

**OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
& LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JOINT BOARD WORK SESSION
Tuesday, February 21, 2024, 5:30pm
LCSD Teaching and Learning Center, Room 106
1212 NE Fogarty St., Newport, OR 97365
Zoom Meeting ID: 825 2776 8945
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Joint Board Work Session

A. 5:30pm Call to Order

a. Board roll calls

LCSD Board Chair Peter Vince called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. The meeting was held in a hybrid format with attendees both in-person and virtual via Zoom. OCCC Board members in attendance: Chair Rich Emery, Vice-chair Debbie Kilduff, Chris Chandler, Marion Mann, Paul Schuytema, Alison Nelson-Robertson, and Bud Shoemake.

LCSD Board of Directors in attendance: Chair Peter Vince, Megan Cawley, and Liz Martin. Mike Rawles and Senitila McKinley were excused.

b. Welcomes and reading of land acknowledgment.

President Birgitte Ryslinge welcomed OCCC staff in attendance: Dave Price (VP of Engagement), Joy Gutknecht (Director of HR), Spencer Smith (Director of Information Technology), Lori Templeman (Executive Assistant to the Board and President), Melissa Batchelor (Associate Dean of Academic Affairs), Matt Batchelor (Career Connected Learning Systems Navigator), and Chris Rogers (Director of Facilities & Safety), Ren Whipple (Student Success Coach), and Ben Kaufmann (Associate Dean of Student Affairs).

Board Chair Peter Vince welcomed LCSD staff in attendance: Majalise Tolan (Superintendent), Eddie Symington (Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and School Board), and Aaron Belloni (Director of Secondary Education).

The LCSD Board of Directors read the LCSD land acknowledgment.

B. 5:40pm Partnership Programs Overview

a. Welding Program and OCATT Programming

Dr. Andres Oroz (OCCC Vice President of Student and Academic Affairs), and Aaron Belloni (LCSD Director of Secondary Education) gave a presentation about the Welding Program partnership.

- The welding program was launched in 2020 in partnership between the Port of Toledo, Lincoln County School district, and Oregon Coast Community College. It was developed to retain individuals in the county and sustain the program.

- The Welding Program has created opportunities for the community and has recently been approved by the state and federal government as a 48-credit hour, one-year certificate program.
- Taft High School currently has 9 welding students, 8 males and 1 female, with 8 bays available for welding. There are opportunities for them to visit the Port of Toledo and see welders in action.
- The program has had success in placing students in jobs, with starting salaries around \$45,000 depending on certification and experience.
- Future expansion of Welding is part of a larger effort to develop trade programs at the Oregon Coast Advanced Technology and Trade Center (OCATT). There are plans to potentially add additional certificates and instructors.
- There is ongoing research to determine the need for an LCSD bond in the future and potential collaboration between OCCC and the school district.

b. Dual Enrollment Growth and Overview

Ben Kaufmann (OCCC Associate Dean of Student Affairs) presented an update on Dual Enrollment program partnerships.

- Kaufmann outlined Early College Tuition benefits at OCCC, including 6 terms of tuition, free courses, and 50% discount on additional courses taken.
- Early College courses are taught either at the College or online by college faculty and include diverse course offerings.
- 86 Early College students earned 875 credits with a total savings of \$90,000 for students.
- Dual Credit courses are taught at LCSD high schools by high school teachers.
- Last year 164 Dual Credit students earned 1086 credits with a 3.2 average GPA, with a total savings of \$162,900 for students.
- Dual credit courses are transferable, enhancing savings for students pursuing further education elsewhere.

c. Youth Entrepreneurship Program

Dave Price gave a presentation on the Youth Entrepreneurship Program, launched in January with support from the district.

- Previously, there was a Youth Entrepreneurship Program funded by the Kellogg Foundation Grant during the 2008-2009 recession.
- The current program aims for sustainability and builds on the success of its predecessor. Despite initial funding challenges, the new program seeks to sustain and expand opportunities for students.
- 40 Lincoln County students are participating.
- A “Shark Tank” event in May 2024 will provide an opportunity for students to pitch their business ideas for cash prizes with scholarships awarded to the top 5 presentations.

C. 6:15pm: Board Goals and Discussion

a. CTE Event March 22, 2024

- Career Technical Education Day will be held March 22nd at the OCCC Central County Campus, showcasing CTE programs in Lincoln County. Students, teachers, faculty, and industry partners will attend.

b. Opportunities to grow our collaboration

The Boards engaged in a discussion about partnership visions for the future.

- President Ryslinge emphasized the importance of collaboration and continuity between the boards after her retirement later this year. She highlighted the unique role that boards play in sustaining a vision across leadership changes and economic shifts. Her call to action encourages board members to passionately work together, despite inevitable challenges, for the benefit of students and the community.
- Martin reflected on the transformation brought about by the partnership, acknowledged the significance of Dr. Ryslinge's collaborative vision, and emphasized the need for mutual effort to achieve the best outcomes for students.
- Superintendent Tolin stated the focus lies on strategic planning for future facilities and programs. With limited capacity due to the number of students, maintaining existing offerings while exploring new opportunities is crucial. The Computer Science program, especially accessible online, presents an exciting avenue for students. Ensuring equal opportunities across all high schools remains a priority.
- Schuytema suggested the possibility of future collaboration with equity commissioning for the OCATT building construction planning. Students from OCCC and LCSD could be involved to contribute design and accessibility feedback from students who will be using the building.

D. Adjournment

Vince adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.

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Minutes submitted by: Executive Assistant, Lori Templeman

Approved by:



Birgitte Ryslinge, PhD
Clerk of the Board