

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

On January 20, 2015, Chairman Goracke called the school board meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the library of the elementary school. This regular meeting was postponed from the original date of January 12, 2015.

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** David Goracke, George Frasier, Eric Gerber, Mark Penrod, Charley Wolff, Chris Wyne.

**Members Absent:** DeeDee Thomas – excused.

**Employees Present:** Brian Gardner, Superintendent; Susan Beaudin, Board Secretary; Celeste Van Cleave, Deputy Clerk; Jon Zwemke, Amanda O'Brien, Principals; Carole Boaz, Zach Sartin, Melissa Shaw, Mike Day, Scott Fitterer, Licensed. Tiffani Day, Classified.

**Others:** Willie Tenbusch, Audrie Peiske, Katie and Nate Pieske, Sal and Loda Sepulveda, Barry and Lisa Jones, Taylor Jones, Caleb Day, and others.

**3.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMUNICATIONS**

**3.1 School Board Recognition** - Board members were recognized for their service on the school board.

**3.2 Agenda Adjustments** – None

**3.3 District Facilities/Community Advisory Committee** – No report

**3.4 Building Principals** – Principal O'Brien reported the school's Focus School review would be coming up in the next few weeks. The building has been working on the top three priorities of the review: teacher observations and peer mentoring, common assessments and social skills. Principal Zwemke reported the language arts department was ready to initiate a partial lab personalizing each student's level of instruction similar to the math lab. The building was actively preparing for the school's accreditation visit February 3<sup>rd</sup>, an external review visitation. He has been issuing surveys to staff, students and parents collecting data on the school's strengths and improvement. The survey data is back with no real surprises. The number one concern seems to be the amounts and types of communication that go out. The accreditation committee will look through our elements, survey data and observe every teacher's classroom; what students are doing not teachers, and come back with best practices for us to improve.

**3.5 Student Body Report** – No report

**3.6 Superintendent Awards/Break for Photos** - Each month, teachers may nominate students for the Superintendent's Award. The award is given in recognition of outstanding personal accomplishments. Recipients for the month of January were: Audrey Pieske, Sydney Johnson, Caleb Day, and Taylor Jones. The meeting recessed for photos at approximately 6:50 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 7:03 p.m.

**4.0 ACTION / BUSINESS**

**4.1 Approve Minutes of the December Meeting** - Director Wolff moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 8, 2014, as submitted. Director Frasier second, motion passed 4-0. Directors Goracke and Wyne abstained due to their absence at that meeting. Director Thomas absent for the vote.

**4.2 Acknowledge Staff Changes** – Superintendent Gardner reported he had accepted a letter of retirement from Mike Wertz, Food Service Supervisor. He also approved the hire of Tim

Robinson as Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach; Dustin Walker as Jr. High Boys' Basketball Coach; and, Rod Baney as Food Service Director effective July 2015. In addition, he approved Mr. Baney to work 30 hrs between January and June 2015, for training with Mike Wertz. The Superintendent voiced concern that the participation rate of students taking school lunch has gone down over the past two years while expenses have gone up. The District will be looking to contributing some money to the food service program next year.

- 4.3 **Budget Committee Vacancy** – Director Frasier moved to appoint Willie Tenbusch to serve on the District's budget committee representing Zone 5. Mr. Tenbusch replaces Verne Hoyer and will serve through June 2016. Director Wolff second, motion passed 6-0. Director Thomas absent for the vote.
- 4.4 **Track Committee Chairman** – Director Penrod moved to appoint Director Gerber as Chair for the District's track committee. Director Wolff second, motion passed 6-0. Director Thomas absent for the vote. The Track Committee is a sub-committee of the Board.
- 4.5 **Training for Fund Accounting** – It was the consensus of the Board to move the date of the Board work session to Monday, February 23. The topic of the session will be Fund Accounting. Members of the District's budget committee will be invited to attend. The session will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the district office. Superintendent Gardner added there may need to be a second work session scheduled to discuss facility issues. A date would be set at the next school board meeting.
- 4.6 **Division 22 Report** – The Board received a listing of the Division 22 Standards for Public Elementary and Secondary Schools from the Oregon Department of Education. Superintendent Gardner confirmed the district was in compliance with all standards and had submitted the Assurances to the State.
- 4.7 **Adopt Local Service Plan Resolution** – Director Wolff moved to adopt Resolution #01-01-15 for Linn-Benton Lincoln Education Service District's Local Service Plan outlining the Tier 1 and Tier 2 services provided to the District by LBL-ESD for the coming year. Director Penrod second, motion passed 6-0. Director Thomas absent for the vote.
- 4.8 **Adopt OSBA Resolution** - Director Frasier moved to adopt Resolution #01-02-15 pledging to join and support the efforts of "The Promise of Oregon" campaign to ensure that Oregon's lawmakers continue to prioritize investments to improve the educational outcomes for Oregon's greatest natural resource: our children. Director Wyne second, motion passed 6-0. Director Thomas absent for the vote.
- 4.9 **Discussion on District Drug Policy** – The Board discussed the District's current random student drug testing policy compared to Junction City who may be increasing the scope of students tested. Currently our random drug testing is for sports, extra-curricular and co-curricular, one – three times a year. Our policy is based on the Supreme Court case from Vernonia, Oregon. Junction City is moving towards testing every student and they say it is random as they don't tell students when they will test. This policy has not been legally challenged. Superintendent voiced concern that sports are extra-curricular and FFA, band, etc. activities are co-curricular. If athletes test positive it doesn't affect their grades; students testing positive in co-curricular activities and banned from those activities will have their grades affected. Those types of activities are part of the curriculum and a student's grade. The issue is how we let students know we are going to have a no drug policy at Central Linn. This is one way to attack it but would most likely become a controversy in the community and a challenge of an invasion of privacy. We do not have a tool for students

who don't participate in activities but use drugs. It was the consensus of the Board to request more information from OSBA's legal department.

- 4.10 **Financial Update** – Celeste Van Cleave reported 98.8% of taxes have been collected and with six months to go it appears we will over collect on this year's taxes. We still have 58% of the prior year's taxes to collect so it may even out. The biggest change from last month to this month is, we now have our beginning fund balance and with that the auditors will attend next month's meeting to make their report.

A downward adjustment was made to the state in the number of students attending this year in hopes of achieving a more accurate state school fund allocation; however, the state has yet to run another report. The concern is the District could be paid in an excess of \$280,000. We are hoping the adjustment will be made this year instead of next year.

Regarding the expenditure report the alternative education function has 81% remaining due to the fact we only have four students, not the 20 we had budgeted, enrolled in the PATH program this year. Our speech pathology budget balance remains at \$60,000 as we are still waiting for an invoice from the ESD. Our grant writing function is over as we had a previous grant writer file an unemployment claim. With only \$10,000 remaining in the Friday Enrichment program it looks like we will over spend that function. As this is budgeted as its' own appropriation we will have a resolution coming to transfer those dollars. The District has committed to purchasing six used buses from Western Bus Sales. We have made a down payment from this year's budget and at next month's meeting a supplemental budget for Board approval will be presented to make the bus acquisition. Repayment will be budgeted beginning next year. The estimated annual payment will be \$25,000 including interest. These are 2003 Blue Bird transit buses, 73 passenger, diesel with Cummins-Allison transmissions. They all have 120,000 - 140,000 miles on them and will still qualify for the 70% reimbursement from the state. In wrapping up the Grieve Estate, the weapons were finally sold for \$2,100.

- 4.11 **Superintendent Update** – Superintendent Gardner voiced concern for the Governor's proposed state school fund budget of \$6.9 billion and the Co-Chairs estimation of \$7.24 billion. His concern is the district needs a \$7.5 billion state school fund allocation to maintain current programs next year.

The Board was reminded of the May 2015 Election and the following Board positions to be on the ballot: Zone 1, (Dave Goracke), Zone 2 (George Frasier), Zone 3 (Charley Wolff). In addition, Zone 5, currently held by Mark Penrod who was appointed to fill Tim Marchbanks' position until the 2015 Election and Zone 6 currently held by DeeDee Thomas who was appointed to fill Dan LaCoste's position until the 2015 Election. Terms for Zones 1, 2, and 3 will be for 4 years; Persons elected to represent Zone 5 and 6 will serve 2 years (June 2017) the remaining terms for Marchbanks and LaCoste.

5.0 **ADJOURN**

With no further business before the Board, Chairman Goracke adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:23.

  
Susan Beaudin, Board Secretary

  
David Goracke, Chairman

2/9/15  
Date/Approved