



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the April 14, 2015 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on April 14, 2015 at Crestview Heights School with approximately 40 members of the staff, media and patrons present.

Communications

Waldport teacher and LCEA representative Holly Schell addressed the Board regarding bargaining between the district and union. She noted concerns of LCEA members, including academic freedom and the evaluation system. She urged board members to take an active role in the negotiations.

Food Services Director Patty Graves noted the ‘future chefs’ event went well, with 16 elementary-aged finalists competing to prepare healthy after school snacks. She reported a “Farm to Market” event was scheduled for April 15th at Toledo Elementary.

Ms. Graves started a canned food drive contest between schools. Both the winning secondary and elementary schools will receive a 7” tablet respectively for their efforts.

She presented a \$2,000 scholarship check to the district, continuing a tradition begun several years ago. Each regular high school will receive a \$500 scholarship for a graduating senior from this award.

Board Reports

Director Ron Beck noted his attendance (as well as that of Chairman Martin) at a recent education forum held at the Central Lincoln P.U.D. with presentations by Superintendent Boynton, Head Start Director Suzanne Miller, and Oregon Coast Community College President Birgitte Ryslinge. State Representative David Gomberg and State

Senator Arnie Roblan were present via teleconference.

Vice Chair Karen Bondley visited Taft 7-12, where she observed students building robots.

Chairman Liz Martin visited Newport Intermediate where Principal Tiana Tucker provided an overview of activities at the school. Ms. Martin also attended the recent Newport Chamber of Commerce “Young Readers” event along with Director Remund. Each year, emerging readers (this year from Sam Case) visit the Chamber to read to attendees.

Student Representatives

Waldport High Principal Diana MacKenzie introduced Learning Specialist teacher Monika Robinson. Two students in Ms. Robinson’s class described the many job skills activities in which they are participating, including laundry service, coffee sales and delivery, window cleaning, and preparing fields for track meets.

In addition, students are helping clear invasive species, participated in a clean-up of the Alsea River, and are making a DVD movie (which will be for sale) on crabbing.

Food Services Consultant Update

Last spring, registered dietician Janet Beer conducted an impartial review of food services in the district. She shared both accolades and needed improvements with the board at that time.

She revisited the district in late February of this year, and reported Food Services Director Patty Graves is doing excellent work, has attended a

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significant amount of training and has a great staff. She said the variety bars are outstanding and that the district is offering every program possible to feed kids.

Concerns include more help from Sodexo, correcting all recipes, forms and documentations, and developing menus for all programs.

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported Sodexo District Manager John Stone will present a plan for correction at the next board meeting. He gave kudos to Patty Graves for all of her efforts.

Financial Reports

Business Services Supervisor Kim Cusick reported the projected State School Fund (SSF) was updated based on the April estimate. Local revenue is being received at increased amounts above the projection, which will result in a large adjustment in May 2016. ADM saw a slight dip in March. The ending fund balance is expected to decline as spring building projects are completed.

The District received \$569,013 in revenue from the state for the facilities grant. Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported most of the bond funds have been expended, so capital construction financial reports have been discontinued. An ending bond report will be presented this summer.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Boynton thanked the Lincoln County Foundation, who generously added extra funds they received to the LCSD Administrators scholarships. The Foundation received donations in memory of long-time district administrator Harry McAdams who passed away recently.

Mr. Boynton thanked the district's three major contractors (Sodexo Food, Sodexo Custodial

and Mid-Columbia Bus Co.) for their continuing tradition of distributing scholarships. Each of the three entities gives \$2,000, which results in \$500 scholarships from each contractor in the four regular district high schools.

The Superintendent thanked Taft 7-12 parent Jenny Tougas, who won \$5,000 for the school in an online "Zoinks Points for Education" contest.

He reported Newport Intermediate will have a spring concert on Monday, May 4, 2015- 6:30 p.m. in the school Commons.

Waldport High will hold a community event on Thursday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m. regarding the vision for the school.

Culinary students at Taft 7-12 will hold "Cooking at Conferences" classes for interested north area students in grades one through six on April 16th (a no-school, conference day).

The Superintendent noted a candidates' forum will be held for those candidates in contested races for the LCSD Board of Directors and the OCCC Board. It is planned for Wednesday, April 22, 2015 7:00 p.m. at the Central Lincoln PUD meeting room in Newport.

Mr. Boynton briefly updated the board regarding the proposed budget for the coming year, reporting that staffing sheets were originally built on a state biennium budget for K-12 education of \$7.5 billion, including full day kindergarten. When the state approved the funding level at \$7.255 billion, reductions were made in the budget to keep cuts as far from classroom teachers as possible. To that end, the following reductions have been proposed:

- a reduction in Classified staff of approximately 7%;
- elimination of the licensed tech instructor position;
- reduction of two elementary counselor positions;
- operations administrator cut;
- communications coordinator cut;
- special education administrator position cut;
- expanded options programs decreased by \$150,000;

•alternative education and distance education have been combined; •high school athletics reduced by \$110,000.

Overall reductions for the district will be approximately \$500,000 in 2015/16 and \$1.3 million in 2016/17. State school funds are to be distributed 50/50 each year of the two year biennium. Traditionally this split was 49/51 to help cover roll up costs the second year.

Mr. Boynton stated the financial picture is more difficult this year since the economy is gaining ground, yet education funding is going backward.

The Budget Committee will have its first meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 p.m. at Newport High. The school board will hold a hearing on the budget and will consider it for adoption at the June 9, 2015 meeting.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 3/4/15 Special/Work Sessions;**
- Minutes, 3/10/15 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum, including:**
 - Classified Hire:** Rebecca Hooper, Homeless Outreach, East County;
 - Resignations:** Kalee Adams, Taft Elem.; John Bringetto, NHS/Prep/NIS; Julia Cieslak, TOES; Melody Clausen, NIS; Laurie Downing, NHS; Theresa Ford, Taft 7-12; Lindsay Fuson, Taft Elem./O’Lake; Paulina Gralow, TOES; Molly Griffo, CVH; Rebecca Hatfield, O’Lake; Lindsay Henson, TOES; Barton Howe, Taft 7-12; Nichole Hoffman, Sam Case; Mike Jakobsson, NHS; Kali Knudson, TOES; Julie Life, NHS; Tia Maslen O’Lake; Shawn McDonald, CVH/WHs; Sue McVeigh, Sam Case; Heather Rakoz, Toledo Jr/Sr.; Cathleen Riverman, Taft 7-12; Julie Sautter, O’Lake; Erin Carey, NIS; Linda Parker, O’Lake; David Young, Crestview.

Approval of Teacher Appreciation Week

The Board approved a resolution proclaiming May 4 through 8, 2015 as “Teacher Appreciation Week,” a time set aside to recognize the vital role of teachers. Chairman Martin read the proclamation to the audience and thanked teachers for their important work.

Proposed 2015/16 School Calendars

Student Services Administrator Aaron Belloni presented three school calendars for the 2015/16 year. All three share several common days, including the first day for new teachers (August 31), first day for returning teachers (September 1st), winter break (December 21 through January 1), and spring break (March 21-25, 2016).

High schools in Toledo and Waldport will go to a trimester schedule and will have “Friday school/professional development” days once per month. The calendars for all schools in these areas are similar, though the elementary schools’ conference days are different.

In Newport and Lincoln City, high schools will remain on a semester schedule and all schools in those areas will share the same calendar. These schools will have early release every Wednesday for interventions and professional development.

Superintendent Boynton noted the original calendar was two days short of meeting the number required by the teachers’ contract. The statewide in-service day in October and Martin Luther King Jr. day are now student contact days. Activities commemorating the civil rights leader’s work will take place in all schools on MLK day, said Boynton.

The calendar will continue to be refined and will return to the board for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

Information on Achievement Compact

Student Services Administrator Aaron Belloni noted district staff will create an annual growth plan for students. “We used the ‘safe harbor’ method before, which we will continue to do.”

Safe harbor reduces the number of students who do not meet targets by 10%. “This time, we will drill down to the school level,” said Belloni. The Achievement Compact is currently due to OEIB on October 15, 2015. Superintendent Boynton noted several pieces of legislation are in process that will impact achievement compacts.

Information on Student Fees

Student Service Administrator Aaron Belloni presented information gathered by Director of Secondary Education Eric Clendendin, who met with principals regarding student fees. He recommended increasing athletic participation fees at the high school level from \$100 to \$125 per sport, with a \$500 annual family limit. The fee was last increased in 2003 and is in line with fees charged around the state. Costs have increased substantially in the intervening years.

Banking Services- One Year Extension

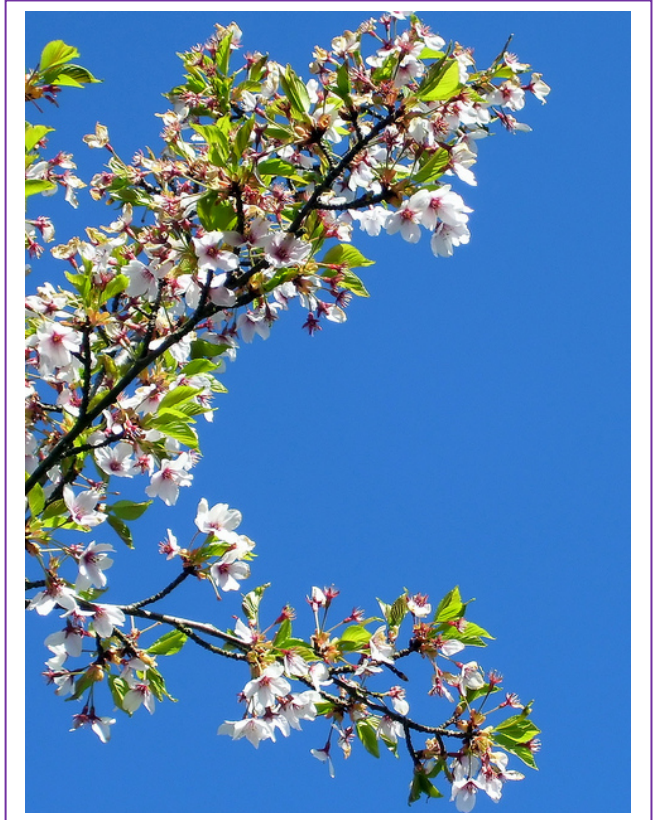
Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported that Oregon Coast Bank has provided banking services to LCSD since 7/1/05. District staff has been very satisfied with the service and would like to continue the relationship.

Staff is proposing a one-year extension to the contract, the second of three allowed by policy. The extension will return for consideration at the next meeting.

Policies- Sections E and F

The Board met in work session meetings on March 4 and March 31, 2015 to discuss Policy Sections E and F. The next scheduled policy work session (subject to change) is Thursday,

May 28, 2015, 5:45 p.m. at Newport High School.



Next Regular Session Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2015- 7:00 p.m. at Oceanlake Elementary