



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the January 13, 2015 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on January 13, 2015 at Sam Case Elementary School with approximately 50 members of the staff, media and patrons present.

Communications

Janet Abbot of Lincoln City addressed the board regarding the proposed full-day kindergarten (which she favors) and reconfiguration in the north and west areas. She disagreed with the reconfiguration of schools in the north area as she has concerns regarding transportation.

Board Reports

Director Bondley noted her visit to the 21st Century after school program at Taft Elementary, saying it is a “really great program.”

Chairman Martin thanked everyone for the mementos in honor of board recognition month, and said she plans to visit Newport Intermediate in the near future.

Student Representatives

Several students in Ms. Schroder’s first grade class sang a song they learned about friendship, and third grade students coached by Ms. McVeigh played “Jingle Bells” on recorders.

Audit Report

Kenny Allen of Pauly, Rogers and Co. presented the audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. He reported this district obtained a “clean, unmodified” audit, the highest level attainable. He gave kudos to Business Manager Julie Baldwin and staff for their excellent work.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported nothing unanticipated in December. If projections hold, the ending fund balance should be approximately \$1,947,000. ADM is holding steady. She reminded board members that ending fund balances on the special revenue funds do not reflect encumbered expenses.

Bond funds will be fully expended by June, 2015. Ms. Baldwin said it is exciting that \$42.6 million in bond proceeds has been spent in Lincoln County. For the month of December, 88% of bond revenue spent was spent in county.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Boynton thanked the LCSD Board of Directors for their support and dedication, in honor of School Board Recognition month. He presented them with mugs imprinted with “Every Child- Every Day.”

The Superintendent thanked Dutch Bros. for their donation of \$1,084 to the HELP program. The money was generated in Dutch Bros.’ “Buck for Kids” dollar drink day.

Mr. Boynton recognized Taft Elementary teachers Valerie Baker and Susan Roebber for presenting at the National Science Teachers Association conference in Long Beach, CA. They presented information on family STEM nights they have hosted.

Roby’s Furniture in Lincoln City will donate a day of service to Taft 7-12. Fourteen Roby’s employees will visit the school later this month to paint. Ace Hardware will donate the paint.

Taft 7-12 participated in the “Feed the Flame” fundraiser to benefit families in need of help

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with their electric bills. Approximately \$1,400 was raised and will be donated to families in the HELP and Family Promise programs.

Mr. Boynton reminded the Board of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, January 19th (all district facilities will be closed).

He noted the Newport science fair is scheduled for Thursday, January 29th, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Marine Science Center.

The Superintendent read “bargaining priorities” to the audience, received by the board under separate cover.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved Consent Calendar items:

- Minutes, 12/9/14 Regular Session;**
- Planned Course Statement, Astronomy;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum:**
 - New Temporary Licensed Hires:** Cindy Kress, Taft 7-12;
 - New Classified Hires:** Alexis Steenkolk, Homeless Outreach- north; Julie Cavanaugh, Sam Case; Melinda Wentz, Taft 7-12;
 - New Coaches:** Karen Richards, Taft 7-12;
 - Resignations:** Cheryl Burchett, NHS; Janet Erskine, NIS; Shannon Hertz, Taft 7-12; Mark Moore, Toledo/Newport; Joyce Graham, 21st Century Program; Julie Becker, Records;
- Superintendent Evaluation and Timeline;**
- Resolution, Board Vacancies.**

Full Day Kindergarten/Reconfiguration in North and West Area Schools

Superintendent Boynton described the proposed plan for full day kindergarten and the reconfiguration of schools in Lincoln City and Newport beginning in 2015/16. The move to full day kindergarten will create the need for additional classroom space in all areas of the district. In addition, Newport High School is at capacity and requires room for expansion.

The Superintendent reported LCSD kindergarten students are below average when they start school; the gap widens due to limitations of the current system. “The range of ability of students is very wide; we need a customizable system. I believe we will get an acceleration of learning with this new plan, and we are working hard to remove barriers to learning,” said Boynton.

He noted staff began by looking at simply building additional classrooms. That idea was not feasible due to cost, so redrawing boundary lines was next explored. This proposal raised several insurmountable obstacles, including equity issues. The proposed plan reconfigures schools to accommodate student population.

The plan may be found on the district website (www.lincoln.k12.or.us). A summary of the changes in Lincoln City and Newport follows:

- Oceanlake Elementary changes from grades K-6 to grades K-2;**
- Taft Elementary changes from grades K-6 to grades 3-6;**
- Yaquina View opens to become a K-2 school;**
- Sam Case changes from grades K-3 to grades 3-5;**
- Grade 6 of Newport Intermediate/Isaac Newton Magnet School/Newport Prep Academy combine to become grades 6-8, known as “Newport Middle School”;**
- Newport Prep Academy closes so Newport High can expand to include that building.**

The realignment of schools will consolidate resources and provide a building wide approach to be more efficient. It will also allow for greater consultation and collaboration for teachers of similar grade levels. In the west area, Newport Middle School will combine the best of two systems in one building.

Audience members Scott Hall, Melissa Goschie, Amber Fox, Vicki Krutzikowsky, Cari Jenkins, Alethea Parker and Aimee Thompson addressed

the board about the proposed plan. (A more in-depth report regarding comments from the audience will be included in minutes from the meeting.)

District administrators held six meetings over three months to gather input and investigate solutions. **The Board approved the plan after Mr. Boynton presented it, and after listening to comments from audience members.**

Budget Committee Members, Zones 1, 2, 5

The Board appointed three individuals to open Budget Committee positions. Dave Price will serve as the representative to Zone 1 (Lincoln City area), Terry Buggenhagen to Zone 2 (south Lincoln City to north Newport) and Larry Anthony to Zone 5 (Waldport area). The first budget committee meeting is slated for May 19, 2015.

National School Counselors Week

The Board approved a resolution proclaiming the week of February 2-6, 2015 as National School Counseling week. Board members gave kudos to LCSd school counselors for the important and unique work they do.

Division 22 Standards Assurance Report

Student Services Administrator Aaron Belloni reported LCSd is in compliance with Division 22 standards. The process for reporting this compliance to ODE has changed to help with the paperwork reduction act.

Admittance of Non-Resident Students

Student Services Administrator Aaron Belloni noted a state law enacted in 2011 allows districts to continue to enter into voluntary inter-district transfers with other districts, but also created a new transfer process that does not require the consent of the district in which the student lives.

Part of the law directs the Board to decide upon the number of students they wish to admit under this process by March 1st each year. Mr. Belloni recommended the board admit “zero” students under this process, but continue with inter-district transfers as it has for many years. This item will return for the board’s consideration at the next meeting.

ESD Local Service Plan, 2015-17

Every two years, the Linn/Benton Lincoln ESD presents a resolution to each of the twelve districts within their boundaries describing services to be provided the following two years by the ESD, and funded with “Resolution” dollars. These services are offered to districts when approved by two-thirds of the districts representing over one-half of the average daily membership of the 12 districts.

Tier I services are available to all 12 districts and are determined to be essential to all districts. The emphasis on Tier I is on achieving the greatest economies of scale and assuring equity of access. They are funded using 90% of the ESD’s SSF (state school fund) allocation.

Tier 2 services are allocated to districts using the remainder of ESD monies after funding Tier I services. These services are customized to the particular district. A resolution describing the Local Service Plan was presented to the Board and will return for consideration at the next meeting.

