

The school board met in regular session on March 8, 2016 at Crestview Heights School with approximately 30 members of the staff, media and patrons present.

## **Communications**

Chairman Martin noted the receipt of two written communications to the board: one from Marvin Straus and one from Kristina McCann and Hovey Grosvenor.

## **Board Reports**

Director Amanda Remund reported Waldport High sent a wrestler to state, where he finished second in his weight class. She noted Crestview will have a Literacy night on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Director Kelley Ellis congratulated Siletz basketball teams for their excellent showing, saying the gym was full for the games.

Director Ron Beck said he had a great visit with Newport Middle Leadership students, and said he is impressed with them.

Chairman Martin will visit the NMS Leadership class soon, and was a guest in a third grade classroom at Sam Case during Love of Reading week. She expressed gratitude for schools' Facebook pages, saying they help her feel more connected.

## **South Area Report-**

**Crestview Heights Principal Kelly Beaudry** presented an updated copy of the school improvement plan, with updates from when it was presented to the board in the fall. She reported her focus was to distribute leadership across the staff to build capacity.

A priority achievement indicator staff began with is 'creating a welcoming environment.' A

structure and checklist was developed for each event held at the school; each has a coordinator to ensure smooth operations.

The Curriculum/Instruction Frameworks team is focusing on better articulating the school's common, agreed upon frameworks, including Daily Five, Balanced Math, etc. Their emphasis is on English/Language Arts at present.

The Authentic Learning and Student Engagement team is focused in part on project based learning. Fifth/sixth grade teacher Cassie Nickerson just completed a project on cells that incorporated political science as well. Students presented their "cell man" campaigns to a panel of experts. This work will create a bank of projects to be reused in future years.

For student achievement, the school has scored two of three writing samples for the year. They use STAR and DRA data; student growth is focused on growth and areas to improve.

**Waldport High Principal Diana MacKenzie** reported the school recently was visited by an accreditation team. The school exceeded the national average in all categories.

Opportunities for improvement include:

- develop a formalized, staff professional development program that includes classified employees;
- continue to build a comprehensive assessment system focused on increasing student performance; and
- improving course offerings in Spanish, music and science (already in process).

Ms. MacKenzie reported the CTE revitalization grant awarded the school will be utilized in part

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to improve career pathways to students. Pathways include manufacturing, coastal tourism and emergency response.

She thanked the board and Superintendent for Friday school/professional development, and said it has been ‘amazing’ for both students and staff.

### **Financial Reports**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported the county school fund and state timber revenues have increased this year. This will not mean additional revenue to the district, as the district will have to repay the funds to the state in May of 2017.

Student enrollment has dipped slightly, but is still higher than when the school year began. Interest rates are beginning to climb.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Boynton recognized several organizations for their contributions to H.E.L.P. (Homeless Education and Literacy Program) including: **Columbia Bank** donated \$600 and a large supply of mittens and scarves; the **Hatfield Marine Science Center Student Organization** held a fundraiser raffle and donated \$1,500 to the HELP Center; **Oregon Coast Aquarium** hosted a free ‘Sleeping with the Sharks’ family adventure to families in the HELP program. Over 30 people attended, slept in the shark tunnels and got to keep their sleeping bags courtesy of **Newport Rotary**. **Georgia Pacific** donated eight pallets of paper towels and toilet tissue to district to families accessing the HELP Centers. Mr. Boynton noted that more homeless students have been identified so far this year than all of last school year.

**Jon Zagel and Melinda Dye** were commended in a letter to Superintendent Boynton from an Aspire volunteer for their responding “quickly, judiciously and fairly to address a difficult

matter.” Mr. Boynton thanked both for their good work.

The Superintendent noted that several LCSD athletic teams were recognized by the Oregon Dairy Farmers for their achievements in both academics and athletics.

He reminded the board of the upcoming work session on the remainder of Policy Section I and K/L on March 15<sup>th</sup>, and wished a belated ‘happy birthday’ to board member Karen Bondley.

Mr. Boynton also reminded the board that spring break is March 21-25; all schools will be closed then.

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

The Board approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, February 9, 2016 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and addendum, including:**
  - Classified Hires:** Sheri Saleman, Newport Middle; Emma Beckwith, YV; Allison Blodgett, D.O.;
  - Resignations:** Mary Jane Krajnak, CVH; Juanita Whitebear, Taft 7-12; Jamie Martinson, D.O.; Jolene Train, Sam Case;
  - New Coach Hire:** Greg Snider, NHS;
- Renewal of Licensed Permanent/ Probationary Personnel;**
- Banking Services, Oregon Coast Bank, 7/1/16 through 6/30/17.**

### **Superintendent Contract, 2015/18**

The Board approved a three-year contract for Superintendent Boynton, through June 30, 2018. Though the Board offered the Superintendent a new three year contract after last year’s evaluation, it was not finalized until now.

The current contract was modified by changing the termination language to comply with changes in the law. Director Ellis noted that the

board delayed the vote on the contract only to get clarifications and so that all board members could be present.

### **Information on CTE Course Descriptions**

Director of Secondary Education Eric Clendenin reported LCSD has a “landslide of momentum” for advanced learning opportunities in all high schools in the district. Barriers for students are being removed, and the ability to help articulate dual-credit courses has been extended to Siletz and Eddyville.

He reported that some existing courses need to be divided into more detailed components and numbers in order to better describe career pathways and maximize the district’s opportunity to receive available funding under a new “Career Pathways” program through the Oregon Department of Education. Restructuring the courses in this manner will allow the district to maximize potentials and increase opportunities for students.

### **Discussion on Middle School Buildings- Grades 7 and 8**

Several LCSD schools are configured with grades 7 through 12. Staff is exploring the possibility of organizing the schools (Taft 7-12, Toledo Jr./Sr. and Crestview Heights) so that grades 7 and 8 are separate from grades 9 through 12 (or K-8) for ODE reporting purposes only. This would enable staff to be able to compare schools more efficiently with like grades compared to like grades.

The location of the schools would not change; the reorganization is internal only. The desired outcome for this change is to help the district find a better way to understand assessment and data.

This topic will return to the board at the next meeting for consideration.

### **Discussion on 2016/17 School Calendars**

Calendars for the coming school year were developed by principals to best address the needs of their schools, using the approved 2016-17 District calendar as their template.

Staff proposes using similar calendars to those used this year, with the north and west areas using a semester system, and the east/south using a trimester system. The calendars were revised slightly from those published in the board folder to better balance short school weeks.

The calendars will return for the board’s consideration at the next meeting.



*Next Regular Session: Tuesday, April 12, 2016- 7:00 p.m. at Toledo*