

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors – Regular Session
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – 6:30 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 and Rhea Warren, Secretary.

Handouts: Board Folder, Meeting Agenda, and Financial Reports

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

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

Public Hearing

The Board recessed into a meeting of the Local Contract Review Board at approximately 6:35 p.m.

Local Contract Review Board – Public Hearing

The LCSD Board, acting in its capacity as the Local Contract Review Board, conducted a public hearing to hear and take testimony on the creation of Exemption for Competitive Bidding Requirements of Public Improvement Contracts for the Seismic Upgrades at Oceanlake Elementary School.

Facilities Director Rich Belloni reported the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) process was successfully used for the previous Seismic projects.

No comments were offered from the audience.

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Demaris, the Local Contract Review Board unanimously approved the Exemption from Competitive Bidding Requirements of Public Improvement Contracts for the Seismic Upgrades at Oceanlake Elementary School as presented.

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Demaris, the Local Contract Review Board unanimously approved the RFP for Oceanlake Seismic Upgrades as presented.

The LCRB meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m., and the Regular Board session was reconvened at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Introductions: None at this time.

Communications

Written

None at this time.

Blue Cards (From the Audience)

Peter Lohonyay addressed the Board and shared his feelings that everyone is trying to do the best they can during these uniquely strange and changing times. Peter spoke about the ongoing need for transparency and effective communication among all participants and shareholders to collectively come to sound decision making. Peter shared his hopes that later in January students will be able to be back in person on a more regular basis. Also, he shared his gratefulness for the leadership and efforts being put forth to keep everyone safe and make the best decisions.

Recognition

None at this time.

North Area Reports

The principal of Oceanlake Elementary School, Sandy Mummey shared slides showing some of Oceanlake's celebrations. She shared a celebration for students grades K-2 being able to be back in the building in a hybrid model, of students wearing masks and socially distancing, and of the school's first virtual assembly. Sandy spoke about her staff and their phenomenal collaboration and eagerness to do hard work. She spoke about the staff are staying flexible, staying socially distanced, and getting the job done. Also, Sandy wanted to celebrate the parents and community and that even during the pandemic the average school climate survey results showed that from a parent's perspective the school's scores increased with the highest levels being in interpersonal relationships and instructional environment.

The principal of Taft Elementary School, Becca Bostwick shared slides showing the completion of the Seismic Upgrades at Taft Elementary and some of the major changes that were completed in the building including renovation work in the offices. Becca said that third-graders started back on November 9th and are coming in person in a hybrid model. She spoke about the continued use of technology while at school on the in person days to help teach students things that they can incorporate on the days they are joining virtually. Principal Bostwick shared about the collaboration between Taft Elementary and Oceanlake to create a virtual family/ parent academy based on survey results from parents sharing their support needs.

The principal of Taft High School, Nick Lupo shared that since the pandemic started they have been thinking of ways to rebrand and get some school culture going. He spoke about working with staff and parents to create a mantra of "Tiger Town" so that kids can feel part of the culture of Taft. That is where the double T's for the logo started. Using this logo to help the staff and community show their Tiger pride. Nick shared about highlighting AVID students of the month. Also, he shared about working to give back to the community that supports the schools by giving rewards for attendance to students for local services, such as a free drink at Salt, which puts money back into the local businesses in the community. He also shared about the school's CTE programs and partnering with Waldport to bring the Natural Resource program to Taft High School CTE students.

Consultant Reports/Staff Reports/Student Reports

Annual Audit Report

Pauly Rogers and Co. presented the audit report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020. The auditor reported the District obtained an "unmodified, clean" opinion, the highest level attainable. Pauly Rogers and Co. representative shared one exception was found requiring comment, which was an over expenditure budget. Dr. Gray shared the overspent was due to community services for food which, had been expected and previously discussed at prior Board sessions.

Financial Report

Kim Cusick, Business Services Director updated the Board on Financial Reports as of November 30, 2020.

First Student Monthly Written Report

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Board members received a written report from First Student outlining information such as meal routes, sanitation during Covid-19, Covid cases within First Student, the status of staffing, and rules put in place for reopening and transporting students. Dr. Gray spoke of the excellent job First Student is doing with all the constant changes happening.

Board Reports

School Board members shared "good news" reports in each of their respective regions. Chair Cawley shared her appreciation for the staff and all the hard work happening to make the best of the current situation. Director Demaris spoke about her appreciation that the schools were still able to still have back to school photo's because back to school photos are such a tradition each year for students to take part in. Also, the Directors spoke about the great communication between staff and students and the sense of community that is still happening even while no physically being together.

Superintendent's Report

School Update

Superintendent Gray spoke about the Covid numbers in Lincoln County increasing and how quickly the county went from being in the green zone to being in the red zone. Dr. Gray shared that due to the increase and after speaking with local health authorities the district will stay frozen and not bring back any additional grades. Then once the district returns from the winter break starting January 4, 2021, all students except for a very limited amount (wildfire survivors and students with no internet connectivity) will return to comprehensive distance learning. Dr. Gray shared that meals will continue to be delivered to students via the buses. She also shared that the district's goal and the plan are to still have students back in a hybrid model by the beginning of February.

Policy Updates – First Readings

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

1. JB – Equal Educational Opportunity
2. JFCM – Threats of Violence

Superintendent Gray encouraged the Board to review the information and give feedback or let her know if they have any questions or concerns regarding the policies.

Superintendent Gray talked about having a set space on the Board agenda monthly for the certified union president to speak. Also, she expressed wanting to have a designated slot for a representative from the Hispanic community to join and share. Directors said they would be open to the idea of having a designated spot for community groups to report to the Board. The Board agreed to discuss it more at the January 26th work session.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

On motion of Director Beck and seconded by Director Remund the Board unanimously approved consent calendar items as listed in the December 8, 2020, Board folder:

- Minutes – November 10, 2020, Regular Session
- Human Resources: Regular Personnel Items
- Policy Final Readings
 1. ACB – All Students Belong
 2. ACB-AR - Bias Incident Complaint Procedure

Action Items

Updated Budget Calendar

On motion of Director Demaris and seconded by Director Beck the Board unanimously approved the 2020-21 Budget Calendar as noted in the December 8, 2020 board folder.

Declaration of Budget Committee Vacancy, Zones 1, 4, and 5

On motion of Director Demaris and seconded by Director Remund the Board unanimously approved to declare the 2020/2021 Budget Committee vacancies for Zone 1, 4, and 5.

Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

On motion of Director Demaris and seconded by Director Remund the Board unanimously approved Resolution # 2020/21-4 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan as noted in the December 8, 2020 Board Folder.

Construction Excise Tax Temporary Natural Disaster Exclusion Resolution

On motion of Vice Chair Martin and seconded by Director Beck the Board unanimously approved Resolution # 2020/21-5 Construction Excise Tax Temporary Natural Disaster Exclusion as noted in the December 8, 2020 Board Folder.

OSBA Elections – Resolution to adopt the OSBA 2021-2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles as recommended by the Legislative Policy Committee

On motion of Director Beck and seconded by Vice Chair Martin the Board unanimously approved to support Resolution # 2020/21-6 Adoption of the proposed OSBA 2021-2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles as presented at the December 8, 2020 board session.

ESS Contract Extension

On motion of Vice Chair Martin and seconded by Director Beck the Board unanimously approved the ESS Contract Extension as presented at the December 8, 2020 board session.

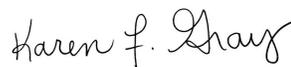
Other

A reminder of the next NSBA Conference and January 26th Work Session, Topics: Equity and Board Budget Goals, 5:15 pm at the Teaching and Learning Center. Board members agreed they would like to attend the NSBA Conference if it is held in person in April of 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Chairman



Superintendent