

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors – Business Meeting
Tuesday, August 10, 2021 – 6:30 PM
Teaching And Learning Center
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Megan Cawley, Chair.

Present: Megan Cawley, Chair; Liz Martin, Vice Chair; Mike Rawles, Peter Vince, Senitila McKinley, Directors.

Also Present: Dr. Karen Gray, Superintendent and Eddie Symington, Secretary.

Handouts: Board Folder, Meeting Agenda, Financial Report, Draft of ODE Resiliency Framework, Human Recourses Addendum

Call to Order-

Chair Cawley convened the meeting and called the session to order at 6:31 p.m.

Establishment of a Quorum- A full quorum of five Board members present.

Recognition: None at this time.

Introductions: None at this time.

Communications

Written

An email from Jutta Pearce was received and read by Chair Cawley

Blue Cards (From the Audience)

Peter Lohonyay, LCEA President, addressed the Board. Peter thanked the Bargaining Committee and the District for their collaborative work in the recently approved Bargaining Agreement. Peter also urged the Board to look for ways to continue working with LCEA by talking to teachers. Dr. Gray stated her commitment to continue the great communication the District has with LCEA.

Ashley Catalfamo, Parent, addressed the Board urging them to ask the Governor to produce the science and data around masking and COVID. Ashley also believes LCSD poorly communicates with families and communities and feels that communication is one-sided. She does not feel valued or heard and urges the district to work on this.

Stacey Adkins, Parent, addressed the Board regarding masking requirements. She feels there is no science to support their effectiveness and believes they lead to other social, educational, and health risks.

Shaelyn Holt, Parent, addressed the board opposing the mask mandate. She feels there is no data to show a reduction in illnesses and that if students wear masks, they have to be worn correctly. She feels that students do not wear their masks correctly

Director Martin thanked everyone for coming and voicing their thoughts and opinions using the proper procedure.

Consultant Reports/Staff Reports/Student Reports

Financial Report

Kim Cusick, Business Services Director gave the monthly financial report. The board spent time discussing SIA money and what it is used for.

First Student Monthly Written Report

None at this time

Board Reports

Chair Cawley- Glad that teachers have had a break and also looks forward to the Tour The District event and Board Onboarding.

Senitilla- Seashore Family Literacy Center in Waldport has been doing a Summer program.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gray recognized the fantastic Financial Training done previously by Director Cusick

The Board retreat is coming up and is an action packed day with great items. The Board needs to remember that this is their retreat with their agenda items. The book "Blind Spot" is being read for Board development. Please read chapter 1 by the board retreat. Director McKinley asked if we are locked into the district goals as she is concerned that she doesn't see a goal around diversity. Director Rawles agrees for the need to have goals around diversity. All are excited about broaching this topic at the retreat.

Toledo urban renewal- Dr. Gray has extensive background in urban renewal from Portland and Lincoln city

Judy Rictcher, City manager and Elaine Howard, consultant gave a report.

Studies have been done to determine if a urban renewal is feasible and it is. They are seeking board approval as one of the larger taxing agencies in the county. The two projects in the plan would be an emergency center and a remodel of city hall. These would help to build community and increase overall safety. This plan would also help with downtown Toledo. District met with Judy and Elaine and went over the plan and what financial affects there would be to LCSD. It was determined that there would be no financial loss to LCSD. There could be around \$900,000 that comes back to LCSD after Toledo Renewal Project time (32 years, maybe less). Director Vince is excited about this project for LCSD and other boards he serves on.

Food Cart placement-

Newport city council was looking to change an ordinance that would allow food carts within 500 feet of secondary schools. An attorney was hired because LCSD/NHS has a huge problem with after lunch attendance. Students are able to leave campus for lunch but are not returning. LCSD feels that the existing ordinance needs to remain in place which excludes the food carts 30 minutes before and after school. Planning commission voted 6-0 in favor of not changing the ordinance. On September 7th the City Council will meet and LCSD will reiterate the same message that was given to planning commission. The Board is welcome at the city council meeting on Sep 7th. Director Vince asked if we would be looking to close the campus completely for lunch. Dr. Gray reports that there are some conversations happening and will report to the board at a later time.

Fall Safety Protocol- Dr. Gray recognizes that there is a lot of info out there about masks being ineffective but also has info to contradict. She reports that LCSD was prepared to make masks optional until Governor Brown mandated masks. Dr. Gray reminds the Board that the Governor has the ability to hand down executive orders that we have to follow by law. Dr. Gray read a statement to the Board that she also read to Governor Brown in a meeting on 8/10/21. Dr. Gray also read the draft safety protocol for LCSD, Final draft to come out August 12th. Director Vince asked if a parent is concerned about having to wear a

mask, what options are out there if they don't want to stay in school? Dr. Gray informed that we are required to offer some kind of off campus option so we have opened an online K-12 school. Compass Online School. Parents can enroll with the ESD as Homeschool also. Director McKinley thanks Dr. Gray for all of her work. Director Vince asked if there is a limit to the online program? Dr. Gray said that we have a cap but if we have to hire teachers to raise that cap, we will. Director Vince asked if the district has a way to help families with childcare for families that need to work but don't want to send their kids to school. Dr. Gray says that unfortunately we cannot help because we can't hire staff. We already work with many community daycare organizations in every way we can. Dr. Gray urges anyone to please try to help with the daycare issue.

Director Martin commented that we are doing everything we can and we are simply following the orders we are given. The Board struggles with this and thanks Dr. Gray for her work

Director Rawles hopes that the Federal Government will step in to help with childcare like they did during WWII.

Communication agreement- Described the agreement as it is in the board folder

Approval of the Consent Calendar

On motion of Director Rawles and seconded by Director Vince, the Board unanimously approved consent calendar items as listed in the August 10th, 2021, Board Folder.

Action Items

Toledo Urban Renewal Plan was moved for approval by Director Martin and seconded by Director Rawles. Motion passed with Director Vince recusing himself from the vote as he is an active Board Member for another group affected by the Toledo Urban Renewal Project.

Items of Discussion and Information

Dr. Katie Barrett gave the annual, required, ESOL report as published in the Board Folder

Other
Reminders:

Aug 14th Tour the District trip for Board
Aug 17th LST Professional Development
Aug 20th Board Retreat
Sep 7th First day of school
Sep 14th School Board Meeting at Taft High

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Chair



Superintendent

