

Lincoln County School District Business
Meeting of the Board
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 Executive
Session- 5:00 Re: (ORS 192.660(2)(i)) Work
Session- 5:15 Regular Business Meeting- 6:30

Sam Case Elementary
459 NE 12th St
Newport, OR 97365

1. Call to Order & Reading of Land Acknowledgment

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 by Chair Vince. Each member of the Board and Superintendent Tolan read a part of the LCSD Land Acknowledgment.

2. Roll Call- Establishment of a quorum

Board Chair Vince - Present

Board Vice Chair Martin - Present

Board Member Cawley - Excused (not present)

Board Member McKinley - Present

Board Member Rawles - Present

3. Introductions

No introductions.

4. Communications

4.a. Written

No written communication.

4.b. From the Audience (This time is reserved for public comment on topics published on the Board's agenda)

Elf Gwenn, 4th grade Sam Case teacher, gave the Board an annual gift from her class and thanked them for all they do to support LCSD Students.

Students from the Indian Education program asked to meet with Superintendent Dr. Tolan, HR Director Dr. DeVries, and the LCSD Board Chair about recognizing Indigenous Peoples' day next school year. Superintendent Dr. Tolan agreed and asked that Eddie Symington, Board Secretary, set that meeting up.

Staff Member- A member of the Sam Case staff spoke to the Board about how much she has enjoyed working for LCSD. She also wanted to address the Board about walk-throughs and evaluations. She felt that administrators were not performing these walk-throughs in a kind and caring manner. She felt that some of the marks teachers receive may not be the total picture of the teachers' abilities and she believes it has been devastating to new and experienced teachers. She asked that administrators show more compassion and respect for teachers when performing their walk-throughs and evaluations.

4.c. Recognition

4.c.1. Regional Teacher of the Year

Sam Case Principal Marcy Doyle introduced an honored Regional Teacher of the Year, Adam Galen, from Sam Case Elementary.

4.c.2. Newport High School Boys State Soccer Champions

Newport High School principal, Reyna Mattson, spoke to the Board about the state titles that Cross Country, Soccer, and one cheer athlete archived this Fall. Members of the NHS soccer team were introduced to the Board and received a standing ovation for their achievement.

4.c.3. Newport High School State Cross Country Champions

The cross-country team could not be present but Ms. Matson recognized them for all of their hard work this season.

4.d. LCEA Report

The Board heard from LCEA President, Janis Venture and Vice President Trever Stewart. Ms. Venture wanted to remind the Board about the struggles that educators are still facing with student behavior. She wanted to thank Special Programs Administrator Natalia Agular for her willingness to work with teachers and the LCEA on the Student Behavior Handbook. Vice President Stewart shared this month's Educator Shutouts, which totaled 13 this month.

5. Consultant Reports/Staff Reports/Student Reports

5.a. Area Report

The Board heard a detailed area report from each West area administrator on their goals this year. Yaquina View principal, Kristin Becker spoke about attendance and On Time To Graduate. Sam Case principal, Marcy Doyle spoke about Attendance and On Time To Graduate. Newport Middle principal, Marty Perez spoke about graduation and Attendance. Newport High principal, Reyna Mattson spoke about On Time To Graduate and Attendance.

5.b. Student Report

The Board heard from the Cub Crew, a leadership group from Sam Case. The Cub Crew told the Board about what the group means to them and some of the things they had accomplished at Sam Case. They talked about the gardening program, campus cleanup, a buddy bench, and collecting items to donate to families in need.

5.c. Financial Report

5.c.1. Auditor's Annual Financial Report

The Board heard the annual 2022-2023 financial review by auditor, Kenny Allen. There were no findings in the audit and he commended the district's Business Office staff for all of their time-consuming work to make the clean audit possible.

5.c.2. November 2023 Board Financial Report

The Board received the November financial report from Business Services Director Kim Cusick.

5.d. First Student Report (Written)

The Board had no questions about the written report that was submitted but commended the bus company for having the family meetings around student behavior.

5.e. Food Services Report (Written)

5.e.1. Nutrition Services Report

The Board had no questions about the food services report but commended them on the pounds of food harvested from the school gardens.

6. Board Reports

Board Chair Vince - Continuing his work with ASPIRE, visited Toledo Elementary and saw Enhanced Core Reading Instruction (ECRI) lessons, attended the recent drama productions at Toledo Jr/Sr, attended Turkey Bingo, and is looking forward to upcoming band/choir concerts

Board Vice-Chair Martin - No report at the time of the meeting

Board Member McKinley - Visited the preschool program at Waldport and was so impressed and pleased with all they are doing in that program.

Board Member Rawles - No report at the time of the meeting

7. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Tolan reported that the Division 22 standards were submitted but the Oregon Department of Education said that our curriculum portion had to be changed to "out of compliance" because the plan that we submitted was for the current school year so it could be marked as "in compliance" next year.

8. Adoption of the Consent Calendar

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the consent calendar as published in the December 2023 board agenda. The motion was set forth by Board Member Rawles, seconded by Board Vice-Chair Martin and passed unanimously.

8.a. Minutes of the Board

8.b. Human Resources

8.b.1. Board Personnel Action

9. Action Items

9.a. Facilities & Maintenance/Transportation/Food Services

9.a.1. First Student Transportation Contract Extension

Director of Facilities Rich Belloni and Business Services Director Kim Cusick spoke to the Board about the services the District receives from its transportation company, First Student. They are pleased with that overall service and recommended to the Board that they approve the 5 year contract extension. The Chair entertained a motion to accept the 5 year contract extension with First Student Transportation as presented to the Board in executive session on November 28th, 2023. The motion was set forth by Board Member McKinley, seconded by Board Member Rawles and passed unanimously.

10. Items of Information & Discussion

10.a. Teaching & Learning

10.a.1. Early Literacy Plan

The Board heard from Elementary Education Director Dr. Katie Barrett on the Early Literacy plan for Lincoln County School District. The purpose of the presentation was to share the Early Literacy Success Grant Application as required by the Early Literacy Success Initiative legislation. There was no public comment on this topic and the Board will approve the plan at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

10.b. Business Services

10.b.1. SIA Grant Agreement & Longitudinal, Performance, and Growth Targets

Assistant Superintendent Susan VanLiew and Business Services Director Kim Cusick presented the Board with the SIA grant agreement and the longitudinal, performance, and growth targets. Assistant Superintendent VanLiew spoke to the Board about the baseline goals originally set by Lincoln County School District being a bit more ambitious than what the Oregon Department of Education thought was reasonable. After reassessing the goals, the district set new base goals that could be achieved. Business Services Director Kim Cusick spoke about the grant agreement given to the Board for approval. The SIA grant agreement needs to be approved by the governing board, and a copy of those board minutes must be submitted with the signed grant agreement. There was no public comment on this topic and the Board chose to approve the grant agreement as presented to the Board both in writing and orally. The motion to approve the SIA grant agreement and the longitudinal, performance, and growth targets was set forth by Board Vice-Chair Martin, seconded by Board Member Rawles, and passed unanimously.

10.c. Facilities & Maintenance/Transportation/Food Services

10.c.1. RFP - Taft Turf Field

The Board heard from Facilities Director Rich Belloni on the need to replace the athletic field at Taft 7-12. He has put the job out for RFP and will report his recommendations to the Board at the next meeting for the Board to decide on.

10.d. Board

10.d.1. Public Comment (This time is reserved for general public comment to the Board)
No public comment.

10.e. Other

10.e.1. Reminders/Announcements

No December Work Session

12/13: Toledo and Taft Band Concerts 7:00 p.m.

12/14: CVH, Sam Case, and YV Music Concert 5:30 p.m.

12/18-1/1: Winter Break

12/28: Happy Birthday Liz Martin

1/9/24: Board Meetings, Oceanlake Elem - 5:00

10.e.2. Meeting Takeaways

Board Vice-Chair Martin - Wished Superintendent Dr. Tolan a happy birthday and a congratulations on her upcoming doctoral graduation. Additionally, she wished Board Member Cawley a happy birthday as well though she could not be in attendance. Lastly, Vice-Chair Martin thanked the Sam Case students for attending and speaking to the Board about their leadership work in their school.

Board Chair Vince thanked and commended the West area admin for all of their work.

10.f. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.