

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors
Wednesday, October 12, 2016- 7:00 p.m.
Waldport High School
Waldport, Oregon

- PRESIDING:** Ron Beck, Chairman
- Present:** Ron Beck, Chairman; Amanda Remund, Vice Chairman; Liz Martin, Karen Bondley, Directors
- Excused:** Kelley Ellis, Director
- Also Present:** Steve Boynton, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary
- Handouts:** Letter from Newport Booster Club (Wrestling Facility); Enrollment as of 10/3/16; Financial Statements, 9/30/16; Crestview Heights 2016-17 School Improvement Action Plan

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Ellis was excused from the meeting.

Communications

Newport Chief of Police Mark Miranda introduced Newport School Resource Officer Dustin Watson. Board members expressed appreciation for the City's partnership and for Officer Watson.

Chief Miranda will be retiring in the next week. Chairman Beck thanked him for all of his contributions to LCSD over the years.

Student Representatives

Waldport High students Sylvia Danielson and Maya Barton described the Construction class at the school (part of the Career Technical Education Manufacturing career pathway). They reported students identified needs in the community, and the student body selected providing transitional housing for Waldport families out of eight other proposals. Nineteen students are participating in the class, taught by Greg Wood. The course is supported by the CTE revitalization grant the school was awarded; teacher Melissa Steinman oversees the grant.

South Area Report

Waldport High teacher Dominic Scharp, for Principal Diana MacKenzie who was unavailable, reported Waldport High's English/Language Arts scores exceeded goals set for last year; the goal for this year was subsequently raised to 95% of 11th grade students meeting or exceeding state standards. Mr. Scharp noted that academic rigor is stressed at the school.

He noted WHS staff and students went to great lengths to prepare for the Smarter Balanced test, with voluntary student study nights offered to students. Students were given the opportunity take the test during spring break last year. These strategies resulted in 100% participation at the school, and excellent test results.

Teachers Alex Browne, Peter Ellingsen, Sandy Battles, and Ali Spangler Ellingsen each reported excellent state test results, and said students at the school are invested in their education and take it seriously.

Mr. Scharp acknowledged WHS students for the “tremendous amount of work they do,” and said all staff at the school contributed to raising the bar. Directors Martin and Remund commended the students and staff for their stellar efforts.

Crestview Heights Principal Kelly Beaudry shared the school’s improvement action plan for the year, noting the school has four teams (up from three last year.) The teams’ focus includes school culture, curriculum/instruction frameworks, authentic learning /student engagement and data. There are representatives from each grade level on every team.

Ms. Beaudry reported all school staff are reading “Conscious Discipline.” Staff is also deepening their understanding of data to improve instruction.

Play based inquiry is being studied; Crestview representatives will join the district team focusing on this topic. The school uses project based learning, and is helping students learn to work together to better make use of this method.

In the 2015-16 school year, fifth and sixth graders at Crestview exceeded the achievement goals set by the board in both reading and math.

Chairman Beck thanked Ms. Beaudry for a great plan.

Financial Reports

Director of Business Services Julie Baldwin reported audit field work was completed in September this year (usually occurs in October).

Revenue and expenditures are typical for this time of year. Interest rates are just over one percent (a slight increase).

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Boynton reported Toledo Elementary School added several clubs and involvement opportunities for students, including a fantasy football math club, drama club, robotics club, cribbage club, two book clubs and 30 to 40 jump ropers every morning. Chess club and an Oregon Outdoors/STEM club are coming soon to Toledo Elementary.

Mr. Boynton thanked contributors to the district Early Childhood program, including: •Church of the Nazarene in Newport donated two child sized tables to the LIFT program; •Lincoln City Police

Department Spouses Association donated a child sized police car to the Taft Early Learning Center;
•Roby's Furniture donated a dishwasher to the Taft Early Learning Center.

The Newport High AVID program is looking for five volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to noon. These individuals would tutor student groups through collaborative resolution in areas of academic concern. Please contact Reyna Mattson or Melissa Wiese at Newport High if interested.

The annual "Coastal Learning Symposium" is planned for Friday, October 14th at various locations around the district. Over 40 different sessions are planned.

Mr. Boynton noted the board has added a work session meeting on October 26, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at Newport Middle School.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 16/17-10

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar as noted in the October 12, 2016 board folder was moved forward without objection by Chairman Beck, and approved unanimously. Consent Calendar items included:

- Minutes, September 14, 2016 Regular Session;
- Regular Personnel Items.

New Policy GCBDD/GDBDD, Sick Time

Motion 16/17-11

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Remund, the board unanimously approved new Policy GCBDD/ GDBDD, Sick Time, developed as a result of a change in state law. The policy applies to substitute employees, since others are covered under their respective contracts.

For the first year, the Human Resources (HR) Department will ask substitutes to complete a form when they are sick and return it to HR. Director Morgan is developing administrative rules to accompany the policy. Superintendent Boynton noted the ARs will also include the issue mentioned at the last meeting by LCEA President Peter Lohonyay (that this new policy does not supersede the contract).

Resolution 2016/17-2, Native American Heritage Month

Motion 16/17-12

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Remund, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2016/17-2 proclaiming the month of November as Native American Heritage month. The resolution will be distributed to schools to help honor Native Americans in our schools and community.

Approval of Naming of Newport High Wrestling Room- Michael "Spike" Jones

Motion 16/17-13

On motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Remund, the Board unanimously approved naming the Newport High wrestling room after Michael "Spike" Jones. Mr. Jones was a long-time Cub supporter who recently passed away. Though this agenda item was listed as a "discussion" item, the Board agreed to move it to "Decision."

NHS Principal Jon Zagel and Booster Club member Mark Collson reported that NHS administrators and Booster club members would like to honor Mr. Jones in this manner after his many years of generosity to Newport High, the Boosters Club and the wrestling program. Mr. Jones was a successful OSU wrestler as well. The Boosters are also remodeling the wrestling room in Mr. Jones' honor, using donated funds.

Mr. Collson gave the Board a letter from the Boosters asking their permission to name the wrestling facility after Mr. Jones. He said Mr. Jones was one to "never give up." When the facility is complete, the board will be notified (likely in January, 2017).

Date of First Budget Committee Meeting

Business Manager Julie Baldwin suggested the first Budget Committee meeting take place on May 30, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Newport High School. If another meeting is necessary, it will occur June 1, 2017. The board will consider the date for the first Budget Committee meeting at the November regular session, as prescribed by policy.

Budget Committee Vacancy, Zone 4

A vacancy exists in Zone 4 of the LCSD Budget Committee (Toledo, Siletz, Eddyville areas). The incumbent has expressed interest in continuing; the position is for a full three-year term, through June 30, 2019.

Applications are available on the district website and at the district administration office. They must be received by Laurie Urquhart in the district office by the close of business on October 28, 2016.

Budget Committee members may not be employees of LCSD, must currently reside in the respective zone, and must be registered voters.

Discussion Working Agreements, Board/ Superintendent

Several years ago the board and superintendent developed working agreements to guide the board and superintendent in working together. The board will continue discussion on the agreements at the next board meeting.

Director Martin asked board members to share any comments so they could be relayed to Director Ellis, who was not able to attend the board meeting. She also asked that information about the topic of the work session (direction of the district) be shared with the board prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent