



# ***BOARD REPORT***

**A Summary of the December 8, 2015 School Board Meeting**

The school board met in regular session on December 8, 2015 at Yaquina View Elementary School with approximately 75 members of the staff, media and patrons present. The board recessed into a meeting of the Local Contract Review Board.

## **Local Contract Review Board- Public Hearing**

The LCSD Board, acting in its capacity as the Local Contract Review Board, conducted a public hearing to hear and take testimony on creation of an exemption from competitive bidding requirements for the Toledo Jr./Sr. seismic upgrades project.

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported this exemption is necessary due to the tight timeline and nature of the project. The findings in support of the exemption state that “use of the proposed alternative contracting method is unlikely to encourage favoritism or diminish competition, and that process will result in substantial cost savings to LCSD.” No comments were offered from the audience.

## **Local Contract Review Board- Findings of Fact/Exemption from Competitive Bidding**

The Local Contract Review Board approved Findings of Fact in support of an exemption from competitive bidding for the Toledo Jr./Sr. High Seismic Renovation Project as listed in the December 8, 2015 board folder.

## **Local Contract Review Board- Request for Proposal (RFP), Toledo Jr./Sr. Gymnasium Seismic Upgrade Project**

The Local Contract Review Board approved the RFP for the Toledo Jr./Sr. Gymnasium Seismic Upgrade project as presented 12/8/15.

The regular session board meeting was then reconvened.

## **Communications**

Food Services Director Patty Graves informed the Board she would be meeting with the “Electrified Legos” club who presented at the last board meeting on ways to reduce food waste. She noted a “future chefs” K-5 cooking competition is planned for March 19, 2016 and said Taft 7-12, Oceanlake and Newport High received scores of 100% in a recent food services safety audit.

Students Ella and Reegan Jenkins from the “Electrified Legos” robotics club updated the board on their recent activities. The team competed in regional competition and was invited to state competition.

Student Tristan Dimick expressed support for his teachers, who had taken steps to make him feel safer at school.

LCEA President Peter Lohonyay remarked that he presented a membership survey at the last meeting, but has heard nothing back from board members. Board members received the most recent survey at the November meeting and asked several questions at that time. Director Beck also reminded Mr. Lohonyay and the audience that the board can only act while in session at a board meeting.

Mr. Lohonyay read a letter from teacher JoAnn Sustrick regarding the proposed contract between LCEA and LCSD.

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The next 14 speakers commented on the Good News Club, separation of church and state, use of district facilities by non-school groups during the school day, mental health of students, and background checks. Speakers included: Tom Hurst, Nel Ward, Mindy Anderson, Jody Stecher, Billie Williamson, Nancy Campbell, Jeff Lackey, Luke Frechette, Cheryl Brown, Ineka Estabrook, Glenn Harris, Marvin Straus, John Meyer and Phil Magnin; differing perspectives of the issues were shared.

In addition, the board received written communications on these topics from the ACLU of Oregon, Mary Beth Rew, Protect Oregon Children, Mrs. Lynn McCann, Hilmar Stecher III, Elizabeth Fox, Tom Hurst and Nancy Steinberg. The Superintendent received other correspondence as well.

### **Board Reports**

Director Ellis noted that turkey bingo at Toledo Elementary was a huge success. Director Remund reminded the board of winter programs in the south area: Crestview Heights on December 15 at 6:00 p.m., and Waldport High on December 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Director Beck noted Newport High's concert is December 10 at 7 p.m., Performing Arts Center.

### **West Area Report**

**-Yaquina View Elementary Principal Libba Sager** distributed a handout of the school's improvement plan, along with a "cub book" showing comparisons of activities done last year and this. She also shared completed or ongoing professional development, selected based on needs assessments and teacher requests.

Ms. Sager showed a video of a second grade student who began the year reading at the Kindergarten level, and who is now reading at early second grade level. "He made a year's growth in three months," said Sager.

### **Financial Reports**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported meal participation has increased significantly since initiation of the pilot CEP program, which allows students to eat breakfast and lunch for free.

Ms. Baldwin said more property tax revenue was collected in November than anticipated. With more local revenue than forecast, the district will repay approximately \$1.5 million to the state in May of 2017. ADM is holding steady, and interest rates remain flat.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Boynton reported student enrollment is currently approximately 100 students higher than projected, which is both positive and challenging. He noted student absences the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week were significantly higher than usual.

He thanked the Altrusa service club for their efforts with "Project School Bell." The club gathered approximately \$7,650 in donations and grants, which was then used for clothing, shoes and other items students need.

Mr. Boynton noted Safety Coordinator Sue Graves serves on the Governor's Task Force on School Safety, which recently released a report regarding ways to strengthen safety in Oregon schools.

The Superintendent reported the recent 'turkey bingo' at Toledo Elementary raised over \$12,000 for the school.

He thanked Dr. Rick Letherer for continuing the tradition of donating six student eye exams and glasses for those of the six who need them. Dr. Letherer has donated this gift each year since 1994.

The Superintendent noted a shared sick leave process for confidential and administrative employees will be implemented, following

guidelines of policy CCH. It will be similar to those for classified and licensed employees.

Mr. Boynton wished Board Chair Liz Martin an early 'happy birthday,' and noted schools will be closed December 21 through January 1 for winter break. School resumes Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

The Board approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 11/8/15 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items, including:**
  - Temporary Licensed Hire:** Darlene Campbell, TOES;
  - Classified Hires:** Kristina Sexton, NHS; Darwin Dimick, Tech.; Heather Roderick, O'Lake; Michelle Leedom, Sam Case;
  - Resignations:** Adam Martinez, Sam Case; Julie Crowell, Media Specialist district-wide;
  - Leave of Absence:** Joy Boeckman, 1/4/16-6/30/16.

### **Discussion on Policy KG, Community Use of District Facilities**

Superintendent Boynton and/or the school board received several complaints about non-school affiliated groups meeting at some schools during non-instruction time within the school day. Mr. Boynton suspended all non-school affiliated groups from meeting at any school within Lincoln County during the school day (7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) pending review of the current and proposed policy and administrative rules.

Mr. Boynton proposed six recommendations:

- Access to school facilities by non-school affiliated groups (other than those student-led groups protected by the Equal Access Act) should be restricted during all designated school hours;
- Training will be provided to administrators and secretaries on the implementation of the facilities use policy;

- A clear separation between school personnel and religious activity during the school day should be re-established and training provided to those deemed appropriate by Human Resources;
- All adults entering school buildings to work with students during designated school days should follow all safety protocols for all volunteers of the district;
- The suspension of non-school affiliated groups at the secondary level will be discontinued if all requirements have been met to establish a student led group. All non-school sponsored student-led groups will be given equal treatment;
- Information will be provided to student led groups about requirements for guests, mentors or any other volunteers associated with the group.

Revised administrative rules will be shared with the board in January.

### **Discussion on Instrument/Timeline, Superintendent's Evaluation**

Each year, the Board of Directors conducts an evaluation of the Superintendent as prescribed by policy and the Superintendent's contract. An evaluation instrument (form) and timeline was presented for the board's consideration.

The board will consider the form and timeline at the January meeting. Board members discussed developing a new form and goals for the superintendent for next year's evaluation. They may schedule a work session in the spring to do this work.



*May your holidays be warm and bright!*