

The school board met in regular session on April 12, 2017 at Taft 7-12 School with a quorum of four board members present. Director Ellis was excused from the meeting.

Contract, LCSD and Superintendent Tom Rinearson

The Board approved the contract for Superintendent Tom Rinearson as presented April 12, 2017. The contract is based on that of former superintendent Steve Boynton and describes the terms and conditions of employment.

Revised Resolution, Designation of District Officers, Clerks...

The Board approved a revised organizational resolution naming Superintendent Tom Rinearson in the various roles described therein. The resolution also names Brown & Brown as insurance agent of record for insurance other than health for the remainder of the fiscal year; the board approved this earlier in the year.

Communications

Jeff Doyle welcomed Superintendent Tom Rinearson back to the district, and quoted Thomas Jefferson saying it is better to concentrate on dreams of the future rather than reflections of the past. He asked the Board to include ideas on a new superintendent (when the time comes) from teachers, administrators and the community.

Student Representatives

Several Taft Elementary students addressed the board about their exploration of colleges (Reed College and University of Nevada Reno).

Teacher Rachel Martin coached students who competed in a math competition against others in the state. Students shared their experiences with the board; a national online competition is upcoming.

Board Reports

Chairman Ron Beck reported he judged the recent “future chefs” competition and was quite impressed with the outstanding food. He also announced the birth of his granddaughter the first week of April.

Mindfulness

Oceanlake behavior specialist Ali Kurt described the “mindfulness” class she teaches. She teaches calming strategies students can use in class and at home. “We teach them to stop, breathe and then problem solve,” said Ms. Kurt. She presented a video of students using the techniques they are learning.

North Area Report

Taft 7-12 Principal Majalise Tolan reported all juniors would take the ACT test in the coming week. She noted that the “Willie Wonka” play opens this weekend, and said the Studios to Schools grant is paying for the live orchestra for the performances.

She gave kudos to north county Oregon Coast Community College, who has reached out to the school to provide several classes for high school students (Business 101, Accounting, College Success, and CNA).

Ms. Tolan recognized music teacher Andy Hordichok for his “impressive work” organizing

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a recent band competition held at the school.

Oceanlake Elementary Principal Sandy Mummey reported swimming lessons for second grade students are ongoing, sponsored by Behrens foundation funds. Superintendent Rinearson gave kudos to this foundation for its longtime, generous support of students in Lincoln City.

Ms. Mummey reported the Oceanlake SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) program was highlighted in the local newspaper. First graders read with volunteers each week.

Ms. Mummey reported a Taft High Eagle Scout is building a “kinder-garden” at the school. She noted the school scheduled a spring music festival the week of May 15.

Taft Elementary Principal Nick Lupo noted one goal at the school is to improve participation in family nights. To that end, “Pi” night was held, with families coming to school in the evening to participate in math activities and enjoy donated pie. A STEAM night is planned for May 25.

Mr. Lupo thanked OMSI who contributed \$20,000 for outdoor school in which sixth grade students recently participated.

He reported Taft Elementary’s spring fundraiser will focus on improving the gym (scoreboards, paint).

The first week of June is ‘music week’ at Taft Elementary, with the musical performances planned for the entire week.

“March madness” happened at Taft Elementary, with students exploring different colleges, as mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Superintendent Rinearson thanked north area principals for their in-depth thought processes related to budgeting. He also noted that Lincoln City Schools are nominated for business of the

year as part of the Lincoln City Chamber “community days” events.

Financial Reports

Director of Business Services Julie Baldwin noted the ending fund balance would help with planning for the next two bienniums.

She said enrollment remains strong, and said state funding for the coming year is still unknown. Interest rates are increasing slightly.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rinearson congratulated Newport Middle student Laney Price for her winning design for the “Happy Hands Dispenser” design contest. The school will receive \$500 from the sponsors of the contest to purchase art supplies. The school will also receive soap dispensers with the winning design on them.

Waldport High and the Waldport community partnered to beautify the campus by planting indigenous plants. Yachats Lions Club donated money to purchase the plants, fertilizer and hoses. The Seal Rock Garden Club selected the plants and planned the layout, and Thompson’s Nursery provided the plants at reduced cost. The Waldport High Leadership Team planted the vegetation.

Mr. Rinearson reported the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office, in partnership with LCSD, would provide a school resource officer for Waldport and Toledo schools, pending approval by the county budget committee.

He gave kudos to Newport High Principal Jon Zagel, who recently did a good deed for a woman who left her purse at Newport High after an evening event. Mr. Zagel called the woman (who lives in Lincoln City) and waited at school for her to return to Newport. She said he is “an angel on my list.”

Superintendent Rinearson noted that district office administrators are meeting with school administrators this week to review their proposed budgets for the coming year.

He also noted the solar eclipse would take place August 21, 2017. Staff is exploring the affects to the district, including staff training.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved Consent Calendar items, as noted in the April 12, 2017 board folder:

•Minutes, March 8, 2017 Regular Session;

•Regular Personnel Items, including:

-Temporary Licensed Hires: Cathy Piazza, Sam Case; Tiffany Stuart, Waldport High; Kelley Deckard, Waldport High;

-Resignations: Cindy Olivieri, Arcadia; Kristy Steenkolk, NHS; Ashley Anderson, NMS; Amy Bryant, Sam Case; JJ Johnson, Taft 7-12.

School Calendars

This agenda item was postponed to the May board meeting.

Oregon Coast Bank for Banking Services

The Board approved Oregon Coast Bank for banking services for the July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022 period.

Resolution, Teacher Appreciation Week

The Board approved a resolution proclaiming the week of May 1 through 5, 2017 as “Teacher Appreciation Week” in Lincoln County School District. Chairman Beck read the resolution to the audience, and called on the community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to teachers for a job well done.

Director Martin commented, “It is not a week, but 365 days of teachers teaching and caring about their students. I applaud each and every one.”

Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements

Board members approved revised policy IKF, Graduation Requirements, to allow English Language Learners to demonstrate proficiency in their language of origin, if they are eligible for these accommodations. ODE has specific criteria for meeting eligibility.

This will affect several students this year.

Partnership, Turf Field- Newport Middle School

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported staff and the Newport Boosters are exploring the possibility of building two multi-use turf fields at Newport Middle School. The Boosters have raised almost half of the needed funds; the district will be responsible for the other half. Mr. Belloni will update the board as the project proceeds.

Results of Investigation

The Board asked the Hungerford Law Firm to investigate concerns regarding former superintendent Steve Boynton. Chairman Beck reported the law firm was tasked with answering two questions: 1) Did Mr. Boynton engage in inappropriate contact with students? Based on all available evidence, he did not. And 2) Did Mr. Boynton interfere in any way with the initial investigation of these matters? Although by all appearances unintentional, Mr. Boynton’s presence potentially could have affected the investigation.

<p><i>Next Regular Session: Wednesday, May 10, 2017- 7:00 p.m. at Crestview Heights School</i></p>
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