

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, February 10, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Liz Martin, Chairman

Present: Liz Martin, Chairman; Karen Bondley, Vice Chairman, Kelley Ellis, Director

Also Present: Steve Boynton, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary

Handouts: Personnel Addendum; January 31, 2015 Financial Reports; Letter from City of Lincoln City (offer for 'old' Taft Elementary); Letter to David Hawker from Rich Belloni, (re. offer for 'old' Taft Elementary); Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Application

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Liz Martin convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:01 p.m. with a quorum of three board members present. Director Beck was excused from the meeting.

Communications

South Beach resident Cari Jenkins asked about the boundaries for Zone 5 of the school board. The zone includes Makai and Ona Beach as well as Waldport and Yachats.

Seismic Rehabilitation Grant

Business Oregon has awarded LCSD a \$1.5 million seismic rehabilitation grant for the Toledo Jr./Sr. High gym. Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported much of the grant was developed by ZCS Engineering, Inc.

Since ZCS Engineering was instrumental in putting the grant together and developed costs, Mr. Belloni reported this firm will be performing architectural, engineering and some construction management duties on the project. The contract with ZCS is approximately \$200,000; Attorney Pete Gintner noted this contract is within the bounds allowed by district policy and state law.

Student Representative

Newport High ASB President Maddy Baker updated the Board regarding student activities at the school, including: •homecoming week was successful, despite the rainy weather; •the Leadership class has focused on reaching out to the local community by donating \$200 for six Thanksgiving dinner baskets for disadvantaged families; •another six baskets were distributed at Christmas; •NHS had a giving tree at Christmas, and 25 families were sponsored; •a blood drive was held in early December; •the school

‘adopted a mile’ from the Coast Watch organization. Students are tasked with walking the mile four times per year to report unusual findings on the beach; •Leadership class teamed with the Robotics club to install a hydration station; •winter ball and Mr. NHS will be combined this year and will raise funds toward the new Pacific Communities health education center’s kitchen, specifically geared toward diabetes education; •On behalf of NHS, Ms. Baker presented coffee cups to board members in thanks for their service.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported no unusual activity in January. Fluctuations in local revenue are continuing; ADM is holding steady.

Common School fund revenues were not received in January, but should arrive in February. The district is drawing down its cash balance as occurs every year at this time.

For capital construction, spending is winding down. Approximately 63.5% of bond proceeds were spent in Lincoln County; in January, this figure reached 71%.

Ms. Baldwin noted Taft Elementary’s remodel is being funded by Construction Excise Tax (CET) revenue.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Boynton congratulated Newport High student Kathryn Bouchat for her receipt of the Horatio Alger Scholarship. Six awards were given in Oregon with an average award of \$7,000. Recipients of this award are those who succeed academically when faced with adversity.

Mr. Boynton reported 16 elementary students from around the district were selected as finalists in the Future Chefs Program. The students submitted recipes for after school healthy snacks. About three students from each elementary school will compete in the first annual LCSD/Sodexo Culinary Cooking Competition on March 14, 9:00 a.m. at Sam Case.

The Superintendent noted the District, in partnership with Samaritan Health Services and Lincoln County Health & Human Services Nurse Home Visiting, will provide a book to every newborn at the two hospitals in Lincoln County. Known as the “Books for Babies” program, families will also obtain a second book to be picked up later from the child’s neighborhood school. The idea for the program originated from Principal Clint Raever.

Mr. Boynton wished board member Kelley Ellis a “happy birthday” from her birthday earlier this month, and wished board member Karen Bondley the same for her day in early March.

He reported Sam Case will have a bingo fundraiser on Friday, February 13th; doors open at 5:00 p.m. and bingo starts at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 14/15-26

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

- Minutes, 1/13/15 Regular Session;**
- Minutes, 1/27/15 Work Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- 2015-16 ESD Local Service Plan.**

Admittance of Non-Resident Students

Motion 14/15-27

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Bondley, the board unanimously approved admitting “zero” students under the provisions of Policy JECB, Admission of Non-Resident Students.

At the January board meeting, Student Services Administrator Aaron Belloni noted a state law enacted in 2011 allows districts to continue to enter into voluntary inter-district transfers with other districts, but also created a new transfer process that does not require the consent of the district in which the student lives. LCSD’s geographic isolation renders the process moot. Inter-district transfers will continue as they have for many years.

Sale of “Old Taft Elementary” Property

Motion 14/15-28

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Bondley, the board unanimously approved the sale of property known as the “old Taft Elementary” to the City of Lincoln City, subject to review by LCSD’s attorney of the provisions of the offer presented to the Board 2/10/15. Significant tenets of the offer approved by the city council the night before the board meeting include: •City of Lincoln City will pay the District \$350,000 for the property; •City may relocate the bus storage and portable office building to another location on the property; •City will rezone the property.

The City hopes to develop a park there. District legal counsel will review the offer before it is finalized by both parties.

Chairman Martin noted the agreement is good for both sides.

Classified Employees Week, March 2-6, 2015

Motion 14/15-29

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2014/15-9, proclaiming the week of March 2-6, 2015 as “Classified Employees Week” in Lincoln County School District. Chairman Martin read the proclamation to the audience and thanked Classified employees for the vital work they do.

Declaration of Vacancy, Zone 5 School Board

Motion 14/15-30

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously declared a vacancy in Zone 5 of the LCSD Board of Directors. School board member Terri Woodd regretfully tendered her resignation due to health concerns prior to the board meeting. This zone is comprised of the south area of the district, including Ona Beach, south to Waldport and including Yachats.

The Board hopes to appoint a representative to the position to serve until June 30, 2015. Applicants must reside in Zone 5, must have resided in the district for the past year, must be registered voters, and may not be employees of LCSD.

Applications are available on the District’s website, in Waldport schools, at the District Administration Office and upon request to Laurie Urquhart. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, March 2, 2015; applicants must be available for an interview the early evening of March 4, 2015.

This board position, along with those in Zones 1 and 2, will be up for election in the May 19, 2015 special districts election. The Zone 5 position is a two-year remainder term in the election; the other two zones are full four year terms. Interested parties must file with the County Clerk by March 19, 2015 to be included on the ballot.

Discussion on Policies- Portion of A/B; Sections C and D

The Board met in a work session setting January 27, 2015 to continue their review of policies. They discussed part of Sections A/B (Board Governance and Operations), Section C (General Administration) and Section D (Fiscal Management).

Their goal is to adopt all of the policies at once, hopefully in June 2015. The next work session will focus on Sections E (Support Services) and F (Facilities Development).

Public Statement, Superintendent’s Evaluation

Chairman Liz Martin shared the results of the Board’s annual evaluation of Superintendent Boynton. Ms. Martin commended the Superintendent for his exceptional work with curriculum planning and development, instruction leadership, and values/ethics.

The statement notes his leadership “truly speaks to his emphasis on ‘every child, every day.’”

Ms. Martin stated the Board is prepared to offer the Superintendent a three-year contract, the longest allowed by state law.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent