

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors
Wednesday, December 14, 2016- 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

- PRESIDING:** Ron Beck, Chairman
- Present:** Ron Beck, Chairman; Amanda Remund, Vice Chairman; Kelley Ellis, Director
- Excused:** Karen Bondley, Liz Martin, Directors
- Also Present:** Steve Boynton, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary
- Handouts:** Financial Statements, 11/30/16; Enrollment Report, 11/30/16; Revised Policy DN, Disposal of District Property

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 three board members present. Directors Martin and Bondley were excused from the meeting due to inclement weather.

Board Reports

Director Ellis reported she attended the highly successful Turkey Bingo at Toledo Elementary. This is the school's major fundraiser for the year.

Vice Chairman Remund noted that Waldport High is doing very well on their Career Technical Education (CTE) offerings. She said the competition canned food drive between Waldport and Toledo High Schools will continue through Friday, December 16th.

Chairman Beck thanked Sodexo Food Services for the chocolates.

Student Representatives- NHS Soccer Team

The Newport High boys' soccer team won the 4A state championship. Members of the team attended the board meeting; three of them addressed the board about how their membership on the team and the state championship affected them. Board members congratulated them on their stellar accomplishment.

Annual Audit Report

This agenda item was postponed until January, as the auditor was unavailable due to weather conditions.

West Area Report

Newport High Principal Jon Zagel reported the AVID and Gear Up programs now in place at the school are “amazing” and are resulting in higher achievement levels for students taking part in them. He noted there are eight IB diploma candidates this year, and there will be 18 next year. IB drama and art has been added this year.

Mr. Zagel reported students are starting to receive college acceptance letters; one student has been accepted to Stanford University and another will likely be accepted to Brown. “We are looking at SAT data and comparing results to those required for admittance to Oregon State University. Both reading and math results are higher than this requirement,” said Zagel.

He gave kudos to the soccer team, saying the community has coalesced around them. “We had about 1,000 people at the playoff game,” said Zagel.

Principal Zagel thanked the several community members and organizations for donating approximately \$27,000 in cash to the school over two months’ time. “Our student poverty level is higher now than it’s ever been; people are stepping up to help and we truly appreciate it.” Included in the \$27,000 are: ●an anonymous donor provided \$7500 in gift cards to J.C. Market, and the store added a ten percent discount to that; ●the Boosters club provided \$100 to each of the school’s 28 homeless students to add to their Christmas holiday; ●the Newport Rotary club is contributing funds to help soccer team members purchase rings for their championship win.

The school’s winter concert is scheduled for December 15, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

Newport Middle School Principal Aaron Belloni reported the school is in its second year since reopening as a middle school. “We learned a lot and have built good foundations we will improve upon as we go along,” said Belloni.

The school has a “bring your own device” program, is focusing on character education and school climate, academic growth and improving behavior. “We made a lot of growth and have been able to identify where we need to improve,” he added.

New courses at the school this year, developed in part as a result of a student survey, include engineering design, digital art, Spanish heritage, robotics and digital media. The school has a full time ESOL teacher as well as a Spanish speaking assistant in the main office. “We typically have 300 kids out of a total of 425 at our dances,” said Mr. Belloni.

He said the school is dedicated to building solid, sustainable systems, and that they have a tiered response system to issues at school. Attendance is improving, and staff is working on strengthening math offerings. “We have very diverse needs in math,” said Belloni.

Chairman Beck asked if the school resource officer (Dustin Watson) is making a difference. Mr. Belloni replied that the police department definitely “picked the right person,” and said Officer Watson is there to address problems, but also to be a student advocate. “He is very approachable,” said Belloni.

Financial Reports

Director of Business Services Julie Baldwin reported the district received high property tax receipts in the month of November. The county school fund and timber revenue was also higher than anticipated. She noted that any increases in local revenue will see a corresponding drop in state school fund revenue.

ADM is holding strong; interest rates are flat reported Baldwin.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Boynton thanked Jolee Bancroft and Mo's Lincoln City for a donation of \$3,000 to Taft 7-12. The funds will be used to purchase Chromebooks for the school.

Mr. Boynton gave kudos to Dr. Rick Letherer for continuing the tradition begun in 1994 of providing six eye exams and glasses for students.

The Superintendent congratulated members of the Newport High boys' soccer team named to all-state teams. Brock Miller and Jose Gonzalez were named to the First Team, All State; Luis Reyes was named to the Second Team, All State. Coach Ollie Richardson was named Coach of the Year for boys' 4A soccer.

Mr. Boynton noted the District Office will be open by appointment over winter break, with all schools closed December 19 through January 2nd. School resumes Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

He wished board member Liz Martin "Happy Birthday" later this month.

The Superintendent noted information about Career/Technical Education and STAR data will be shared at the January board meeting. Mr. Boynton reminded the board of a policies work session on January 25th.

Superintendent Boynton updated the Board on the evolving central structure reorganization. He said more in depth information will be shared with principals once it is developed. Current thinking is that the two director positions (Elementary and Secondary Education) will be dissolved, replaced by one Assistant Superintendent. The "Operations Administrator" position (doing policies, investigations, discipline, etc.) may be added back.

The Curriculum/Instruction administrator position may be divided into two or three positions by either the level of the school or by area. One of these positions will be in charge of federal programs.

"We will also look at support staff," said Boynton. He said the district may add one administrator or may remain flat. Three teacher coaches may be added. He asked board members to call with questions.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 16/17-18

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

- Minutes, November 9, 2016 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items;**

•Resolution, Board Vacancies, 2017/18.

Approval of Construction Excise Tax Rates

Motion 16/17-19

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Remund, the Board unanimously approved raising the rate of the construction excise tax by \$.07 per square foot for new residential construction and \$.03 per square foot for new commercial construction, effective January 1, 2017.

The construction excise tax was approved by the state legislature in 2007 as a means for schools to garner revenue for new construction. LCSD has not raised the rate since it was enacted in 2008. At that time, the district began collecting \$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, though that has not occurred in LCSD.

Superintendent Evaluation

Each year the Board of Directors conducts an evaluation of the Superintendent as prescribed by policy and the Superintendent’s contract. The Board and Superintendent developed goals for the Superintendent for the current year, and developed a new evaluation form as well.

A timeline for the evaluation was also presented. Both the timeline and evaluation form will return for the Board’s consideration at the January meeting.

Revised Policy DN, Disposal of District Property

A review of recently adopted policies revealed that Policy DN, Disposal of District Property, did not align properly with the annual organizational resolution. The policy has been revised to match the resolution, giving the Deputy Clerks the right to declare district property as surplus. The Board would need to approve disposing surplus property valued over \$25,000.

The policy was revised and distributed at the board meeting at the suggestion of Oregon School Boards Association, who suggested adding a sentence stating “If the district property was purchased with state, federal or private grant funds, disposal of the property shall be made as outlined in the grant or by state or federal regulations.” The policy will return to the board at the January meeting for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent