

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors- Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, September 15, 2015- 7:00 p.m.**  
**Taft 7-12 School**  
**Lincoln City, Oregon**

**Minutes**

- PRESIDING:** Liz Martin, Chairman
- Present:** Liz Martin, Chairman; Ron Beck, Kelley Ellis, Amanda Remund, Directors
- Also Present:** Steve Boynton, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary
- Excused:** Karen Bondley, Director
- Handouts:** Financial Reports, 8/31/15; Nutrition Services Newsletter; New Course Development Flowchart; LCSD Advanced Learning Opportunities; Oceanlake Progress Update; Taft Elementary 2015-16 School Year Plan; Taft 7-12 School Improvement Professional Development Plan

**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 four board members and approximately 30 members of the staff, media and patrons present. Director Bondley was excused from the meeting.

**Communications**

Sodexo Food Services Director Patty Graves distributed a newsletter introducing kitchen staff around the district. Ms. Graves reported she will be developing a parent advisory board in October to explain the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act and the how and why of what is served in school meals. She noted that the number of school meals served has increased substantially with the initiation of the C.E.P (Community Eligibility Program) pilot program, allowing students to eat breakfast and lunch at no charge. She reported Dana Curry was moved to a supervisory role and will work to provide continuity between school kitchens.

South Beach parent Cari Jenkins addressed the board regarding confusion about early release Wednesdays in Newport, Smarter Balanced test results, grade bands, and the future direction of the district. Superintendent Boynton invited her to meet with him to discuss the issues, and said plans now are to provide Smarter Balanced test results during fall student/teacher conferences.

**Student Representative**

Taft 7-12 ASB Co-President Micah Morgan updated the board regarding activities at that school, including: •before school started, ASB students raised money for families in Oregon hit by wildfires; •Rep. Kurt Schrader visited the school to observe the ROV team; •students will do a variety of activities

in October to raise money for breast cancer research; •the homecoming game is October 16 and the dance is October 17.

## **North Area Report**

Oceanlake Principal Rilke Klingsporn reported school began well at Oceanlake, though transportation issues are still being addressed. Kindergarten started September 14<sup>th</sup> at Oceanlake. This K-2 school will focus on school readiness by teaching behaviors that create learners.

Taft Elementary Principal Nick Lupo distributed a summary of his plan for the year. Areas of focus include teacher development, character education, mathematics, and English/Language Arts. Mr. Lupo noted that all sixth graders at Taft Elementary are participating in band; they are bussed to Taft 7-12 each day during first period for this. He noted parent groups in the north area have combined to become more effective and efficient.

Taft 7-12 Principal Majalise Tolan referenced the board goal of all schools performing at or above the state average by 2018 and said she hopes to exceed the state average. She developed a professional development plan for teachers and administrators in her building, and said teachers would be analyzed by department. The school is participating in Gear Up (college readiness), AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) and PEEK (physical education) grants. Ms. Tolan reported the school received a \$5,000 donation to purchase band instruments.

## **Financial Reports**

Business Manager Julie Baldwin noted nothing unanticipated in the month of August, and said that year-to-date special revenue fund balances do not include encumbered amounts. Interest rates remain flat.

Ms. Baldwin said she plans to present a final report on capital project fund financials at the October board meeting.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Boynton recognized Homeless Coordinator Katey Townsend for her successful writing of the competitive Title X grant, which will provide approximately \$78,000 over two years. This revenue pays for the LIFT (Learning is Fun Together) early childhood program, individual tutoring, the Job Opportunities for Youth program and staff development.

Mr. Boynton noted his receipt of a letter of thanks from Food Share of Lincoln County for the district's implementation of the C.E.P. pilot program. The pilot program allows all students to eat breakfast and lunch at no charge.

The Superintendent reported that the Teen Parent programs at Taft and Newport are now licensed child care centers.

He thanked the many volunteers around the district who help with student activities, including athletics. One day the first week of school, Newport High hosted six volleyball matches, two soccer matches and a football game on the same day.

Mr. Boynton thanked KBCH radio and Yaquina Bay Communications for hosting the “stuff a bus” supply drive in Lincoln City. The event raised approximately \$16,000 in school supplies, cash, and new clothing donations for students.

He thanked the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce for hosting a welcome back barbeque/meet and greet for all Lincoln City school staff.

He said the start of the school year experienced some speed bumps, mostly around transportation. Student enrollment is up, Mid Columbia has several new bus drivers and bus routes, and some dismissal procedures had to be tightened. Despite these issues, schools are off to a good start; Mr. Boynton encouraged board members to visit them.

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

### **Motion 15/16-10**

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

- Minutes, 8/11/15 Regular Session;**
- Personnel Action and Addendum dated 9/15/15.**

### **Update on School Based Health Centers**

Carol Hall and Rebecca McBee-Wilson of Lincoln County Health and Human Services (LCHHS) presented information and a proposal for the school based health centers. Designed to provide access to quality primary care, the four clinics (at Taft 7-12, Toledo Jr./Sr., Newport High and Waldport High) are currently open four days per week to serve students.

Over the summer, the Newport High clinic was open to community members. LCHHS would like to open the clinics in Newport and Waldport during the school year to community members on non-school days (school improvement days, spring break, etc.). On early release days, they propose that the clinics be opened later in the afternoon to early evening.

The clinics would offer primary health care only to community members (not mental health services). Students could be seen during non-school times when the clinics are open.

Representatives of LCHHS, Facilities/ Maintenance staff and respective principals will meet to discuss safety protocols. If they reach a mutually acceptable plan, LCHHS will propose a change in the contract to the board.

### **Process, Adoption of New Courses**

Director of Secondary Education Eric Clendenin described a process he would like to enact to adopt new courses in the district. He designed a simplified flow chart with input from Superintendent Boynton and Curriculum/ Instruction Administrator Betsy Wilcox.

Mr. Clendenin has been meeting with district counselors to ensure that earned credits count as the same type of credit between schools.

He plans to bring any new courses to the board in late winter or early spring to be included on the following year's schedule.

### **Dual Credit/ Accelerated Learning/ Alternative Education**

Mr. Clendenin began working with universities and colleges last spring to expand advanced learning opportunities for students. This work has resulted in a significant expansion of opportunities available for students. At this time, 834 dual credit (high school and college credit) courses are scheduled this year. Mr. Clendenin said this could realistically expand to close to 1200. LCSD intends to pay for every dual credit course taken by our students at Linn Benton Community College, Oregon Coast Community College, and Oregon Institute of Technology.

Director Clendenin has reached out to Siletz and Eddyville charter schools to offer additional opportunities for students.

For Alternative Education, the district is now using Compass Learning. The design is similar to that of last year, with alternative education sites in Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo and Waldport. 80 students are enrolled in alternative education to date. Teacher Randy Wiese is the coordinator for Newport High, and teacher of record for math/science for the program. Several retired teachers will serve as teachers of record in several subjects.

Mr. Clendenin offered this opportunity to Siletz and Eddyville charters, though they would be responsible for compensating their own teacher of record.

Director Beck noted that LCSD starts classes before the colleges; Mr. Clendenin noted this three-week window can be an opportunity to determine if a student is ready for the college class. He also thanked Oregon Coast Community College for finding textbooks for students taking math 111.

### **Update, Summer Facilities/Maintenance Projects**

With the addition of full-day Kindergarten and the realignment of schools in Lincoln City and Newport, a great deal of moving and remodeling of classrooms was required over the summer. Director of Support Services Rich Belloni presented a Powerpoint with "before and after" pictures at several schools. Forty seven classrooms were moved, and technology upgrades occurred throughout the district.

Board members thanked Director Belloni, designer Darla Zagel and Facilities/Maintenance staff for their stellar work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Chairman

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