doesn't meet social distancing requirements but Toledo's lab does. She also talked

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about the *Shield me Please* with instructor Noah Lambie which is making face shields for the schools. The district is slowly starting to get CTE students back involved in programs.

In addition, Majalisse shared that Edmentum does have CTE courses just not the same as what our school locations have but at least it's an opportunity for them to take CTE courses. She shared that we are looking at a Culinary and Chemistry program for a science credit and she believes we have some of the most creative teachers in the state.

Majalisse explained that the cohorting requirement is the biggest struggle. Teachers are working on ways to work through this but it currently is one of the most difficult items. Also, math teachers have been meeting and working over the summer. It is very timely that the district purchased a math program that can go 100% online but hard copies are also available as well to make sure the district meets all the student's needs. In addition, Majalisse is meeting with teachers and looking at what Social Studies options are available that can go online. Majalisse explained she is looking forward to the curriculum rollout and as a parent and leader she is excited. She stated, "We are in a good spot and good things are going to happen and we are going to just get better."

Director Demaris shared the COVID-19 saying, "Build back better" and she believes LCSD will have built back better. Dr. Gray shared that Director Majalisse Tolan and Katie Barrett have such a great excitement and attitude towards the work. They are working hard at bringing robust instruction to the younger kids and the districts goal is eventually a hybrid model that will get kids back on campus.

Vice Chair Martin asked how the Dual Credit courses will work out. Director Tolan explained the district meets with the college regularly and collectively work together to maintain the programs we have built. Also, Edmentum will be able to work with early college. The district will also be able to run the CNA program.

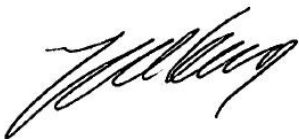
LBL 2019-2021 Local Service Plan Resolution Amendment

Dr. Gray said that simply put this is LBL ESD's portion around the SSA and statewide initiatives and work around Social Emotional Learning that needs to be added as an amendment. Dr. Gray encourages the Board to review and let her know if they have any questions or concerns. This item will be on the September 8, 2020 Consent Agenda.

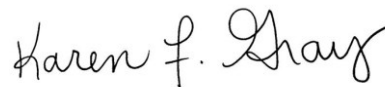
Other

Reminder August 21, 2020 Board Retreat 9:00 – 3:00, Location: Georgie's Beachside Grill, South Salon. Please bring your mask.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Chairman



Superintendent