

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors – Regular Session
Tuesday, November 9, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
Waldport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Megan Cawley, Chair.

Present: Megan Cawley, Chair; Liz Martin, Vice 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 Cawley convened the meeting and called the session to order at 6:51 p.m. with a full quorum of five Board members present.

Recognition: None at this time

Introductions: None at this time.

Communications

Written

A letter from the Oregon Department of Education

Blue Cards (From the Audience)

None at this time.

LCEA Report

Peter Lohonyay addressed the Board and gave them a handout of compiled data from LCEA members. He noted that he has received a number of calls from teachers that are ready to resign due to a number of reasons including extreme student behavior. Peter said “Teachers just want to have fun with their students.” He also said that teachers are so glad to be back to in person learning and thanked administration for all they are doing. He continues to urge the district to continue their collaborative work with LCEA.

South Area Reports

Mike Gass Principal of Crestview Heights School- Welcome to the Irish Land! Mike recognized and thanked Assistant Principal, Sandi Battles. He talked a little about enrollment and recognized the WEE IRISH program. He noted that they are working to get the homeschool students enrolled back with Crestview. CVH is working hard on communication. they are working to use Facebook, Remind, and going back to some paper communication. Mr. Gass is working to build a relationship with our community and local government. Junior League is starting to pick up and he notes that Waldport Middle/High is helping with athletics. Music was added back including an afterschool music club. Winter concerts will be online for community members to watch. Mr. Gass has been teaching Math. He noted that he is using PBIS strategies to address student behavior. He reports that nearly 90% of families attended fall conferences this year. He talked briefly about the PD from the district including their first 100-day review. State Fire Marshal came and complimented Crestview’s inspection. He recognized the great relationship with Sodexo and First Student. He thanked the CVH Staff.

Dr. Gray thanked Mike and Sandi for their work at CVH and feels Mike is a breath of fresh air.

Amy Skirvin- Welcome to the Board. Ms. Skirvin sends a weekly communication to families and community. She is working hard with Synergy to send weekly grade reports to families also. WHMS is using Facebook and Instagram. Waldport High has a newly updated student constitution. They had a dance with no guests but over 100 students attended. They are having regular Pep assemblies and supporting their local beachcombers committee. WMS did a haunted house to raise money for their leadership program. Band and Drama performance are happening again. Scholarship season is starting up and Ms. Skirvin recognized Ms. Krouse for all of her hard work in that. WHS is having a College Prep class. ASVAB and PSAT testing is happening. Afterschool programs are happening and are well attended. Ms. Skirvin was happy to report that field trips are starting back up including college visits, Oregon outdoors and AVID trips. PD is happening building wide. A new goal is to have a career day put on with/by Site Council. Ms. Skirvin is super glad for CEL work sponsored by the district. Board Member Vince noted the senior recognition on Facebook and enjoyed reading them. Member Martin thanked the Irish for their positive attitude. Dr. Gray noted that Amy is leading the way in our district for some of the CEL work she is doing.

Les Keele- Athletics- Exciting time for athletics at Waldport High. The Irish welcomed a new volleyball coach. Football had a state playoff win for the first time since 1979. They are traveling east of Klamath falls this Friday. Cross Country took 5th place in league. Cheer has a great team with growing numbers. Boosters are helpful to both Middle and High school athletics. Middle School teams are in a coast league and he thanked the district for their contribution to middle school athletics. Students are signing up for winter sports now.

Consultant Reports/Staff Reports

Financial Report

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

First Student Monthly Written Report

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

Board Reports

Chair Cawley- Excited to see the approval of vaccine for kids and excited that the schools will help with that rollout.

Director Martin- NHS had their College week. She will be at their upcoming Site Council meeting. She noted that NHS is doing a Sock Collection. NHS Soccer went to state playoffs.

Director Vince- Toledo Jr/Sr had their first band and music concert where many parents attended. He will be going to TOES soon for a visit. Director Vince also reported that the Equity Team Meeting was fascinating and left him with a different mindset. He expressed his support for this committee.

Director McKinley- Reported that she has been able to visit the HELP center in WHS and is glad to be connecting them to community resources. Equity Team Meeting- Director McKinley attended and wanted the district to be mindful that as a minority, it is survival for them. She notes that we have a long way to go and wants us to listen to teachers that are saying they're tired.

Director Rawles- Reported that he hasn't made it to schools but glad to hear the vaccine for kids has been approved.

Superintendent's Report

Safety Update- Vaccines for children 5-11 years old have been approved. Deputy Superintendent, Colt Gill noted today that the mask mandate that temporary mask mandate is now a permanent thing meaning there is no expiration date to the order. Dr. Gray reports that ultimately we want kids in school and we will follow all of the rules. She reports that quarantine numbers are down by about 50% across the district. The district implementation team had a meeting yesterday and that went well. She notes that though she too wants us to have fun with kids, we have a lot of academic work to do that is most important. Everyone is stressed out, not just teachers but admin, community, classified, parents, and students. She notes that this is a statewide issue, not just a LCSD issue. In an effort to bring some relief, all of LCSD will have Friday off and PD agendas are being modified. She was surprised to see Peter's report in front of the board as she thought that it was a collaboration between the LCEA and LCSD.

SB-732- Requires districts to have equity team which LCSD has. They will be adding student reps to that team.

Land Acknowledgment- Marty Perez talked about the land acknowledgment in the board packet. He then read the acknowledgement. Dr. Gray noted that there will be a lot of conversations about how this is distributed to all of LCSD. Board Member McKinley asked if we collaborated with the Siletz Tribe on this Land Acknowledgment. Mr. Perez said yes. Director Martin expressed her thanks for this work.

Policy Updates- Dr. Gray covered the policy updates published in the Board Packet. The Board was encouraged to view the policy updates and communicate with the Superintendent should they have questions.

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 November Board folder including Personnel Addendum and minutes.

Action Items

HR

On motion of Director Vince and seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved, through a roll call vote, the termination of a classified employee as recommended by Superintendent Gray.

On motion of Director Martin and seconded by Director Vince, the Board unanimously approved the increase of the Construction Excise Tax as published in the October 2021 Board Folder.

Items of Discussion and Information

Teaching and Learning

Compass School administrator Lindsay DeVries gave a presentation published in the Board Folder. Director Rawles asked if there was any communication with the students that are in the Edmentum program. Principal DeVries said yes and the thought is that they will increase that communication as the grading period nears an end. Director Vince asked if Ms. DeVries thought the vaccine availability would change her enrollment. She stated that though we aren't seeing it yet, we welcome it. Dr. Gray discussed the financial impact of this school on the district. Member Rawles asked Dr. Gray if volunteers could help out in some way and she confirmed that volunteers can always help.

Business Services

Kim Cusick reviewed the draft budget calendar and talked about the budget committee member vacancies. These are published in the board folder. The auditors review is being completed and the auditor is willing come speak to the board if they choose. The Board agreed to hear the auditors report. A special thank you from Ms. Cusick was given to her business department for all of their hard work in the audit process.

Board

OSBA Election information was published in the Board Folder for review.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Liz Martin 2/8/22
Chair

Haren F. Gray 2/8/22
Superintendent