

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors
Wednesday, August 10, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
Newport Middle School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

- PRESIDING:** Liz Martin, 15/16 Chair; Ron Beck, 16/17 Chair
- Present:** Liz Martin, Ron Beck, Karen Bondley, Kelley Ellis, Amanda Remund, Directors
- Also Present:** Steve Boynton, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary
- Handouts:** Financial Statements, 7/31/16; Personnel Addendum 8/10/16; ELL Report; SWEET Program Flyer

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Martin convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of all five board members present.

Election of Chairman of the Board, 2016/17

Motion 16/17-1

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Remund, Ron Beck was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board for the 2016/17 year. Mr. Beck was nominated by Director Bondley; the nomination was seconded by Director Martin.

Election of Vice Chairman of the Board, 2016/17

Motion 16/17-2

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Martin, Amanda Remund was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the Board for the 2016/17 year. Ms. Remund was nominated by Director Martin; the nomination was seconded by Director Bondley.

Financial Reports

Director of Business Services Julie Baldwin reported the business office will continue the same process to project cash flow in 2016/17, using six years of history. Cash reserves are being built in consideration of the upcoming biennium, with the awareness of significant financial issues facing the state.

Ms. Baldwin is targeting an ending fund balance in June, 2017 of \$5 million. Interest rates are up slightly; the district will not have to borrow funds to cover expenditures in the fall, before property tax revenue is received.

Ms. Baldwin reported student athletes are no longer charged \$5 for catastrophic insurance; this cost is borne by the district.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Boynton recognized Safety Coordinator Sue Graves for her admission to the Naval Postgraduate School's Master's Degree Program in Homeland Security Services. This 18-month program is highly competitive and selective. Most of it will be done online, but she will be attending the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA for six, two-week stays (all expenses paid by the entity).

Mr. Boynton thanked Georgia-Pacific for donating eleven used computers to the district. These will be allocated for student use in classrooms and labs.

The Superintendent thanked the City of Newport and Bank of the Cascades, Newport for their support of the Newport School Resource Officer (SRO) program. The City will contribute half of the cost of the officer, and Bank of the Cascades donated \$5,000 per year for three years.

Mr. Boynton thanked the Newport Boosters for their donation of \$5,000 to offset the cost of a trainer from Pacific Communities Hospital. The trainer will work with Newport sports teams to prevent athletic injuries. Thanks to our community partners!

The Superintendent wished board member Ron Beck a belated Happy Birthday (August 7th). He noted the SWEET Program will hold a celebration August 18 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Taft High School library.

Mr. Boynton stated that many trainings are planned in the coming three weeks and invited board members to attend any or all of them.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion 16/17-3

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

- Minutes, June 14, 2016 Regular Session;**
- Regular Personnel Items and Addendum dated 8/10/16.**

Approval of Alternative Education Program, 2016/17

Motion 16/17-4

On motion of Director Bondley, seconded by Director Ellis, the Board unanimously approved Compass Learning as provider of the alternative learning program for the 2016/17 year. The program is administered by Stacey Goad who is reaching out to home schooled students as well.

Cooperative Agreement, Eddyville Soccer Player to Newport

Motion 16/17-5

On motion of Director Ellis, seconded by Director Bondley, the Board unanimously approved the Cooperative Sponsorship of one soccer player from Eddyville Charter School to play on Newport High's girls soccer team for the 2016/17 year. Similar agreements have been approved in the past.

Reversionary Clause, 1911 Waldport Property Sale Agreement

This item was tabled until a future meeting.

Information on STAR and Preliminary Smarter Balanced Results

Superintendent Steve Boynton shared an overview of Smarter Balanced test results, embargoed until October, 2016. Generally, the district is progressing well. Several schools and grades exceeded the state average. More detailed information will be shared when it is released. Mr. Boynton shared how many grade levels at each school participating in the test met or exceeded the state average: •Sam Case- all three grades tested met or exceeded the state average in both language arts and math; •Newport Middle- all three grade levels met or exceeded in both subjects; Newport High- the tested grade met or exceeded in both subjects; Crestview Heights- three of the four tested grade levels met or exceeded in language arts, and two of the four grades in math; Waldport Middle- one of two grade levels met in language arts, both in math; Waldport High- tested grade met or exceeded in both subjects; Toledo Elementary- one of four tested grade levels met or exceeded in language arts and none did in math; Toledo Middle- neither tested grade met in either subject; Toledo High- neither tested grade met in either subject; Taft Elementary- none of the four tested grades met for language arts, but two of four did for math; Taft Middle- neither of the two tested grades met in either subject; Taft High- tested grade did not meet in either subject.

Mr. Boynton noted that STAR results were released earlier this summer. STAR focuses on grades two through six, and has seen much success in its implementation, with growth up approximately 18%. The Superintendent expressed excitement to see how STAR pairs with Compass, especially for targeted populations.

Director Martin asked if the schools that did not meet or exceed the standard are being addressed; they are.

English Language Learner (ELL) Report

Curriculum/Instruction Administrator Betsy Wilcox introduced Federal Programs TOSA Tami Johnson, who monitors the English Language Learner program (among others).

Ms. Wilcox reported that each year, the Oregon Department of Education produces an “Oregon English Language Learner” (ELL) report. It provides financial information, the objectives and needs of students eligible for and enrolled in the program, and provides information on the demographics of students in ELL programs in each school. Ms. Wilcox summarized the report, noting that the information was from the 2014-15 year; actions taken in 2015/16 will likely improve the outcomes, though progress was made in 14-15.

Ms. Wilcox reported the ELL report shows LCSD’s funding to expenditures is 41% compared to the state average of 89%. She noted this is a coding issue, and that the funds are indeed spent on ELL students. The business office is examining ways to correct the coding issue. The report also shows LCSD’s growth on the English Language Proficiency Assessment was above the state average (56% in LCSD vs. 50% state average); the five-year cohort graduation rate for current students is at 71% versus a state average of 61%. There are seven students in this cohort.

The drop-out rate of current ELL students is 2.2% versus a state average 8%.

For the current year, new materials have been purchased, and positions added at Newport Middle and Newport High. The district's ELL plan was accepted by the state.

2016/17 Board Goals

Last school year, the board adopted a three-year goal of "By 2018, all LCSD schools will be performing at or above the state average, as measured by the Oregon Department of Education." The goal was brought before the board for their review.

Policy GBED, Medical Exams/Drug Testing

Policy GBED, Medical Examinations/Drug Testing was discovered to contain unintended verbiage. Director of Human Resources Michael Morgan corrected the policy and presented it to the board for their review. It will return to the board for consideration at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent