

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors- Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Crestview Heights School**  
**Waldport, 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:** March, 2015 Financial Statements; Personnel Addendum, 4/14/15

**Call to Order-Establishment of a Quorum**

Chairman Liz Martin convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

**Communications**

Waldport teacher and LCEA representative Holly Schell addressed the Board regarding bargaining between the district and union. She noted concerns of LCEA members, including academic freedom and the evaluation system. She urged board members to take an active role in the negotiations, adding that historically the board has had a member on the team.

Food Services Director Patty Graves noted the ‘future chefs’ event went well, with 16 elementary-aged finalists competing to prepare healthy after-school snacks. Participants were allowed to keep the chefs hats and coats worn during the competition.

Ms. Graves reported a “Farm to Market” event was scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> at Toledo Elementary. She noted the initiation of a canned food drive contest between schools. Both the winning secondary and elementary schools will receive a 7” tablet respectively for their efforts.

She presented a \$2,000 scholarship check to the district, continuing a tradition begun several years ago. Each regular high school will receive a \$500 scholarship for a graduating senior from this award.

**Board Reports**

Director Ron Beck noted his attendance (as well as that of Chairman Martin’s) at a recent education forum held at the Central Lincoln P.U.D. with presentations by Superintendent Boynton, Head Start Director Suzanne Miller, and Oregon Coast Community College President Birgitte Ryslunge. State Representative David Gomberg and State Senator Arnie Roblan were present via teleconference. Mr. Beck said he was hoping to hear the representatives opinion of where school funding would end up, but that did not occur.

Vice Chair Karen Bondley visited Taft 7-12, where she observed students building robots.

Chairman Liz Martin visited Newport Intermediate where Principal Tiana Tucker provided an overview of activities at the school. Ms. Martin also attended the recent Newport Chamber of Commerce “Young Readers” event along with Director Remund. Each year, emerging readers (this year from Sam Case) visit the Chamber to read to attendees.

### **Student Representatives**

Waldport High Principal Diana MacKenzie introduced Learning Specialist Monika Robinson. Two students in Ms. Robinson’s class described the many job skills activities in which they are participating, including a laundry service, coffee sales and delivery, window cleaning, and preparing fields for track meets.

In addition, students are helping clear invasive species, participated in a clean-up of the Alsea River, and are making a DVD movie (which will be for sale) on crabbing.

### **Food Services Consultant Update**

Last spring, registered dietician Janet Beer conducted an impartial review of food services in the district. She shared both accolades and needed improvements with the board at that time.

She revisited the district in late February of this year, and reported Food Services Director Patty Graves is doing excellent work, has attended a significant amount of training and has a great staff. She said the variety bars are outstanding and that the district is offering every program possible to feed kids.

Concerns include more help from Sodexo, correcting all recipes, forms and documentations, and developing menus for all programs.

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported Sodexo District Manager John Stone or his representative will present a plan for correction at the next board meeting. He gave kudos to Patty Graves for all of her efforts, and said another review would be conducted next year and until “we get it right.”

### **Financial Reports**

Business Services Supervisor Kim Cusick reported the projected State School Fund (SSF) was updated based on the April estimate. Local revenue is being received at increased amounts above the projection, which will result in a large adjustment in May 2016. ADM saw a slight dip in March. The ending fund balance is expected to decline as spring building projects are completed.

The District received \$569,013 in revenue from the state for the facilities grant. Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported most of the bond funds have been expended, so capital construction financial reports have been discontinued. An ending bond report will be presented this summer.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Boynton thanked the Lincoln County Foundation, who generously added extra funds they received to the LCSD Administrators scholarships. The Foundation received donations in memory of long-time district administrator Harry McAdams who passed away recently.

Mr. Boynton thanked the district's three major contractors (Sodexo Food, Sodexo Custodial and Mid-Columbia Bus Co.) for their continuing tradition of distributing scholarships. Each of the three entities gives \$2,000, which results in \$500 scholarships from each contractor in the four regular district high schools.

The Superintendent thanked Taft 7-12 parent Jenny Tougas, who won \$5,000 for the school in an online "Zoinks Points for Education" contest.

He reported Newport Intermediate will have a spring concert on Monday, May 4, 2015- 6:30 p.m. in the school Commons.

Waldport High will hold a community event on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. regarding the vision for the school.

Culinary students at Taft 7-12 will hold "Cooking at Conferences" classes for interested north area students in grades one through six on April 16<sup>th</sup> (a no-school, conference day).

The Superintendent noted a candidates' forum will be held for those candidates in contested races for the LCSD Board of Directors and the OCCC Board. It is planned for Wednesday, April 22, 2015 7:00 p.m. at the Central Lincoln PUD meeting room in Newport.

Mr. Boynton briefly updated the board regarding the proposed budget for the coming year, reporting that staffing sheets were originally built on a state biennium budget for K-12 education of \$7.5 billion, including full day kindergarten. When the state approved the funding level at \$7.255 billion, reductions were made in the budget to keep cuts as far from classroom teachers as possible. To that end, the following reductions have been proposed:

- a reduction in Classified staff of approximately 7%;
- elimination of the licensed tech instructor position;
- reduction of two elementary counselor positions;
- operations administrator cut;
- communications coordinator cut;
- special education administrator position cut;
- expanded options programs decreased by \$150,000;
- alternative education and distance education have been combined;
- high school athletics reduced by \$110,000.

Overall reductions for the district will be approximately \$500,000 in 2015/16 and \$1.3 million in 2016/17. State school funds are to be distributed 50/50 each year of the two year biennium. Traditionally this split was 49/51 to help cover roll up costs the second year.

Mr. Boynton stated the financial picture is more difficult this year since the economy is gaining ground, yet education funding is going backward. "We are working every angle we can and will keep fighting," said Boynton.

Chairman Liz Martin encouraged all to be in touch with their state legislators; "We need to keep the pressure on," said Martin.

The Budget Committee will have its first meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 p.m. at Newport High. The school board will hold a hearing on the budget and will consider it for adoption at the June 9, 2015 meeting.

### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**Motion 14/15-33**

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

- March 4, 2015 Special/Work Sessions;**
- March 10, 2015 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 4/14/15.**

### **Approval of Teacher Appreciation Week Resolution**

**Motion 14/15-34**

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Remund, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2014/15-10, proclaiming May 4 through 8, 2015 as “Teacher Appreciation Week.” Chairman Martin read the proclamation to the audience and thanked teachers for their important work.

### **Proposed 2015/16 School Calendars**

Student Services Administrator Aaron Belloni presented three school calendars for the 2015/16 year. All three share several common days, including the first day for new teachers (August 31), first day for returning teachers (September 1<sup>st</sup>), winter break (December 21 through January 1), and spring break (March 21-25, 2016).

High schools in Toledo and Waldport will go to a trimester schedule and will have “Friday school/professional development” days once per month. The calendars for all schools in these areas are similar, though the elementary schools’ conference days are different.

In Newport and Lincoln City, high schools will remain on a semester schedule and all schools in those areas will share the same calendar. These schools will have early release every Wednesday for interventions and professional development.

Superintendent Boynton noted the original calendar was two days short of meeting the number required by the teachers’ contract. The statewide in-service day in October and Martin Luther King Jr. day are now student contact days. Activities commemorating the civil rights leader’s work will take place in all schools on MLK day, said Boynton.

Director Ellis asked why there are so many calendars, since the district had one calendar for all areas in past years. Superintendent Boynton stated staff met with principals to develop the calendars, looking at data across the district including absenteeism. “We wanted to preserve the unique and good things going on in areas that a common calendar would change.”

Director Ellis asked how interventions occur for elementary students who need them. Superintendent Boynton replied this can be answered at the next meeting, during consideration of the calendars. The calendars will continue to be refined in the coming weeks.

### **Information on Achievement Compact**

Student Services Administrator Aaron Belloni noted district staff will create an annual growth plan for students. “We used the ‘safe harbor’ method before, which we will continue to do.”

Safe harbor reduces the number of students who do not meet targets by 10%. “This time, we will drill down to the school level,” said Belloni. The Achievement Compact is currently due to OEIB on October 15, 2015. Superintendent Boynton noted several pieces of legislation are in process that will impact achievement compacts.

### **Information on Student Fees**

Student Service Administrator Aaron Belloni presented information gathered by Director of Secondary Education Eric Clendendin, who met with principals regarding student fees. He recommended increasing athletic participation fees at the high school level from \$100 to \$125 per sport, with a \$500 annual family limit. The fee was last increased in 2003 and is in line with fees charged around the state. Costs have increased substantially in the intervening years.

The fee for middle school sports will increase from \$50 to \$100. Superintendent Boynton reported the district will fully fund every head coach in all existing programs. For safety, one coach will be added to football and track. “No sports have been cut,” he added. The district will not fund sports that need a minimum threshold to go forward.

### **Banking Services- One Year Extension**

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni reported that Oregon Coast Bank has provided banking services to LCSD since 7/1/05. District staff has been very satisfied with the service and would like to continue the relationship.

Staff is proposing a one-year extension to the contract, the second of three allowed by policy. The extension will return for consideration at the next meeting.

### **Policies- Sections E and F**

The Board met in work session meetings on March 4 and March 31, 2015 to discuss Policy Sections E and F. The next scheduled policy work session (subject to change) is Thursday, May 28, 2015, 5:45 p.m. at Newport High School.

### **Other**

Board members reviewed the enrollment report included in the board folder. Superintendent Boynton noted Director of Secondary Education Eric Clendenin is working on reducing absenteeism. Director Beck said he would like to understand what constitutes an absence and what the percentages represent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent