



BOARD REPORT

A Summary of the May 12, 2015 School Board Meeting

The school board met in regular session on May 12, 2015 at Oceanlake Elementary with approximately 40 members of the staff, media and patrons present.

Communications

Luke Frechette, representing Mid Coast Christian School, addressed the board to request a reduction in rent at Arcadia. He said the school may have to relocate if the rent cannot be lowered.

Newport Police Chief Mark Miranda presented the 2014 annual report of the Newport Police Department. He urged those present to forward comments or concerns to him.

Sodexo custodial services director Bill Hemphill presented a \$2,000 check for scholarships, continuing the tradition of years past.

Board Reports

Director Kelley Ellis noted she has been on three student field trips over the last week.

Director Remund reported a community meeting in Waldport was held to discuss the vision for the high school. She also noted her attendance at a golf tournament, and said the Taft 7-12 golf team is going to state playoffs.

Director Beck reported the LCSD board had a great meeting with the Oregon Coast Community College board. "We heard from many people. It was a good discussion that will continue," said Beck.

Vice Chairman Karen Bondley said she was preparing to work with students at Taft Elementary when she learned of the code red lock down. "The police were well organized," said Bondley.

Chairman Martin noted her visit to Oceanlake Elementary recently to learn about their SMART program.

Student Representatives

Three members of the Taft ROV team addressed the board about their planned trip to international competition in Canada, after winning the regional competition. Director Bondley gave kudos to the team members, both for their abilities on the team and for their assistance in teaching younger children those skills.

Oceanlake second and third grade students sang a vibrant "Oceans of Fun" song.

North Area Report

Oceanlake teacher-in-charge Kristin Becker reported staff is planning for the coming year's reconfiguration, with teachers in grades K-2 meeting on early release Wednesdays at Oceanlake, and grades 3-5 teachers at Taft Elementary. She reported John Norlin will be providing character development training during the upcoming in-service day.

Taft 7-12 Principal Majalise Tolan updated the board on several activities at Taft, including:

- eight students took the AP Physics exam;
- student Ben Marshall will compete in the national Pro-Start customer service (culinary) competition in Florida;
- Assistant Principal Kelly Hart wrote and received a Nike Innovation Grant, which will support eight staff

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members attending college readiness training in Colorado; • “Aladdin” is currently being presented at the school, with upcoming performances May 14, 15 and 16; • an academic showcase will take place May 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lincoln City Cultural Center; • the girls’ golf team won first in district competition and the boy’s team took 2nd; girls coach Heather Hatton was named “coach of the year;” • an emergency response training is planned for May 22nd from 1 to 4 p.m.

Transportation Plan, North Area

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni introduced Lincoln City head bus driver Kim Bolden, who presented new bus routes for Lincoln City for the coming school year. The goal was for students to spend the same amount or less time on the bus than they currently do; Oceanlake will have their own set of buses. Taft Elementary and Taft 7-12 will share buses, with younger students riding in the front of the bus.

The new routes were printed in the News Guard and were available at parent/teacher conferences. No comments have been generated so far, but adjustments to the routes will be made as necessary. “It was a good opportunity to examine and improve the routes,” said Bolden.

Food Services Update

Sodexo Food Services District Manager John Stone presented actions taken by Sodexo in response to a recent audit conducted by registered dietician Janet Beer. He gave kudos to Director Patty Graves, and said she would receive additional training at the national level. “We need to continue to work on the technical part, but I am pleased with the operational side,” said Stone.

STAR Report

Data Coordinator Vince Dye presented outcomes of STAR testing for the year. STAR is a formative assessment tool that measures student growth in regular intervals. He described two tools used in STAR: the growth proficiency chart and the student growth report.

The growth proficiency chart is a dynamic scatterplot chart that provides a customizable comparison of how specific schools, classes and students are performing based on their student growth percentile and their proficiency in relation to a particular benchmark.

The student growth chart shows test results for students the teacher has selected and measures their progress between two testing sessions. It can be used to evaluate students’ improvement. The district started using STAR last September, with the goal being student growth every day. It is a tool that allows teacher to know where students are in their academic growth along a K-8 continuum. This knowledge will affect instruction to more effectively support student growth.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of April 30, 2015. She reported the district received additional funding from ODE based on increased student enrollment. The district also received additional state timber revenue.

Although the current ending fund balance of \$5.9 million appears to be positive, the district will have to refund \$1.7 million to the state next year (excess local revenue). In addition, ODE will disburse 50% of state school funding revenue each year of the two year biennium, which does not provide additional revenue to meet increased costs the second year.

Ms. Baldwin noted that Superintendent Boynton developed the proposed 2015/16 budget, keeping in mind the 2016/17 year as well.

The first budget committee meeting will take place May 19, 2015- 7 p.m. at Newport High. If a second meeting is needed, it will take place at Newport Intermediate on May 21st at 7 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Boynton thanked all of the staff involved with the recent code red lock down in Lincoln City schools. He also thanked the Lincoln City Police Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and Oregon State Police for their help with the situation. "The response was overwhelming," said Boynton. "I feel good about how safe our kids were; everyone did a great job."

He congratulated Taft 7-12 and Toledo Jr./Sr. High ROV teams for their excellent performance in statewide competition. The Taft team will compete in international competition in June.

The Superintendent thanked Sodexo Food Manager Patty Graves for holding a district wide canned food drive. Approximately 500 pounds of food was gathered and given to local food banks. Sam Case and Waldport High were winners of the 7" tablet at their respective levels.

Mr. Boynton thanked Gear Up for donating \$136,000 in scholarship funding. The scholarships will be awarded to Taft High students in increments of \$2500 each, over two years.

He reported Director of Secondary Education Eric Clendenin has been working with Oregon Coast Community College about course offerings next year, including Writing 121. "Conversations are continuing," said Boynton.

The Superintendent reported INMS will perform the play "Peter Pan Jr." at the Performing Arts Center in Newport on June 3rd and 4th, 7:00 p.m. both nights.

Superintendent Boynton gave kudos to Principal Tiana Tucker, who recently earned her doctoral degree from George Fox University.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Board approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 3/31/15 Special/Work Sessions;**
- Minutes, 4/14/15 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum, including:**
 - Classified Hires:** Taya Keesee, Sam Case; Jayme Kirchem, Crestview;
 - Temp. Licensed Hire:** Cathy Piazza, TOES;
 - Resignations:** Chris Ampersand, O'Lake; Billie Crane, NIS; Ann Edmondson, Toledo Jr/Sr; Brooke Gates, Sam Case; Patty Hunter, Crestview; Allison Kurt, TOES; Penny Lengwenus, Sam Case; Alice McNamara, NHS/Prep; Allison Samuel, Taft 7-12; Amber Sprague, NIS/INMS; Rose Davies, Sam Case; Erica Patten, NHS; Pedra Weber, NIS;
- Oregon Coast Bank, Banking Services, 2015/16.**

Approval of 2015/16 School Calendars

Student Services Administrator Aaron Belloni presented revised calendars for the coming year. He presented two calendars, with schools in the west and north areas aligned and on a semester schedule, and schools in the east and south areas aligned on a trimester schedule.

Responding to a prior question from a board member, Curriculum/Instruction Administrator Betsy Wilcox described what kinds of activities occur for elementary staff on 'early release Wednesdays.'

The Board asked to change the calendars to add back in the statewide in-service day in October, change Martin Luther King Jr. day to a holiday, and hold school the first two days of the week of Thanksgiving. The calendars were approved with these changes.

Director Ellis stated her preference that the district have only one calendar district wide.

Approval of Out of Country Field Trip, Taft ROV Competition, Canada

The Board approved an out of country field trip request from Taft High that will allow students to compete in international ROV competition in St. John's, New Foundland, Canada. The competition is scheduled for June, 2015.

Superintendent Boynton noted this trip was approved after reviewing it with the district's insurance liability carrier. Because the competition is the culmination event of a class and directly ties to an academic program, it was approved.

Need for Layoff of Personnel

The Board approved the need for a layoff of personnel for the 2015/16 school year, though every effort will be made to minimize the effects to students and staff.

Information on Secondary School Accreditation

Superintendent Boynton reported district high schools are accredited by an outside agency at present. He noted they are also designated as "standard high schools" by the Oregon Department of Education.

He asked the board to consider the accreditation process, as there are costs and man hours required. The district will move forward next year with two high schools' accreditation process, but the board will consider the merits of the process versus the cost. The board is not scheduled to take action on this item at this time.

Food Services Contract; Increase in Elementary Lunch Price, 2015/16

State law requires annual renewals of food services contracts; the Board will consider the 2015/16 contract with Sodexo for food services at the next meeting.

Also, in order to move toward parity with the National School Lunch Program, the cost of an elementary lunch will increase by ten cents next year.

2015/16 Board Meeting Calendar

Board meetings are typically scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month by policy. For the coming year, the September regular session is scheduled for the third Tuesday due to school starting after Labor Day. Also, there are several work sessions scheduled to continue the policy re-write begun this year. The calendar will return for the board's consideration at the next meeting.



Next Regular Session Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2015- 7:00 p.m. at Newport High School