

**LEBANON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 12, 2017 - 6:00 PM  
Lebanon High School, 100 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Lebanon, Oregon 97355**

A regular School Board Meeting was held at Lebanon High School on January 12, 2017. Those present included:

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| Richard Borden, Director | Rob Hess, Superintendent                      |
| Jerry Williams, Director | Bo Yates, Assistant Superintendent            |
| Russ McUne, Director     | Jennifer Meckley, Director of Human Resources |
| Mike Martin, Director    |   |
| Kellie Weber, Director   |   |

Minutes recorded by Nicole Hundley, Executive Secretary.

The meeting began with a performance by the Lebanon High School Chamber Choir and with updates from Choir Teacher Kevin Wong and Band Teacher Heidi Etter on recent accomplishments of the program.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Chair Russ McUne welcomed audience comments.

Yesenia Salinas, Bilingual Assistant, was present with several Latino families to speak to the Board about policies to protect their children under the new government administration. They expressed their concern for their children's safety and the fear they have of their families being separated or their children being mistreated.

Diane McCraw noted that she felt staff should have more input on the make up of snow days. She also discussed honoring high school seniors that are entering the military immediately following graduation.

### **GOOD NEWS/COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **1. Report: Lebanon High School**

Principal Brad Shreve discussed the high school's improving graduation rate, and presented information on the high school's attendance, assessment and opportunities. AVID Teacher Emmett Whittaker discussed the AVID program and four students then shared their AVID experience. Discussion ensued regarding attendance, percentage of students passing the AP tests, counseling services offered to students, and CTE programs

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **1. Action: Approve Athletic Drug Testing Program**

The Athletic Drug Testing Program was presented with additional policy changes requested by the Board at the previous meeting and with a decrease of athletes tested in order to lower costs. Richard Borden felt that drug testing does not provide the desired results, and favored a diversion program instead of a punitive program with these costs. Kraig Hoene noted that other athletic directors with similar programs globally reported that it has changed their culture. Discussion ensued regarding holding athletes to a higher standard. Richard Borden expressed concern about disclosure of student confidential health records, and discussion ensued regarding student privacy. Kellie Weber and Jerry Williams expressed that they felt the program would be a deterrent and not punitive. Russ McUne discussed the Scio program. Richard Borden was concerned that the diversion program used by the District was based on Scientology teachings. Russ McUne and Rob Hess explained that the diversion option used by the majority of students is Linn County Mental Health. The Drug Free World program is an alternative offered when

the student's health insurance does not cover Linn County Mental Health, and has only been used by three students. Kraig Hoene noted that it is commonly used across the country as a free resource, but that we will research other programs. The policy does not specify which diversion program must be used. Kellie Weber noted that coaches are asking for this, and as they are closest to the issue, the Board should support their judgement and their desire for this program. Bo Yates asked Kraig Hoene if he was requesting funding as well or if this would be out of the existing athletic program budget. Kraig Hoene stated that they would look at funding themselves if necessary, though they would request budget funding. Mike Martin made a motion to approve the drug testing program for the 2017-2018 school year. Kellie Weber seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1 with Richard Borden voting against.

## **2. Discussion: District Calendar 2017-2018**

Rob Hess noted that this is the first proposed calendar that will then go to the Calendar Committee. They can create alternatives or adjustments, and the final calendar should be presented at the March meeting.

## **3. Action: Approve Open Enrollment of Non-Resident Students**

Richard Borden made a motion to allow all non-resident students to receive written consent for admission under ORS 339.133(5)(b) for the 2017-2018 school year. Jerry Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **4. Action: Approve Interdistrict Transfer of Non-Resident Students**

Richard Borden made a motion to allow all nonresident students to receive written consent for admission under the interdistrict transfer policy for the 2017-2018 school year and for all resident students to receive written consent for admission under the interdistrict transfer policy for the 2017-2018 school year. Jerry Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **5. Information: County of Linn v. State of Oregon and State Forestry Department**

Documentation concerning the lawsuit was presented to the Board for informational purposes. There is no advantage to excluding the District from the lawsuit, and no possible repercussions or cost/time involved to remaining a member, so the District will continue to participate as a class member.

## **6. Information: Rights of Undocumented Students Statement**

Several sample statements and resolutions from other districts were provided for Board consideration. The Board agreed to have a resolution created for approval at the next meeting. Kellie Weber will work with Nicole Hundley on the language. Kellie Weber will also attend the next Latino families' meeting. The Board asked that the already existing policies that support our undocumented students and their families be referenced in the resolution.

## **7. Report: Division 22**

The Division 22 Report was presented for Board review. Jennifer Meckley noted that we are in compliance with all provisions except assessment, which was the result of a miscommunication regarding the science OAKS testing that has since been corrected. Evidence supporting the report is on file in her office.

## **8. Action: Approve LBL Local Service Plan 2017-2018 Resolution**

Jerry Williams made a motion to approve the LBL Local Service Plan 2017-2018 Resolution as presented. Richard Borden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### 1. Finance

#### (a) Report

Linda Darling reported that the 2015-2016 Audit will be in the next Board packet. The Board decided that they did not need the auditors to make a presentation.

#### (b) Action: Approve Wireless Cabling Upgrade

Linda Darling presented a request to continue using the federal e-rate program for technology upgrades and enhancements. This request would reinvest the funds reimbursed from the previous project into an upgrade of the wireless infrastructure and critical network cabling to the wireless devices and security cameras. There would be a request for proposals this Spring, with the project to be completed in Summer 2018. \$400,000 at an 80% reimbursement is recommended. Mike Martin expressed concern about committing funds out that far in advance and budgeting by reimbursement. Discussion ensued regarding options for moving the funds during the budget process if it was determined there was a different need. Richard Borden made a motion to approve the use of the federal e-rate program for the wireless upgrade and network cabling upgrade. Jerry Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### 2. Operations

Bo Yates reported that the City of Lebanon approved the purchase of the Crowfoot property. Discussion ensued regarding the allocation of the funds for CTE programs. Linda Darling noted that the funds will be kept in a holding place until recommendations can be made to the Board for specific allocations.

## COMMUNICATION

### 1. Board Communication

Mike Martin asked about additional reporting from Green Acres. He will clarify the reporting with Amanda Plummer and Nicole Hundley.

Russ McUne noted that he received an email from a high school student about how adding snow days to the end of the school year makes the first semester short and the second semester long. The student also expressed concern with the AP test and not having enough instruction prior to the test. Brad Shreve noted that moving the semester cut off does not change the amount of instruction days prior to the AP exam.

### 2. Superintendent Communication

Rob Hess noted that for snow day make ups the default in the calendar is to add on up to six days at the end of the year. Some districts are getting creative by adding minutes to the school days or not doing as many early release days. Discussion ensued. The Board has the authority to change the make up days, though parent conferences and holidays are in contract and would require an MOU with the union.

Rob Hess reported that Lisa Richard was recently awarded the Milken Award and is the first teacher in Linn County to be given the prestigious honor. Discussion ensued regarding the award ceremony at Pioneer School.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 1. Action: Approve December 8, 2016 Board Minutes

Mike Martin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Richard Borden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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Russ McUne, Board Chair

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Rob Hess, Superintendent