

**LEBANON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon**  
**October 17, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Board Room at the District Office on October 17, 2013. Vice Chairman Richard Borden called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Those present included:

Mike Martin	Director	Rob Hess	Superintendent (arrived at 7:00)
Richard Borden	Director	Ryan Noss	Assistant Superintendent
Liz Alperin	Director	Bo Yates	Assistant Superintendent
Jerry Williams	Director		

**GOOD NEWS**

**1. Presentation:** Oregon Writing Project Presentation to Cascades School/Peggy Marconi

Peggy Marconi from the Oregon Writing Project presented an award (crystal apple) to Cascade Principal Tami Volz in appreciation for the time and effort of the Cascade staff in working on the Oregon Writing Project standards last year.

**2. Report:** Yoga Program/Kathy Clunes

Pioneer teacher Kathy Clunes reported on the Yoga program that she implemented at Pioneer. There are 30 to 40 students who are participating. Two high school students volunteer their time to help with the program.

**PURSUING EXCELLENCE**

**1. Action:** Approve the Achievement Compact Submission (Enclosure D-1)

Liz Alperin pointed out that by law the Achievement Compact was to come to the Board before it was submitted.

Ryan Noss explained that Rob Hess used the information gathered from the Achievement Compact Committee, who met last Spring, and the state report cards which recently were released, to decide on numbers to submit on the report to the State. Ryan added that if the Board has concerns, Rob can resubmit it.

Liz Alperin shared four areas of concern: 1) The five year completion rate, 2) Math proficiency, 3) Four year graduation rate, and 4) Fifth and sixth grade chronically absent rate. She asked that the item be tabled until the next board meeting when Rob Hess would be present to answer questions.

Liz Alperin made a motion to table the vote on the Achievement Compact Submission until the next board meeting. Mike Martin seconded. The motion carried by majority.

**2. Report:** Beyond LHS (Enclosure D-2)

The consensus of the Board was to table the discussion on Beyond LHS until the next Board meeting as the enclosures were not received

Kim Fandino reported that she and four other school representatives met with the Governor today to discuss how programs such as Beyond LHS have a negative impact on the graduation rate.

## **FINANCE**

**1. Report:** Financial Update (Enclosure E-1)

Linda Darling reported that the projected ending fund balance continues to increase. This reflects current contracts, a full calendar with no furloughs, and staffing changes. She pointed out that the ending fund balance will continue to change as negotiations progress.

**2. Report:** Legislative Update

State legislators passed four bills that will have an impact on K-12 education. Each bill could impact Lebanon in the following ways: 1) HB5101 (additional revenue of \$700,000), 2) HB3601 (additional revenue up to \$700,000), 3) SB861A (2015-17 PERS rates), and 4) SB862A (2015-17 PERS rates).

**3. Report:** Audit Update

The auditors did a field visit on October 1<sup>st</sup> testing our financial data. The testing of our 2012-2013 audit report will be completed in early November.

The consensus of the board is to have a formal report from the auditors when the audit is complete.

**4. Presentation:** LBL/ESD (Education Service District) (Enclosure E-4)

Russ McUne was absent at this meeting, but a conference call was made for this Board Agenda Item.

Linda Darling reminded the Board that the District is happy with the services that we have been receiving from the ESD but to be prudent, would like to see what cost savings might be available should the District opt out of the ESD services.

Superintendent Susan Waddel, Deputy Superintendent Angie Peterman, and Human Resource Personnel Director Mary McKay from the ESD attended this meeting.

ESD Superintendent Susan Waddel spoke regarding the services that are currently provided to Lebanon through the ESD. There are 32 different services provided currently. Those will need to be bought back by the ESD or provided by another source. She shared a Power Point Presentation with the following topics:

- 1) Value of regionalizing services
- 2) Impact of a Lebanon opt out of LBLESD resources available and cost of services
- 3) Factors you may want to consider
  - a) Maintenance of effort
  - b) Finding staff for high demand positions
  - c) Some services may not be available for you to buy back from LBL/ESD
  - d) Transition Costs
  - e) Your charter (for charter school) may require transit of a proportionate amount of the ESD funds to your charter school
  - f) Registration of children taught by private teachers and parents, collect and report assessment on children
  - g) If opt out –ESD will begin determining the individual services LBL is able to provide beginning in the 14/15 school year.

Ryan Noss reminded the Board that it will take a vote on the notice of intent passing by a margin of 4/5 to be successful; then by March the Board would have to vote on the notice to withdrawal.

Rob Hess pointed out that Tier II purchasing is dollar for dollar, but Tier I services are provided and those might be provided at a lesser rate through another agency. ESD could quote us on some of their systems which we might buy back.

Richard Borden thinks it would be wise to take a look.

Liz Alperin said she would need reassurance that we would not lose the ability to track our students.

Mike Martin does not think the District should opt out, as it will be difficult to see savings for the same services. He suggested using this year to do the homework and consider voting next year.

Jerry Williams said that the administrative costs could go up to oversee the programs and that would be a concern.

Liz Alperin wondered if the District could pursue in another year, if we chose not to do it this year. She would like to use this year to focus on the grad rate.

Rob Hess said that the Board can look at the option every year.

Russ McUne agreed that he does not think that the savings will be there, but feels that District Administration should be given the chance to look for potential savings.

Susan Waddel pointed out that some things are easy for the ESD to price out and some things such as Special Ed and Early Ed are very hard to cost out.

Richard Borden thanked the ESD for coming to speak to the Board.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**1. Action: LBL/ESD Opt Out**

Mike Martin made a motion to opt out of the ESD. Russ McUne seconded. Russ McUne, Jerry Williams, and Richard Borden voted yes. Mike Martin and Liz Alperin voted no. The motion failed.

Russ McUne stated that Mike cannot vote against his own motion according to "Robert's Rules of Order".

Mike Martin withdrew the motion.

Russ McUne made a motion to opt out of the ESD. Jerry Williams seconded. Russ McUne, Jerry Williams and Richard Borden voted yes. Mike Martin and Liz Alperin voted no. The motion failed for lack of necessary votes, as there needed to be 4/5 in favor.

Russ McUne ended the conference call.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Action:** Approve September 19, 2013 Board Minutes (Enclosure H-1)
- 2. Action:** Approve September 19, 2013 Board Work Session Minutes (Enclosure H-2)
- 3. Action:** Approve Hiring Barbara Sirianni, Counselor, .50 FTE, Riverview and Hamilton Creek, Temporary 2013-14
- 4. Action:** Approve Hiring Sarah Kutsch, Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Green Acres, Temporary 2013-14

Jerry Williams made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mike Martin seconded. The motion carried by majority.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION TIME/DISCUSSION**

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November 21, 2013	6:00 p.m./District Office Board Room	Regular Board Meeting
December 19, 2013	6:00 p.m./District Office Board Room	Regular Board Meeting

**BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Mike Martin suggested having two board meetings a month to discuss some items, such beyond LHS and graduation rate.

The consensus of the Board was to have two meetings a month.

Liz Alperin made a motion to have two Regular Board Meetings per month beginning November 7<sup>th</sup>. Mike Martin seconded. The motion carried by majority.

Ryan Noss asked that the November 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting begin at 7:00 p.m. as there is already a negotiation meeting that night from 4:00 to 7:00.

Mike Martin suggested a communication newsletter go out to the community quarterly.

Jerry Williams wanted to thank patrons who volunteer in our schools.

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

Rob Hess reported that his priority this year is to be visible in the schools. The District is down in the number of teachers this year, so class sizes are a little higher than we like, but everyone is working hard.

**ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER: ORS 192.660(2) (d)**

– To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations. Since 1997, labor negotiations between the board and union have been held in open session unless both parties agree to executive sessions.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:48 under ORS192.660.

(Recorded by Kathy Schurr)

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Rob Hess, Superintendent

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Richard Borden, Board Vice Chair