

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, November 10, 2015- 7:00 p.m.
Toledo Jr./Sr. High School
Toledo, Oregon

Minutes

- PRESIDING:** Liz Martin, Chairman
- Present:** Liz Martin, Chairman; Karen Bondley, Vice Chairman; Ron Beck, Kelley Ellis, Amanda Remund, Directors
- Also Present:** Steve Boynton, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary
- Handouts:** Financial Reports, 10/31/15; Personnel Addendum, 11/10/15; School Based Health Center Amendment; Homeless Education and Literacy Project; LCEA Membership Survey, October 2015

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Liz Martin convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:04 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

Communications

Budget Committee member Jeff Doyle addressed the Board regarding negotiations with the teachers' union, saying both the union and the district should get on with "educating the kids now." He urged both sides to get together, and asked board members if they gave the district negotiating team specific direction. Mr. Beck responded that the board was specific.

LCEA President Peter Lohonyay presented results of a survey taken by district teachers regarding their needs. Director Ron Beck asked how he can explain to voters that step movement on the salary schedule is not a salary increase. Mr. Lohonyay responded that "it is an experience qualifier," and said that schools are not like other businesses.

Director Remund asked who took the survey; Mr. Lohonyay answered that 187 of 265 LCEA members did using Survey Monkey. Director Ellis asked who determined which comments would be included in those shared with the board. A committee of between five and ten LCEA members selected the relevant comments. There were seven questions total.

Board Reports

Vice Chairman Bondley noted her attendance at a meeting of the Lincoln County Health and Human Services Council.

Chairman Liz Martin reported members of the board and the superintendent will be attending the annual OSBA convention.

First Lego Team Presentation

South Beach parent Cari Jenkins asked to have her First Lego League team, the Electrified Legos, present to the school board on the TrashTrek challenge. First Lego League is a competition for students in grades 4-8 who design and build a robot to complete missions and solve a real world problem under a theme given them each year.

The year's theme is "TrashTrek"; students are examining trash and recyclables to increase efficiency or solve a problem. The team decide too much food is thrown away at Sam Case, which could be composted. They shared their suggestions with the school, including initiation of a worm food bin that classes could alternate caring for.

Homeless Program Update

Homeless Program Outreach Coordinator Katey Townsend updated the board on the program. She reported the county's homeless student population reached an all-time high during the 2014-15 school year with 717 homeless students. She said the numbers in Lincoln City had risen precipitously from 190 to 274 in one year.

She thanked the community for their support and reported LCSO is looked at as a model in the state for how it harnesses help from the community.

A new program implemented this year to help homeless students is the "Second Home" program. Students 16 and older who are living homeless without the supervision of a parent or guardian can be matched with volunteer home providers so they can finish their education with a stable roof over their head. The volunteers are screened, and the students sign a customized rental contract delineating rules for that particular home. Home providers in Lincoln County are needed; those interested are urged to contact program manager Christina Clerico at 541 574-8898.

Student Representative

Toledo Jr./Sr. ASB President Savannah Rilatos updated the board on activities at that school, noting the leadership team is enhancing activities that typically take place each year.

Tailgate parties for school football games were successful, and additional homecoming events were added this year.

Junior and senior girls were invited by Toledo Elementary to mentor girls at Toledo Elementary. A food drive for the Elks Club annual drive will begin November 30.

East Area Report

-Toledo Elementary Principal Sandy Mummey distributed copies of the school improvement plan for TOES, along with explanations of the Daily 5/Café (English/Language Arts structure and strategies) and

Balanced Math. She reported the school is working on attendance, and has developed a calendar showing the best times for parents to make non-emergency medical appointments for their students.

She reminded the Board and audience of Turkey Bingo (Friday, November 20th; doors open at 5:00 p.m.

-Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Clint Raever reported the school is in an accreditation year. Core values and school improvement goals will be revisited at the next Friday school. Currently, low achieving math students are being given additional support. Also, the scope and sequence of math courses at the school is being re-evaluated.

Students from Toledo Jr./Sr. scored well on the English/Language Arts portion of the Smarter Balanced test.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported audit preparation and field work was recently completed. Auditors will attend an upcoming board meeting to present their findings.

The current projected ending fund balance is approximately \$4.7 million, with \$252,000 of that amount to be repaid to ODE. These figures do not include projected salary increases.

ADM is currently holding steady. Information about the new Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) is just being gathered; more information will be shared as it is known.

Investments remain flat.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Boynton thanked the Hats for Newport Kids group for creating 1500 hats (to date) for the Newport schools' disaster cache. Their goal is 2,000 hats, and they are looking for donations of yarn (anything but wool) to complete their task. Please contact Sue Wilson for more information: 541 574-7898 or 541 961-2886.

The Superintendent reported Crestview Heights had a great turnout for the Family Math Night held recently. Nearly 250 students and family members attended, which topped last year's attendance by over 100. Participants enjoyed dinner and a raffle drawing for math games to take home.

Mr. Boynton gave kudos to Taft 7-12 for raising \$5,700 in their "pink out" campaign. The funds benefit the mammogram fund at North Lincoln Hospital.

The Superintendent congratulated fall sports teams, including: Newport High's boys cross country team finished fourth at the 4A state championship; Taft's football team advanced to state playoffs; Taft boys' soccer team advanced to state playoffs. Toledo High's football team is listed in the OSA Top 10 Fall Grade Point Average (GPA); the only LCSD team to do so.

Mr. Boynton reminded the Board of the Veterans Day holiday November 11th, with all schools and facilities closed. For Thanksgiving week, schools will be in session Monday and Tuesday (November 23 and 24) and closed Wednesday through Friday.

Director Ron Beck noted he and his grandson attended the District Office “Minions” Halloween event, noting it was very well done.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 15/16-13

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Remund, the Board unanimously approved Consent Calendar items, including:

- Minutes, 10/13/15 Regular Session;
- Minutes, 10/27/15 Work Session;
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;
- Date of First Budget Committee Meeting (May 17, 2016).

Approval of American Education Week Resolution

Motion 15/16-14

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2015/16-3, proclaiming the week of November 16-20, 2015 as American Education week in LCSD. The week is observed throughout the nation to honor educators and the vital work they do.

Approval of Budget Committee Member, Zones 2

Motion 15/16-15

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board approved incumbent Terry Buggenhagen to Zone 2 of the LCSD Budget Committee, through June 30, 2018.

Approval of Budget Committee Member, Zones 3

Motion 15/16-16

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board approved incumbent Thomas Hurst to Zone 3 of the LCSD Budget Committee, through June 30, 2018.

Added Item: Approval of Addendum, School Based Health Center

Motion 15/16-17

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Beck, the Board unanimously approved Addendum 2 to the agreement between LCSD and Lincoln County Health and Human Services, allowing school based health clinics in Newport and Waldport High Schools to remain over when school is not in session during extended breaks (winter, spring and summer).

This topic has been discussed in prior meetings, and was added to the board agenda when the agreement was finalized (after the board folder was printed).

Discussion on Toledo Jr./Sr. Seismic Grant/Construction

Earlier in 2015, Business Oregon awarded LCSD a \$1.5 million Seismic Rehabilitation grant for the Toledo High gym. Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported the Board, acting in its capacity as the Local Contract Review Board, will consider using the Construction Manager/General Contractor

method for the seismic work. A public hearing is scheduled for December 8th (likely just before the board meeting that evening).

Using the CM/GC method is expected to save the district money and time. It is likely that the graduation ceremony in June will have to occur somewhere other than in the gym.

Policy Re-Write: Section J, Students

The Board began a complete rewrite of district policies during the last school year with the help of Oregon School Boards Association. They last met in a work session to discuss Section J, Students in late October.

This process will continue until all of the policies have been revised. A draft version of all of the policies will be available on the district website once the process is complete. The Board hopes to adopt all of the policies at the June, 2016 regular session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent