

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Regular Session
Tuesday, June 9, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

- PRESIDING:** Liz Martin, Chairman
- Present:** Liz Martin, Chairman; Kelley Ellis, Amanda Remund- Directors
- Also Present:** Steve Boynton, Superintendent, Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 30 members of the staff, media and patrons
- Handouts:** May 31, 2015 Financial Reports; Alternative Education/Advanced Learning; Dual Credit/International Baccalaureate/Advanced Placement

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Liz Martin convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:04 p.m. with a quorum of three board members present. Directors Beck and Bondley were excused from the meeting.

Public Hearing- Approved Budget

The board recessed into a public hearing of the approved 2015-16 budget.

South Beach resident Cari Jenkins noted she attended the Budget Committee meeting in May, and had some remarks regarding it. She expressed concern that administrators may receive pay increases when “teachers have not for a while, or if they have they have been very small.” She noted her hope that teachers can be compensated fairly for the good work they do.

She also said she does not feel eliminating the Communications Coordinator position is wise and said she feels it is not far removed from classrooms. “I would prefer more communication from the district,” said Jenkins. She suggested the development of a Google calendar that would show all events.

She questioned the amount of money budgeted for technology, and said she felt the district is becoming a district of “testing rather than learning. I want students having daily hands on experiences, not just learning how to take tests.”

Chairman Martin thanked Ms. Jenkins for her comments and said she would be happy to have a conversation with her.

The regular session was then reconvened.

Tom Moore Memorial Award

Taft 7-12 Principal Majalise Tolan introduced Lincoln City residents Matt and Tara Daniels, recipients of the 2015 Tom Moore Memorial Award. The Tom Moore award is the district's highest volunteer award, named for former board member Tom Moore who gave his all to the district.

Ms. Tolan thanked the couple for their many years of selfless dedication to Taft 7-12. Matt has been a volunteer coach for Taft 7-12 in football, basketball and track, and is a youth soccer and basketball coach as well. He attends nearly all sporting and academic events at the school. Tara is a tireless advocate for student emotional health and equality. She spearheaded a domestic violence awareness event, helped organize and promote a GSA fundraiser, attends all Taft events and is also a youth sports coach. Both have been instrumental in rebuilding trust with the Taft Boosters.

Mr. and Ms. Daniels were presented with a plaque honoring them for their outstanding achievements.

Board Reports

Director Amanda Remund reported Waldport's graduation was wonderful. Chairman Martin gave kudos to Taft and Newport High's ceremonies, which she attended. (Other board members were unable to attend graduations this year and sent their regrets.)

Student Representative

NHS Parenting Teen Coordinator Cindy Blackwood introduced teen parent Geraldine Urieta-Angeles who she called "the face of this program." Ms. Urieta-Angeles graduated from Newport High on June 6, 2015; she thanked Ms. Blackwood and all involved with the program for their support and said the program deserves more recognition. She plans to pursue a career in criminal justice.

Insurance Carriers, Other Than Health

Agent of Record John Russell reported the PACE insurance trust continues to be a good option for the district. Though insurance premiums nationally are increasing 6 to 9%, PACE's suggested increase is 3% for LCSD. This year, coverages were increased to consider the additional classroom space. For the coming year, data breach coverage has been added (for no additional cost).

For workers compensation insurance, Mr. Russell recommended SAIF. The district's experience rating is excellent. He recommended the District maintain PACE for property/liability coverage and SAIF for workers compensation.

Financial Reports

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported the projected ending fund balance may be reduced by \$1.2 million due to repayment of local revenue collected by the district. The current projected ending fund balance is just below what was budgeted to begin the 2015-16 year.

Enrollment is holding steady at approximately 5,000 students. Interest rates remain unchanged.

Chairman Martin questioned an expenditure from Coos Bay School District. Ms. Baldwin explained this was part of the STEM Hub grant, for which the district serves as fiscal agent.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Steve Boynton presented a plaque in appreciation to Chairman Liz Martin for her service as Chairman of the Board this year.

Mr. Boynton congratulated Toledo Elementary teacher Janna Limbert, named Lincoln County Education Association (LCEA) teacher of the year.

The Superintendent thanked the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA) for their donation of \$1,000 each year for scholarships, one \$250 award for each high school.

Mr. Boynton gave kudos to the Newport High band, which marched in the Portland Starlight parade and placed third in their respective category.

He reported spring sports went well in the district, with softball teams from Taft and Newport advancing to the quarterfinals in state playoffs. In track, Newport's Rachel Vinjamuri won three state titles in the 4A state track meet, and NHS' Brendan Thurber-Blaser won the state title in the javelin toss.

Mr. Boynton reported the last day of school for this year is Friday, June 12th (half day).

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 14/15-40

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

- Minutes, 4/28/15 Work Session;**
- Minutes, 5/12/15 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items;**
- Sodexo Contract, Food Services 2015/16;**
- 2015-16 Board Meeting Calendar.**

Approval of Resolution Adopting 15/16 Budget

Motion 14/15-41

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Remund, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2014/15-13, adopting the budget for fiscal year 2015/16, as approved by the Budget Committee on May 19, 2015.

Business Manager Julie Baldwin reported the Budget Committee made some amendments to the proposed budget by increasing the general fund by \$500,000 for anticipated additional funding from the state. The Budget Committee also reduced the unappropriated ending fund balance by \$800,000 and increased instructional services. It is possible that the additional state funds allocated by the legislature may all be distributed in the second year of the biennium; the district wants the ability to spend reserves in the first year.

The budget is available on the district website, www.lincoln.k12.or.us.

Approval of Insurance Carriers- Other than Health**Motion 14/15-42**

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Remund, the Board unanimously approved PACE for property, vehicles, liability, errors and omission insurance, and SAIF for workers compensation coverage for the 2015/16 year.

Business Manager Julie Baldwin noted the district took part in enacting a boundary invasion toolkit, so will realize a 5% credit.

Resolution, Appropriations Transfer**Motion 14/15-42**

On motion of Director Remund, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2014/15-14, Appropriations Transfer.

Budget law requires that appropriation levels not be overspent in actuality. This year the General Fund incurred expenditures classified as ‘facilities acquisition and construction services.’ As bond funds were exhausted, there were projects to be completed using general fund resources. Proper classification of these expenditures should be in the Facilities, Acquisition and Construction Services functions.

The resolution lists the recommendation of the transfer of funds to properly account for these expenditures.

Mid Coast Christian School- Rent

This item was removed from the agenda as Mid Coast Christian School withdrew their request to lower the rent. After meeting with district staff, Mid Coast representatives felt the district was offering them a fair price for rental of space at the Arcadia building.

Resolution Certifying Election Results**Motion 14/15-44**

On motion of Director Remund, seconded by Director Ellis, The Board approved Resolution 2014/15-12, Certification of the May 19, 2015 Special Districts Election. Board members in Zone 1 (Karen Bondley) and Zone 2 (Liz Martin) were re-elected to four year terms. The Zone 5 representative (Amanda Remund) was elected to a two-year remainder term.

Information on Alternative Education Programs, 15/16

Director of Secondary Education Eric Clendenin distributed a handout titled “Alternative Education/Advanced Learning,” and reported the district employed the use of the online “Edmentum” this school year for alternative education students. Attendance appears to be up, as does earned credits.

While this system served the district well this year as an interim step, next year alternative education will be provided by Compass Learning. This choice will significantly increase the district’s online capability, and will provide both credit recovery and advanced learning options.

Each high school will continue to have an alternative education presence next year, along with a Distance Education instructor. Second language will continue to present a challenge as the district does

not own the curriculum for this. Mr. Clendenin noted he is continuing to negotiate with Compass and with Oregon Coast Community College. Superintendent Boynton reported his intention is to offer alternative education to home school students and perhaps charter school students as well. "There are costs associated with this that we would have to work out," said Boynton.

Accelerated Learning and Early College Program

Director of Secondary Education Eric Clendenin distributed a handout listing the dual credit/International Baccalaureate and advanced placement courses for each high school for the coming year. A total of 48 new courses will be articulated for college credit, and advanced placement courses have been added at Taft, Toledo and Waldport high schools. The list continues to grow, said Clendenin.

The district is in continuing negotiations with Oregon Coast Community College to finalize offerings through that institution for next year. Master schedules are in process of being built; Mr. Clendenin said he hopes to be able to report more on this topic at the August board meeting.

He noted that principals and counselors have worked hard to develop this program; "It is impressive," said Clendenin. Chairman Martin said the additional classes are "exciting, but I am concerned with getting our daily classes done with limited staff."

Organizational Resolution, 2015/16

Each year the designation of district officers, clerks, agents and depositories of funds is required to be updated and approved by the Board of Directors.

For the coming year, mileage reimbursement rates will increase to \$.575 per mile (from \$.56) to match the IRS rate. The meal reimbursement rate will remain unchanged.

There are Budget Committee vacancies in Zones 2 and 3. The resolution will return for the Board's consideration at the July board meeting.

Policies- Section G

The Board met in a work session meeting on May 26, 2015 to discuss Policy Section G. The next scheduled policy work session is scheduled for September 29, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent