

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Work Session
Tuesday, October 27, 2015- 6:30 p.m.
Newport High School
Newport, Oregon

Minutes

PRESIDING: Liz Martin, Chairman

Present: Liz Martin, Chairman; Ron Beck, Kelley Ellis, Amanda Remund-Directors

Also Present: Steve Boynton, Superintendent; Aaron Belloni, Principal; Michael Morgan, Director of Human Resources; Julie Turner, District Nurse (left after discussion on head lice policy); Laurie Urquhart, Secretary

Excused: Karen Bondley, Vice Chairman

Handout- Policy Summary, Remainder of Section J (Students); Policy and ARs for KG, Community Use of District Facilities; Head Lice policy and AR from Oakland, CA

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Martin convened the meeting and called the session to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Vice Chairman Karen Bondley was excused from the meeting.

Policy Review- Section J, Students- remainder of Section

Principal Aaron Belloni prepared a "Policy Review" document for section J (Students), showing the name of the policy, notes about it, the reviewers of the policy and the notes about each policy (including whether to adopt or not, delete).

The Board received the original set of policies from OSBA via their Dropbox account.

Board members began the review of Section J policies at the September 29, 2015 work session and continued on October 27th, beginning with Policy JHCCF, Pediculosis (Head Lice). OSBA's proposed policy is much different from LCSD's current practice. District Nurse Julie Turner presented a sample policy from Oakland, CA that she thought would suffice. She stated that lice are a nuisance, not anything dangerous and that several large healthcare organizations do not recommend head checks. Currently in LCSD, if a child is discovered with live lice, they are sent home with a kit containing a fine toothed comb, hair conditioner and directions.

Director Ellis disagreed that lice are not a health concern. Superintendent Boynton suggested Mr. Belloni work with OSBA to develop a hybrid policy. “Something reflecting that when we identify students with lice, we will notify parents and send the student home with a treatment packet. When the student returns to school and if he/she continues to exhibit symptoms, the process will be repeated.”

JHCD, Nonprescription Medication. The policy allows students to self-medicate with over the counter medication (with a note from the parent). JHCD/JHCDA-AR provides administrative rules for both prescription and non-prescription medication; Mr. Belloni will double check that all needed language for both is contained in the A.R.’s.

JHCDA, Prescription Medication. This policy covers injectable medications as well, said Mr. Belloni.

(The Board then skipped several policies that were discussed at the September meeting.)

JHFE, Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child. Many changes were made to the policy due to changes in the law. The AR will need a revision, as LCSD does not have an assistant superintendent.

JHFE/KN-AR(2), Abuse of a Child- Investigations Conducted on District Property. Mr. Belloni suggested it might be helpful to have this form.

JHFF, Reporting Requirements Regarding Sexual Conduct with Students. The definition for “sexual conduct” was noted; this is different from sexual abuse. The board reached consensus not to have the complaint form for this A.R. as they are trying to streamline processes and complaint forms.

JHHA, Crisis Prevention and Response. Mr. Belloni noted the district has one of the best crisis prevention programs in the state, if not beyond that. The policy is optional. Director Ellis said she likes the idea of having a policy, though different from the one suggested by OSBA; “a couple of paragraphs would suffice.”

JN, Student Fees and Fines. Student fees and fines are administered through Director of Secondary Education Eric Clendenin’s office. Superintendent Boynton noted the leadership team will be reviewing fees and fines during the budgeting process, especially concerning equal application. The administrative rules will be shared with the board when and if they change.

There were no significant changes to the remainder of the policies in Section J. The Superintendent said the plan is for the board to complete the rewrite, then have the policies posted in draft form for a time for public review. The hope is for the board to adopt all of the policies at the June regular session. They will then be reposted in final form.

Policy KG, Use of District Facilities. Superintendent Boynton noted there are long standing relationships between schools and community organizations. One group was holding meetings during the school day, for which students were leaving school for an hour or two. To ameliorate

this issue, the principal at the time allowed the group to meet at the school during non-instructional time at lunch. District legal counsel has advised that this practice is legal, and an office of Civil Rights representative also said it is acceptable.

This practice has the potential, however, of allowing any group that applies and meets our criteria access to students at lunchtime.

The Superintendent raised the issue to allow the board time to consider the policy and how they may wish to adjust it, or not.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent