

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors – Regular Session

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Zoom

Minutes

PRESIDING: Liz Martin, Chair.

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

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

Handouts: Board Folder, Meeting Agenda, and Financial Reports

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chair Martin convened the meeting and called the session to order at 6:31 p.m. with a quorum of four Board members present. Dr Karen gray read the Lincoln County School District's Land Acknowledgment.

Recognition: Dr. Gray was the winner of the OMEA Administrator of the Year award. Bus Driver Appreciation Day will be February 22, 2022. The resolution was read by Chair Martin. Location Manager Darleen Van Riper thanked the District for the resolution and Dr. Gray expressed her appreciation for First Student.

Introductions: None at this time.

Communications

Written

None at this time.

Blue Cards (From the Audience)

None at this time.

LCEA Report

Peter Lohonyay addressed the Board. He noted the Governors address that would likely be returning masking mandates to local authority. He knows this will require a lot of discussion between the District and LCEA. Peter talked about how hard teachers are working and noted the behavioral issues teachers are still facing every day. He also talked about the new teachers that are being hired weekly and the shortage of subs. Peter also congratulated Dr. Gray on her OMEA award.

East Area Reports

Toledo Elementary thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. Principal Postlewait thanked all of the support staff and contractors that have made it possible for schools to stay open every day. Ms. Postlewait shared a presentation in collaboration with Toledo Jr/Sr. She noted that TOES has the highest percentage of regular attenders in the district which they are very proud of. They are working hard to build connections with students so they are excited to be at school. The music program at TOES is working with a Jazz organization to bring Jazz music to the school. They are working on a project with students that may end up in the Portland Art Museum. The TAP program is still continuing to work on attendance. They are doing projects in classrooms to strengthen relationships with students in an effort to support them with attending school regularly. Board Member Vince and TAP will be working on a photography project in the near future. TOES Kindergarteners just finished a fun project on insects and gardening.

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Fourth grade students received a grant to help with their lessons on investigating earth materials. Third graders are working daily on having a growth mindset. Ms. Postlewait thanked her assistant principal, Ms. Limbert and the tier two team at TOES. The school is in the final phase of their Safe Routes to School project with government officials. Both Toledo schools are working together on joint professional development. Toledo Jr/Sr leadership students are hoping to work with TOES students on kindness challenges before the end of the year.

Toledo Jr/Sr also thanked the board for their support in keeping schools open. Principal Ceder talked about the work that Toledo Jr/Sr is doing on Mission and Vision. He thanked all of the custodial staff and other staff and volunteers for their dedication to Boomer students. Mr. Ceder congratulated Dr. Gray for her award and thanked her for her dedication to music education. Toledo Jr/Sr is working on some key areas including reconnecting, the increase of value of education, and a “be better to do better” motto. Mr. Ceder talked about some semester one accomplishments including a new counselor, remaining open, a fantastic theater performance, band and choir performances, athletics, AVID, and an increase in the on-track rates. He also talked about upcoming events at Toledo Jr/Sr which can be found on their website.

Consultant Reports/Staff Reports

Financial Report

Kim Cusick, Business Services Director updated the Board on Financial Reports as of January 31, 2022.

First Student Monthly Written Report

Board members received a written report from First Student. No questions or comments by the Board.

Board Reports

Chair Martin- Reported that she was able to visit Sam Case and toured the building with staff. She noted how engaged every classroom was and just wishes she could go back to being a student! She also reported that the High School has lots of things going on including a captains’ council for athletic captains, weekly coaches’ spotlight, a student blue crew, an iron paw program to earn a graduation cord for athletics, students are planning the Mr. NHS event, the Freshman Success team is working hard and many other great things.

Director Vince- Reported that he was able to go to the PLC conference in Arizona with Director Dr. Katie Barrett and Dr. Gray. He spoke a bit about what PLC’s are and noted that the Board really is a PLC.

Director McKinley- Reported her visit to kindergarten classrooms and pre-school programs. She also attends some of the music classes at Crestview Heights. She stays connected with the HELP program and the ASPIRE program.

Director Rawles- Nothing to report at this time

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Gray recognized Assistant Superintendent of LBL ESD, Jayson Hay who will later talk about our local service plan.

The Oregon Health authority is planning to lift the mask mandate on March 31, 2022. At this time, schools will have the authority to decide on masking in schools but the local public health in Lincoln County will have the authority to decide for us.

House Bill 4026, the Wildfire Bill, is moving through the state government. It will bring funds to Lincoln County School District to replace funding for lost ADM. It will be a one time payment.

The first review of the 2022-2023 school calendar is in the Board Folder and is very similar to past calendars. Our spring break may not line up with OCCC’s but that is not avoidable. Board members were asked to email Dr. Gray if they have any questions.

The 2021-2022 Goals and Measures document is in the Board folder. Dr. Gray noted that this was a snapshot of the first half of the year. Director Kelly Beaudry spoke about the attendance data in the Goals and Measures document. She noted that though we are not yet at the pre-pandemic attendance rates, we are steadily moving towards that. Dr. Gray asked the Board to please contact her if they would like more detailed information. Director McKinley noted that though the numbers may not be exactly what we want, it should be recognized that we have come a long way and people are working incredibly hard.

Assistant Superintendent of LBL ESD, Jayson Hay spoke about the local service plan that is published in the Board Folder. This plan is what services the ESD provides to Lincoln County. Dr. Gray expressed her appreciation for the LBL ESD and noted that this is the best ESD she's ever worked with.

Stakeholders Gathering will be in April hopefully at the Hallmark. The Board will talk in greater detail about the event at the next Work Session.

Dr. Gray recognized that Director Dr. Tiana Tucker and Director Majalise Tolan both have contributed to books this year on education.

The sample Board Budget Goals are in the Board Folder and it was noted that we will continue to talk about these.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

On motion of Director Rawles and seconded by Director McKinley, the Board unanimously approved consent calendar items as listed in the February 8, 2022 Board folder including Personnel Addendum and minutes after correction and final reading of policy.

Action Items

Business Services

Director Kim Cusick presented an updated Budget Calendar and spoke about the vacancies on the Budget Committee. Those vacancies are in zones 2 and 4.

On motion of Director Rawles and seconded by Director McKinley, the Board unanimously approved the updated Budget Calendar as published in the February 8, 2022 Board Folder.

On motion of Director Rawles and seconded by Director Vince, the Board declared zones 2 and 4 vacant on the Budget Committee.

On motion of Director Vince and seconded by Director Rawles, the Board unanimously adopted the LBL ESD Local Service plan as published in the February 8, 2022 Board Folder.

Items of Discussion and Information

Teaching and Learning

Director Majalise Tolan presented graduation rates as published in the February 8, 2022 Board Folder. She noted that there was a discrepancy in the data that got reported. She is actively working with ODE to correct these numbers. It is believed that when switching information systems, data was miscalculated. The district is working on a verification process with staff to ensure that data is accurate before it is reported to the state.

Board

- i) February 22nd Work Session at 5:00 will be in person at the TLC
 - (1) Review Strategic Plan
 - (2) BoardBook demo
- ii) March 8th Regular Business meeting at Waldport Middle/High
- iii) OSBA is planning the 2022 Spring Listening Sessions. They are hosting an event at the Greater Albany District Office on March 2, 2022. Dinner is at 5:45 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6:00 p.m.

This year's focus is on providing an opportunity to listen and discuss what your region needs from OSBA. We look forward to meeting and interacting with school board members, superintendents, and staff in your area.
Please fill out the survey so we have a list of who is attending. Share this with your board and staff you wish to attend.

Liz Martin 3/8/2022
Chair

Haren F. Gray 3/8/2022
Superintendent