

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, May 12, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Oceanlake Elementary School
Lincoln City, Oregon

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: April 30, 2015 Financial Statements; Personnel Addendum, 5/12/15; May 2015 Nutrition Services Newsletter; LCSD Action Plan- Child Nutrition Program Opportunities for Improvement; Nutrition Services Progress Report and Plan of Action; Proposed Bus Routes- Oceanlake 15/16 Kindergarten through Grade 2; Proposed Bus Routes- Taft Elementary 15/16 Grades 3-6; Newport Police Department 2014 Annual Report

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Liz Martin convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:07 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

Communications

Chairman Martin noted the board's receipt of two letters concerning the removal of trees at Yaquina View from Anne and Paul Stangeland and Bruce Koike. Staff has been in contact with these neighbors.

Luke Frechette, representing Mid-Coast Christian School, addressed the board to request a reduction in rent at Arcadia. He said the school may have to relocate if the rent cannot be lowered. Superintendent Boynton noted Mid-Coast had approached LCSD administrators earlier in the year about reducing the rent; the request was denied. "I would consider this an appeal to the board of the decision of the superintendent, so the board will respond," he said.

Mr. Frechette said he is open to ideas about where the school can relocate.

Newport Police Chief Mark Miranda presented the 2014 annual report of the Newport Police Department. He urged those present to forward comments or concerns to him. Chairman Martin thanked the Newport Police Department for "always being there when we ask for help and even when we don't."

Director Beck asked if the department is any closer to being able to provide a school resource officer for Newport. Chief Miranda responded that they are examining grants to explore the possibility.

Sodexo custodial director Bill Hemphill presented a \$2,000 check for scholarships, continuing the tradition of years past. Chairman Martin thanked Mr. Hemphill, and said custodians are an integral part of the each school.

Sodexo food services director Patty Graves presented a newsletter.

Board Reports

Director Kelley Ellis noted she has been on three student field trips over the last week.

Director Remund reported a community meeting in Waldport was held to discuss the vision for the high school. She also noted her attendance at a golf tournament, and said Taft 7-12 is going to state playoffs.

Director Beck reported the LCSD board had a great meeting with the Oregon Coast Community College board. “We heard from many people. It was a good discussion that will continue,” said Beck.

Vice Chairman Karen Bondley said she was preparing to work with students at Taft Elementary when she learned of the code red lock down. “The police were well organized,” said Bondley.

Chairman Martin noted her visit to Oceanlake Elementary recently to learn about their SMART program.

Student Representatives

Three members of the Taft ROV team addressed the board about their planned trip to international competition in Canada, after winning the regional competition. They noted they would like to sell re-useable bags as one fundraiser for the trip. They also have a “Go Fund Me” account. Director Bondley gave kudos to the team members, both for their abilities on the team and for their assistance in teaching younger children those skills. Chairman Martin wished them good luck with their competition.

Oceanlake second and third grade students sang a vibrant “Oceans of Fun” song.

North Area Report

Oceanlake teacher-in-charge Kristin Becker reported staff is planning for the coming year’s reconfiguration, with teachers in grades K-2 meeting on early release Wednesdays at Oceanlake, and grades 3-5 teachers at Taft Elementary. She reported John Norlin will be providing character development training during the upcoming in-service day.

Taft 7-12 Principal Majalise Tolan updated the board on several activities at Taft, including: •eight students took the AP Physics exam; •student Ben Marshall will compete in the national Pro-Start customer service (culinary) competition in Florida; •Assistant Principal Kelly Hart wrote and received a Nike Innovation Grant, which will support eight staff members attending college readiness training in Colorado; •“Aladdin” is currently being presented at the school, with upcoming performances May 14, 15 and 16; •an academic showcase will take place May 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lincoln City Cultural Center; •the girls’ golf team won first in district competition and the boy’s team took 2nd; girls coach

Heather Hatton was named “coach of the year;” •an emergency response training is planned for May 22nd from 1 to 4 p.m.

Transportation Plan, North Area

Director of Support Services Rich Belloni introduced Lincoln City head bus driver Kim Bolden, who presented new bus routes for Lincoln City for the coming school year. The goal was for students to spend the same amount or less time on the bus than they currently do; Oceanlake will have their own set of buses. Taft Elementary and Taft 7-12 will share buses, with younger students riding in the front of the bus. Start times for schools in Lincoln City will be staggered next year to accommodate the bus schedules.

Ms. Bolden also said the routes to Depoe Bay were split so students attending Kids Zone in Depoe Bay would not have to be on the bus as long.

Ms. Bolden attended all parent/teacher conferences in Lincoln City to answer questions about the new routes. The routes were also printed in the News Guard. No comments have been generated so far, but adjustments to the routes will be made as necessary. “It was a good opportunity to examine and improve the routes,” said Bolden.

Food Services Update

Sodexo Food Services District Manager John Stone presented actions taken by Sodexo in response to a recent audit conducted by registered dietician Janet Beer, and gave the board two handouts. He gave kudos to Director Patty Graves, and said she would receive additional training at the national level. “We need to continue to work on the technical part, but I am pleased with the operational side,” said Stone.

Director Ellis stated her appreciation for efforts taken by Sodexo to improve food services. Chairman Martin echoed this sentiment, and said how important it is that our children get good food. “Thanks to Patty and her staff,” said Ms. Martin. “She is passionate about her job and a great fit for our district.”

STAR Report

Data Coordinator Vince Dye presented outcomes of STAR testing for the year. STAR is a formative assessment tool that measures student growth in regular intervals. He described two tools used in STAR: the growth proficiency chart and the student growth report.

The growth proficiency chart is a dynamic scatterplot chart that provides a customizable comparison of how specific schools, classes and students are performing based on their student growth percentile and their proficiency in relation to a particular benchmark.

The student growth chart shows test results for students the teacher has selected and measures their progress between two testing sessions. It can be used to evaluate students’ improvement.

The district started using STAR last September, with the goal being student growth every day. It is a tool that allows teacher to know where students are in their academic growth along a K-8 continuum. This knowledge will effect instruction to more effectively support student growth.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin presented financial reports as of April 30, 2015. She reported the district received additional funding from ODE based on increased student enrollment. The district also received additional state timber revenue.

Although the current ending fund balance of \$5.9 million appears to be positive, the district will have to refund \$1.7 million to the state next year (excess local revenue). In addition, ODE will disburse 50% of state school funding revenue each year of the two year biennium, which does not provide additional revenue to meet increased costs the second year.

Ms. Baldwin noted that Superintendent Boynton budgeted the funds in the proposed 2015/16 budget, keeping in mind the 2016/17 year as well.

The first budget committee meeting will take place May 19, 2015- 7 p.m. at Newport High. If a second meeting is needed, it will take place at Newport Intermediate on May 21 at 7 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Boynton thanked all of the staff involved with the recent code red lock down in Lincoln City Schools. He also thanked the Lincoln City Police Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and Oregon State Police for their help with the situation. "The response was overwhelming," said Boynton. "I feel good about how safe our kids were; everyone did a great job."

He congratulated Taft 7-12 and Toledo Jr./Sr. High ROV teams for their excellent performance in statewide competition. The Taft team will compete in international competition in June.

The Superintendent thanked Sodexo Food Manager Patty Graves for holding a district wide canned food drive. Approximately 500 pounds of food was gathered and given to local food banks. Sam Case and Waldport High were winners of the 7" tablet at their respective levels.

Mr. Boynton thanked Gear Up for donating \$136,000 in scholarship funding. The scholarships will be awarded to Taft High students in increments of \$2500 each, over two years.

He reported Director of Secondary Education Eric Clendenin has been working with Oregon Coast Community College about course offerings next year, including Writing 121. "Conversations are continuing," said Boynton. "Other offerings are possible as well."

The Superintendent reported INMS will perform the play "Peter Pan Jr." at the Performing Arts Center in Newport on June 3rd and 4th, 7:00 p.m. both nights.

Superintendent Boynton gave kudos to Principal Tiana Tucker, who recently earned her doctoral degree from George Fox University.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 14/15-35

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

- Minutes, 3/31/15 Special/Work Sessions;**
- Minutes, 4/14/15 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum;**
- Oregon Coast Bank, Banking Services, 2015/16.**

2015/16 School Calendars as Presented 5/12/15

Motion 14/15-36

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Beck, a motion to approve the 2015/16 school calendars as presented 5/12/15 failed by a vote of one aye (Director Beck), four no.

Student Services Administrator Aaron Belloni presented two calendars for 2015/16, with schools in the west and north areas aligned, and schools in the east and south areas aligned. Superintendent Boynton noted that where Labor Day falls this year condenses the school year; two days had to be added somewhere. Choices considered when developing the calendars included: 1) starting school before Labor Day; 2) adding days to the end of the school year; 3) having school the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week; 4) having school on MLK day and on the statewide in-service day. “What was presented to you represents the scenario favored by most administrators and site councils,” said Boynton.

Mr. Boynton reported starting school before Labor Day could be difficult due to tourist traffic. He also noted a concern regarding the ability of teachers to participate in the statewide in-service day. “If we decide to have school on Martin Luther King Jr. day, we will have students participate in activities to commemorate the day.”

Responding to a prior question from a board member, Curriculum/Instruction Administrator Betsy Wilcox described what kinds of activities occur for elementary staff on ‘early release Wednesdays.’ She noted staff take part in professional development to support classroom learning using both collaboration (data teams, analysis of student work and designing work), and professional development (character education, Daily Five, Daily Three, Balanced Math, Differentiation Strategies, and Next Generation Science Standards).

Director Ellis expressed frustration at differences between Wednesday early release and Friday professional development days. She said she is not sure Wednesday early release benefits elementary students, and said only having a Friday once per month for staff development did not appear to be often enough to make a difference. Director of Elementary Education Eric Clendenin noted that the switch to trimesters in two areas is forcing the issue, as Toledo Elementary and Crestview realigned their calendars to coincide with the high school(s). “It will be good for us to analyze this later,” said Clendenin. Director Ellis stated she is in favor of having one district calendar to serve all areas.

LCEA President Peter Lohonyay noted the week off at Thanksgiving has been a hardship for many families. “We did a food drive for families that week,” he added.

Chairman Martin expressed appreciation for all the work put into the calendars, and said she feels the changes will help the community.

Approval of Revised 2015/16 School Calendars

Motion 14/15-37

On motion of Director Remund, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board approved by a vote of four aye, one opposed (Director Ellis) the two area calendars presented May 12, 2015, with the following changes: add back in the statewide in-service day in October, change Martin Luther King Jr. day to a holiday, and hold school the first two days of the week of Thanksgiving.

Approval of Out of Country Field Trip, Taft ROV Competition, Canada

Motion 14/15-38

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Remund, the Board unanimously approved an out of country field trip request to Canada, when Taft 7-12 students will compete in international ROV competition. The competition is scheduled for June, 2015.

Superintendent Boynton noted this trip was able to be approved after reviewing it with the district's insurance liability carrier. Because the competition is the culmination event of a class and directly ties to an academic program, it was approved.

Director Beck asked if another board approval would be needed, or if this one was only for fundraising. Mr. Boynton replied this approval would be the only one needed.

Director Ellis asked why there are a number of adults going; Principal Tolan responded the students going on the trip are freshmen and parents wanted the higher number of adults. Assistant Principal Kelly Hart is also going and paying her own way.

Need for Layoff of Personnel

Motion 14/15-39

On motion of Director Beck, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved the need for a layoff of personnel for the 2015/16 school year, though every effort will be made to minimize the effects to students and staff. This declaration is specified in the agreement with the Lincoln County Education Association and begins other timelines/processes for both employee associations.

Information on Secondary School Accreditation

Superintendent Boynton reported district high schools are accredited by an outside agency at present. He noted they are also designated as "standard high schools" by the Oregon Department of Education.

He asked the board to consider the accreditation process, as there are costs and man hours required. The district will move forward next year with two high schools' accreditation process, but asked the board to think about the merits of the process versus the cost. The board is not scheduled to take action on this item at this time.

Food Services Contract; Increase in Elementary Lunch Price, 2015/16

State law requires annual renewals of food services contracts; the Board will consider the 2015/16 contract with Sodexo for food services at the next meeting.

Also, in order to move toward parity with the National School Lunch Program, the cost of an elementary lunch will increase by ten cents next year.

2015/16 Board Meeting Calendar

Board meetings are typically scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month by policy. For the coming year, the September regular session is scheduled for the third Tuesday due to school starting after Labor Day. Also, there are several work sessions scheduled to continue the policy re-write begun this year. The calendar will return for the board's consideration at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent