

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors
Wednesday, November 9, 2016- 7:00 p.m.
Toledo Jr./Sr. High School
Toledo, Oregon

Minutes

- PRESIDING:** Amanda Remund, Vice Chairman
- Present:** Amanda Remund, Vice Chairman; Liz Martin, Karen Bondley, Kelley Ellis, Directors
- Excused:** Ron Beck, Chairman
- Also Present:** Steve Boynton, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary
- Handouts:** Financial Statements, 10/31/16; Personnel Addendum, 11/9/16

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

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

Safe Schools Award

Joy Wallace of the Oregon Safe Schools & Communities Coalition presented LCSD with a “Safe Schools” award. She noted the coalition started three years ago to honor districts doing exemplary work keeping students safe, especially focusing on a transgender student. “A huge percentage of these students commit suicide,” said Wallace. She gave kudos to the district for providing sensitivity training to administrators.

The district was nominated by the Central Coast PFLAG organization for promoting safety with regard to bullying and harassment. Ardis Letey presented the award to Director of Secondary and Special Education Susan Van Liew and Principals Majalise Tolan and Clint Raever, who accepted the award on behalf of the district.

Board Reports

Director Martin gave kudos to Director of Support Services Rich Belloni and all of those who helped remodel the counseling center at Newport High School. “It turned out beautifully,” said Martin.

First Lego League

Team Coach Clint Raever asked to have his First Lego League team, the Gull Squad, present to the school board on the Animal Allies Challenge. The team is comprised of six students; three sixth graders and three seventh graders from Newport Middle School.

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. This year's theme is "Animal Allies;" students are examining sharks to see if a repellent can be made for surfboards.

Students demonstrated their idea to place a Bluetooth speaker underneath a surfboard that plays predatory orca sounds, thus keeping sharks away.

The team must present their findings to an organization as part of the competition.

Student Representatives

Juniors from Toledo Jr./Sr. High Tayler McAlpine and Mikayla Retherford updated the board on activities there. The Leadership class is involving younger (middle school aged) students in more activities, including a tailgater before a football game that included events for younger students. Middle school students are also included in assemblies.

The school is participating in a canned food drive, in a friendly competition with Waldport High. Administrators from the "losing" school will dress up in the other school's gear.

East Area Report

Toledo Elementary Principal Paul Tucker reported the school is becoming a team with a large number of new staff this year. He thanked veteran teachers there who have contributed greatly to getting the school year off to a good start. The structured learning classroom needed help with an influx of students. Mr. Tucker thanked Special Education Administrator Cyndi Henry and other staff who helped with ideas and assistance.

The number of Kindergarten students was higher than expected, so an aide was added which had an immediate positive impact. "Learning has really taken off," said Tucker.

School improvement goals include the desire to "grow every student." Some need to attain more than a year's growth in a year's time in order to catch up to where they should be. Friday school days provide "great opportunities" for staff to collaborate.

The school has several new clubs this year, including an after school drama club, math clubs, and a cribbage club.

Other goals include improving attendance and behavior. Strategies are having an effect, and attendance this year has improved over last. Staff and students are focusing on relationships and culture to improve behavior. Mr. Tucker commented that kids now want to be at school.

Outdoor school is planned for sixth grade students, and students in grades four and five will have an overnight experience as well. Third graders may participate in the "sleep with a shark" event at the Oregon Coast Aquarium. Mr. Tucker commented he is eager to establish new traditions at the school.

The annual "turkey bingo" fundraiser will take place November 18th. A mini powwow is planned for the afternoon of January 26th.

Toledo Jr./Sr. High Principal Clint Raever reported the high school is planning a similar event (to a mini powwow) in the spring.

School Improvement goals there include improving attendance and failing grades. 92% is the attendance goal, with 93% currently at the high school and 91% at the middle school.

Grades will be examined at the end of the trimester. The school is moving away from Smarter Balanced testing at the high school level and will use the ACT instead. At the middle school level, students are tested using Smarter Balanced and STAR, and use Compass modules as well. "Some of our kids are low, so we are preparing them for graduation by pushing for more than a year's growth in a year's time," said Raever.

The football team has a combined GPA of 3.0, reported Raever. He noted the STEM classes presented projects earlier in the evening, and said the school was awarded a \$24,000 STEM grant, the largest for a school of Toledo's size in the state.

The school has a new college and career center, thanks to Counselor Vicky Roller who procured a \$46,000 grant to make this happen.

Financial Reports

Superintendent Steve Boynton reported ADM is up slightly from September. The district did not have to borrow to meet expenses this year. The self-insurance fund is healthy; no unusual revenue or expenditures were noted.

Interest rates have increased slightly to over one per cent.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Boynton thanked Dutch Bros. for their donation of just under \$1,000 to the Newport High band program.

Mr. Boynton gave kudos to several district principals who presented at a recent COSA conference. Majalise Tolan, Nick Lupo, Sandy Mummey and Jon Zagel highlighted various aspects of LCSD.

The Superintendent reported he received a letter of thanks regarding Principal Clint Raever's courtesy and accommodation to the PSU men's basketball team, coaches and staff for allowing them to use the school gym for practice on short notice.

Mr. Boynton thanked an anonymous donor for a generous donation of \$7,500 for J.C. Thriftway Market gift cards. In addition, J.C. Market Newport provided a ten per cent discount, thus increasing the donation. The \$75 gift cards will be split among families in need with students attending the four Newport schools.

Superintendent Boynton recognized Waldport High teacher William Bittick, named a 2016-17 Civic Scholar by Sen. Arnie Roblan. Every state legislator named two teachers from their district to be Civic Scholars. This is part of a statewide initiative to enhance high quality professional development in civic

education. The scholars will receive paid registration to the Civics Conference for Teachers at the state capitol in December.

Congratulations to the Toledo High football team and the Newport High Boys soccer team who both have state playoff games on Saturday, November 12th.

Mr. Boynton distributed a handout to board members showing winter programs in the district, and noted that the District Office personnel will be available by appointment only the week of Thanksgiving (Nov. 21-25) and over winter break (Dec. 19-Jan. 2).

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 16/17-14

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

- Minutes, October 12, 2016 Regular Session;**
- Minutes, October 26, 2016 Work Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- Date of First Budget Committee Meeting (May 30, 2017).**

Appointment of Zone 4 Budget Committee Member

Motion 16/17-15

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved Jeff Doyle as the Zone 4 representative to the LCSD Budget Committee, to serve until June 30, 2019. Mr. Doyle has served in this capacity since 2013; board members thanked Mr. Doyle for his service.

Resolution, American Education Week

Motion 16/17-16

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2016/17-3, proclaiming the week of November 14-18, 2016 as American Education week. Vice Chairman Remund read the proclamation to the audience. This designation is observed throughout the nation to honor educators and the vital work they do.

Construction Excise Tax Rate

In 2007 the state legislature approved a bill allowing school districts to implement a construction excise tax on new construction in the district. In 2008 the district entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with each taxing entity, including Lincoln County prior to implementing the tax May 1, 2008.

The district charges the original rate of \$1.00 per square foot for new residential construction and \$.50 per square foot for new commercial construction. The law provides for annual rate increases, as established by the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Though the law would allow the district to raise the rate by as much as \$0.23 per square foot for residential and \$0.11 for non-residential, the district is proposing raising the rates by \$.07 and \$.03, respectively, beginning in January 2017.

This agenda item will return to the board for consideration at the next meeting.

Approval of Working Agreements, Board/ Superintendent

Motion 16/17-17

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Martin, the Board unanimously approved “Board of Directors/Superintendent Working Agreements” as presented 11/9/16. Several years ago, an agreement was formulated to guide the board and superintendent in working together. It has been modified slightly over the years to match the current board. This agenda item was originally designated a discussion item, but board members reached consensus to consider it for adoption the evening of the board meeting.

Board Vacancies, 2017/18

An election for special districts will be held on May 16, 2017 for vacancies on the Lincoln County School District Board of Directors. The upcoming vacancies are in Zone 3 (central area; Newport to South Beach); Zone 4 (east area; Toledo, Siletz, Eddyville; and Zone 5 (south area; Seal Rock, Waldport).

Interested parties may file verified signatures or a \$10 filing fee no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2017.

OSBA Legislative Priorities

Each year, Oregon School Boards Association member districts have the opportunity to consider election material related to OSBA governance. The LCSD board will consider one resolution this year on OSBA Legislative Priorities. Superintendent Boynton noted the Board has chosen not to take action in previous years, as the priorities were unclear. He said more clarification may be forthcoming at the OSBA annual conference later in the week. “You may see some activity around funding since Measure 97 failed,” said Boynton.

The resolution will return to the board for consideration at the December 2016 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent