

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors- Work Session
Tuesday, September 29, 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; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary
- Excused:** Karen Bondley, Vice Chairman
- Handout-** Policy Summary, Section J (Students)

Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Martin convened the meeting and called the session to order at 6:34 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Vice Chairman Karen Bondley was excused from the meeting.

Policy Review- Section J, Students

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 reviewed the 23-page long Section J Review document, along with correspondence between Mr. Belloni and Spencer Lewis (OSBA policy specialist). They considered each policy along with the staff recommendation. Board members reached consensus to accept the staff recommendations in most cases. Some in the “recommendation” column required Board consensus as to whether to retain/revise/delete the policy. Mr. Belloni also had questions on some policies. A list of those policies along with the Board’s consensus follows (not every policy in Section J is listed here):

JB, Equal Educational Opportunity. Mr. Belloni noted all staff and students need to be aware of who the Title IX coordinators are; this information needs to be posted in all buildings. The policy does not have an A.R. with it; if there are complaints, the public complaint process may be used.

JBA/GBN, Sexual Harassment. The timeline was changed to match that of other complaint procedures (to ten days in step 2). Forms suggested by OSBA will be included.

JEA, Truancy, Compulsory School Attendance. Several changes were made to this policy due to changes in the law. Monetary values were removed (for citations).

JEA-AR. The ESD handles truancy procedures for the district. Although citations may be issued by a court to families, the hope is for students to be in school. Superintendent Boynton noted that most district high schools achieved 90% attendance last year.

The AR has been revised so that all grade levels have the same responsibilities; it used to be separated between K-8 and grades 9-12. The board reached consensus to keep Version 1, and not to add an optional paragraph about sending letters home to parents after a prescribed number of absences in certain classes was reached.

JEBA, Early Entrance. One paragraph was removed to simplify the policy. Also, the district must determine if a child is “cognitively” ready to enter school early. This policy deals with children entering Kindergarten or first grade only, and the window of opportunity is after September 1 and before October 1.

JEBA-AR. A group of administrators and Kindergarten teachers are revising the administrative rules; they should be ready by the time the policies are being considered by the board for adoption later this school year.

JEC-AR, Admissions. OSBA recommends deleting this A.R. as the information may be found elsewhere. The Board reached consensus to do so.

JECAC/GBH- Child Custody Actions. OSBA suggested changing the title of this policy to Staff/Student/Parent Relations, but the board reached consensus to keep “Child Custody Actions” for ease of finding the policy. This is the same policy as GBH. OSBA recommended deleting version 1, which we used to use, and adopting version 2. The board agreed to use version 2.

Staff asked OSBA for more clarification about custody actions, specifically regarding situations when parents are not married and do not have a court order. Spencer Lewis noted that “The act of enrolling a student does not change parental rights. Both parents maintain rights, unless a court order dictates otherwise.”

JECB, Admission of Non Resident Students. This is the process whereby the board declares a number of non-resident students it will admit each year; typically the board says “zero” (mostly due to geographic location). The policy has been revised significantly to reflect legal changes.

JECB-AR(1), Several revisions were made to the A.R. due to legal changes. The board reached consensus to leave the tuition language in the A.R. in case that situation ever arises. The forms

related to the AR have been sent to Lynne Iverson for review. Superintendent Boynton noted he would want to review students admitted to the district under this process annually.

JECBB and accompanying AR, Intradistrict Transfer Students. This is not in current policy, and Mr. Belloni suggested not adopting it as the information is covered in Policy JECC (Assignment of Students to Schools).

JECBD, Homeless Students. No change to the policy; slight change to the AR.

JECC, Assignment of Students to Schools. This is the current practice of the district. Superintendent Boynton suggested having the Learning Support Team consider all of the policies related to enrollment and assignment of students to school to have a larger conversation. Several buildings are at or near capacity; there may be a time when variances will have to be denied based on lack of space.

JECC-AR. This AR will be part of the larger discussion. One portion of the existing AR was removed dealing with “the Newport Exception,” which hails from when the district had two K-5 schools in Newport.

Director Ellis said she would like to see a legal review of these policies. Mr. Belloni said they are reviewed by OSBA legal staff. Mr. Boynton noted his preference to have a discussion by the Leadership Team, with a legal review to follow the results of that conversation.

Mr. Boynton said he would prefer offering school choice to all students, but space may not allow that. He suggested having this topic on a future board agenda to begin a public discourse on the topic.

JECDA, Transcript Evaluation. The second paragraph is new; the policy was outdated.

JECDA-AR. District counselors are reviewing how transcripts are evaluated to ensure uniformity between schools. CIM and CAM will be removed from this AR, as these state programs have been eliminated.

JECF, Interdistrict Transfer of Resident students. Mr. Belloni suggested this proposed policy would not be needed as the information is covered in other policies. Mr. Boynton noted it would be part of the larger LST discussion.

JED, Student Absences and Excuses. Proposed, required policy that defines excused absences. Consensus from board to adopt.

JFC, and JFC-AR, Student Code of Conduct. OSBA recommends the policy remain as it currently is, but is also recommending the adoption of several new policies that will affect the administrative rules to this policy. Mr. Belloni noted a new state law that does not allow suspension of students under grade 5 except for very specific purposes. “Placements will be different, with re-entry plans,” he added.

JFCA Student Dress and Grooming. This is a proposed policy. Discussion went back and forth regarding adopting the policy; it was left as “do not adopt.”

JFCEA, Gang Activity. The board reached consensus to adopt the policy, with a statement suggested by OSBA: “The district will work with local agencies and officials as needed to plan and review prevention and intervention programs.”

JFCF and AR, Hazing/Harassment/etc. Come changes due to law revisions. The timeline in the complaint process will match the other complaint processes.

JFCFA/GBNAA, Cyberbullying. This policy will be deleted, as it is covered in JFCF.

JFCB/KGC/CBK, Prohibited Use, Possession, Distribution of Sale of Tobacco Products of Inhalant Delivery Systems. Director Ellis asked that the policy be checked for consistency, specifically that “tobacco use” is added in in some places and taken out in others. Director Beck suggested that marijuana be added to this policy. Consequences for violating the policy will be addressed in JFC-AR, Student Code of Conduct.

JFCH, Alcohol. This is a new suggested policy that used to be combined with “Other Drug Use.” The board reached consensus to separate the policies, and to keep language about Breathalyzer. The combined policy (JFCH/JFCI) will be deleted.

JFCHA, Use of Alcohol for Cooking. Proposed policy. The culinary program at Taft follows all of the suggested protocols with the exception of parent permission, which they have now initiated.

JFCI, Substance/Drug Abuse. Board reached consensus to adopt the policy (formerly combined with Alcohol abuse). They selected “may” in the second to last paragraph regarding loss of privileges.

JFCJ, Weapons in the Schools. Mr. Belloni noted OSBA encourages the board to also adopt policy GBJ, Weapons in Schools- Staff. (While discussing section G, the Board reached consensus to do so.) Minor changes to JFCJ were proposed. Director Beck asked, on the last paragraph on page 2 of 3, if the word should be “excepted” instead of “accepted.” Mr. Belloni will check.

JFCJ-AR. The district’s desire is to consider intent of the student who has brought a weapon to school. Mr. Belloni is not sure this is captured in the current version of the AR, and will approach OSBA to clarify. Also, brackets in the AR will reflect the “student services office” in the fifth paragraph.

JFCM, Threats of Violence. Required policy; several changes suggested by OSBA. On page 2 of 3 there is a bracketed paragraph prior to language being struck. They asked that this language be revisited.

JFE, Pregnant and Parenting Students. The AR for this policy was basically combined into the policy. The district has forms in place that it uses.

JFG, Student Searches. Proposed, required policy. Adding it will affect Policy/ARs to JFC, Student Code of Conduct. The Superintendent will be the one to approve use of the drug detection dog. The last, bracketed sentence will be removed from the policy.

JFG-AR. Proposed, required. The sentence about “dragnet searches” will be removed. “Remainder of the school year” will be removed under #5a. Use “may” in the second paragraph of 5a. Use “Superintendent” in 5b. Under #6, (1) (c), remove the reference to policy DN.

Under #9, leave in “annually.” The district safety officer will meet with law enforcement officials.

JG, Student Discipline. The main revision to this policy relates to a change in the state law regarding the out of school suspension or expulsion for students in fifth grade or below. Mr. Boynton noted the district is moving toward a “social justice” process.

Policy JGD, Suspension. New, required policy that will affect JFC and ARs, Student Code of Conduct. The last sentence “Suspensions may be appealed to the Board” will have an additional segment of “through the appeals process.”

JGE, Expulsions. New, required policy that will affect JFC and its ARs. Add “or designee” to #11 of the policy. It was also suggested to add a choice that the student attend the hearing. Mr. Belloni noted he would like to be sure we are doing the process correctly.

JGEA, Alternative Education Programs Following Expulsions. Proposed, required policy per OSBA.

JHC, Student Health Services and Requirements. Not one of LCSD’s current policies; Mr. Belloni is checking to see how the numbers of students and nurses in the district compare with what is delineated in the policy.

JHCC, Communicable Diseases; accompanying ARs; JHCCA, Students- HIV, HBV, AIDS; JHCCF and AR, Pediculosis- Head Lice; JHCD, Nonprescription Meds; JHCD/JHCDA/AR, Nonprescription/Prescription Medication; JHCDA, Prescription Medication: all being reviewed by the district Nurses.

JHFD, Student Vehicle Use. Proposed policy; not needed. Board consensus not to adopt.

JHFDA and AR, Suspension of Student’s Driving Privileges. This is a required policy; the (former) ARs have been incorporated into the policy. The current AR should be deleted. OSBA suggests using several forms, with which the board agreed.

The board reached consensus to stop the Section J discussion here, and begin at the next work session with JHFE, Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child. (The policies the nurses are reviewing will also be discussed).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent