

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors – Regular Session
Tuesday, February 9, 2021 – 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, Updated Draft 2021-22 District Calendar, Updated Graduation Data, Personnel Addendum and January 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.

Introductions

None at this time.

Communications

Written

None at this time.

Blue Cards (From the Audience)

None at this time.

Recognition

Classified Employees Week

The first week of March 2021 is Classified Employees Appreciation week. In gratitude of the District's devoted and exemplary Classified Employees, Chairman Cawley recognized staff and read aloud Resolution 2020/21-8 Classified Employees Week.

Bus Driver Appreciation

February 22, 2021 is Bus Driver Appreciation Day. In gratitude of the District's dedicated and exceptional Bus Drivers, Chairman Cawley recognized Bus Drivers and read aloud Resolution 2020/21-7 Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

LCEA Report

Peter Lohonyay addressed the Board and spoke about getting students back in the building safely. Peter shared he was happy to have students back in the building and feels the students are doing a good job wearing masks and follow the safety protocols. He spoke about looking at the metrics and watching the numbers to keep track of where our county is on cases. Peter stressed that we don't want to let our guards down and need to continue to be vigilant with all safety measures in the building to keep both staff and students safe.

South Area Reports

The principal of Crestview Elementary School, Mike Gass shared about having students back on campus, getting ready for Oregon State testing, working hard on attendance, and the elementary math adoption. He also spoke about special things happening at Crestview, such as college cohorting, K-12 family nights, outreach in the south area, and having quarterly meetings with Zone 5 Board member Remund. Mike spoke about the different clubs that they are currently running via zoom to help families and keep students engaged.

The principal of Waldport Jr/Sr, Amy Skirvin shared information on two of Waldport's CTE programs. The Visual Arts CTE program is working hard and filming performances that can be watched while making sure they are wearing masks and following all safety protocols. The Natural Resources Forestry team is continuing in their career development which is virtual now instead of in person. Amy spoke about weekly virtual "Fireside Chats" that take place for families to attend and have discussion. She also shared new staff introductions, Avid student achievements, and an overview of the recent Accreditation that was completed.

Consultant Reports/Staff Reports/Student Reports

Financial Report

Kim Cusick, Business Services Director updated the Board on Financial Reports as of January 31, 2021.

First Student Monthly Written Report

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 transporting students.

Board Reports

School Board members gave updates regarding their respective areas. Board members expressed feeling disconnected while unable to be in person and looking forward to slowly getting more connected as things shift. Chair Cawley expressed excitement for the March Board meeting being in person at Taft Elementary.

Superintendent's Report

School Update

Superintendent Gray spoke about Representative Gomberg bringing House Bill 2607 to the legislature regarding construction excise tax. Dr. Gray said she submitted a written testimony as well as presented an oral testimony along with Commissioner Claire Hall. She said she believed it was very positive and hopes the bill will pass which will let school district waive the excise tax under situations of extreme disaster and recovery.

Superintendent Gray said about it has been 11 months since the district was told it had to close its doors due to Covid 19. She acknowledged how hard the past 11 months have been for students, staff, and parents. Dr. Gray also acknowledged that the district is still unable to play contact sports and understands how difficult this is for people. Once we are not in high risk this can change. Athletics are based off of county metrics. Dr. Gray spoke about bringing back grades 4 through 6 for the first time since the closure and keeping comprehensive distance learning as an options for parents who are not yet ready to have their students back in person and for students that Edmentum is not a good fit.

Vice Chair Martin thanked and acknowledged Dr. Gray for her leadership during this difficult time.

LCSD 2020/21 Board/Supt. Goals & Measures

Superintendent Gray updated the Board on the 2020/21 Goals and Measures. She shared that the data is not very good. The district was on the upswing for attendance until Covid hit and now it is a struggle to

get students to attend and to track attendance. Dr. Gray shared the numbers are less than ideal but we will recover and continue to move in a positive direction as things and situations change. In addition, she shared about PBIS and behavioral exclusions, alignment of K-12 mathematics, continued work to increase student academic engagement, and creating an equity plan.

Dr. Gray spoke about the Board Strategic plan and one of the next steps being the April 28th gathering on the Lincoln County Leaders. The Board will be working on a plan for the meeting at the next Work Session. Also, she shared about working on a marketing plan for the Lincoln County School District.

District Calendar 2021/22 DRAFT

Superintendent Gray shared the Draft of the 2021/22 District Calendar. She spoke about a few small changes to the total number of days just due to a calculation error. The District Calendar will be an action item at the March 9, 2021 Board Session.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

On motion of Director Demaris and seconded by Director Beck the Board unanimously approved consent calendar items as listed in the February 9, 2021, board folder including the Personnel Addendum dated February 9, 2021:

- Minutes – January 12, 2021, Regular Session
- Minutes – January 26, 2021 Work Session
- Human Resources: Regular Personnel Items
- Policy Final Readings
 - a. LBE - Public Charter Schools
 - b. LBE-AR - Public Charter Schools
 - c. LBEA - Resident Student Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Attendance
 - d. IJ – School Counseling Program

Action Items

Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Intent to Award

On motion of Director Beck and seconded by Vice Chair Martin the Board unanimously approved the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Award for Oceanlake Seismic Upgrades to DSL Builders LLC.

Construction Excise Tax Increase Resolution 2020/21-3

On motion of Director Beck and seconded by Director Demaris the Board unanimously approved the Construction Excise Tax Increase Resolution 2020/21-3 as presented in the February 9, 2021 board folder.

Linn Benton Lincoln 2021-23 Local Service Plan

On motion of Vice Chair Martin and seconded by Director Remund the Board unanimously approved the Linn Benton Lincoln 2021-23 Local Service Plan as listed in the February 9, 2021 board folder.

Items of Discussion and Information

Elementary Math Adoption

Director Katie Barrett spoke about the Elementary Math Adoption. She explained the guidance the math adoption committee used when reviewing the math curriculum, the process the committee followed, the consideration taken for having a separate 6th grade program, and the recommendation of the math adoption committee. The Math Adoption Committee recommended K-5 Ready Math from Curriculum Associates and 6th Go Math! from HMH.

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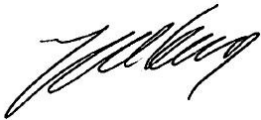
Graduation Rates 2019-2020 (4 yr. and 5 yr.) (Shared during the Superintendent's Report)

Director Majalise Tolan shared the Graduation Rates for the district. She said that with small populations even one or two students can really impact the percentage rate. Director Tolan said she was truly impressed to see where the district ended up because we held true to the High Standards with an equity lens to support all students.

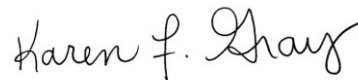
Other

A reminder of the upcoming February 23rd Work Session, Topics: Board Strategic Plan Items: 1) Planning for April 28th elected event and 2) Creation of a Foundation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Chair



Superintendent