

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lamoni Community School District
Lamoni High School Media Center
Tuesday, Aug 15, 2023; 6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nate Pierschbacher, President

Michele Dickey-Kotz, Vice-President

Stacy Jones Jones, Board Secretary

Kris Stevenson

Zack Mullins

Kathy Lerma-DeNuccio

Board Work Session

School Board President Pierschbacher called the Work Session to order at 5:02 pm. Lamoni Board Directors met with Estes Construction to review summer facility and HVAC projects, completed a walkthrough of facility project areas and discussed potential change orders, as well as evaluated the status of the project timeline.

Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order

School Board President Pierschbacher called the regular board meeting to order at 6 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Nate Pierschbacher, Michele Dickey-Kotz, Kris Stevenson, Zack Mullins and Kathy Lerma-DeNuccio

Absent: None

Others in attendance: Superintendent Coffelt, Board Secretary Jones, Estes Construction Project Manager Allison Theisen and Project Engineer Dalton Boerner, PK-12 Principal Fairbanks, and one guest.

Agenda

The Board moved to approve the July 6 meeting agendas, list of monthly bills, monthly financials and three open enrollment applications as presented **Motion** by Director Stevenson, second by Director Dickey-Kotz, **Motion carried unanimously**.

Citizen Communication

No one attending addressed the board during Citizens' Communication.

Learning Links

Amber Fairbanks, PK-12 Principal introduced herself to the school board, highlighting her professional background and goals for this year.

Board Reports and Requests

Superintendent Coffelt reviewed updates from the 2023 Legislative Session and the educational impact. Board policy and district practices will reviewed to ensure alignment with legislation.

Discussion Items

Superintendent Coffelt and Principal Fairbanks discussed the work that has been done to fill current vacancies and multiage classroom structure that will be utilized to begin the school year at the elementary level. Remaining vacancies and staffing challenges were also discussed.

The Board moved to approve the resignation of Daron Henson as Evening Custodian, Assistant Basketball Coach, and Assistant JH Baseball Coach, as well as the resignation of Mark Patience as Sophomore Class Sponsor. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma. **Motion carried unanimously**.

The Board moved to approve sharing Mark Patience as IT Director with Central Decatur for 2023-2024 school year.. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins **Motion carried unanimously**.

The Board moved to approve the following hires for 2023-2024 school year:

- TLC Members: Leslea McKillip, Alma Mickelson, Danielle Nary, Shyra Ogier, Bandy Boswell, Nathan Silver
- Curriculum Coordinator: Gayle Ramaeker
- Special Education Coordinator: Shanci Craig
- English Language Learning Coordinator: Sarah Howell

Motion by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the following annual district appointments:

- Bullying and Harassment Level I Investigator:-Ryan Martin as the primary Level I Investigator; Amy Sellars as alternative, if requested. Chris Lane, Decatur County Sheriff, will serve as the Level II Investigator
- Homeless Liaison: Amy Sellars serves in this capacity as the School Counselor
- District Equity and Title IX Coordinator: Becca Crouch serves in this capacity as the District Human Resources Director

Motion by Director Mullins second by Director Lerma **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the following 2023-2024 District Agreements:

- Graceland University Facilities Use Agreement
- SCICAP Head Start Memorandum of Understanding
- Green Hills AEA Managed IT Services
- Iowa Department of Human Services Agreement
- **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Stevenson **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve change order # 15 for flooring color in the amount of \$2,000 and change order # 13 Window Frame Stabilization in the amount of \$15,346 **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Stevenson **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board reviewed the Revenue Purpose Statement Communication Roadmap. During the July meeting, the Board approved the resolution to conduct a community referendum on November 7. The Revenue Purpose Statement is not a tax, rather the language that authorizes how state SAVE funds can be used by the District. The District has used SAVE funds for transportation, technology and district infrastructure projects in the past and would continue to do the same in the future.

The Board reviewed the garage sale of obsolete equipment.

Topics for discussion next month

Items for review and discussion next month include:

- Board Director elections in November.
- District Strategic Facilities Master Planning
- Student Board Representatives

Upcoming Dates

- The regular Board meeting date for September will be determined in order to not conflict with Homecoming.

The Board moved to approve going into closed session at 8:02 pm for Superintendent Evaluation as allowed by Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) - To Evaluate the Professional Competency of an Individual. **Motion** by Director Lerma second by Director Dickey-Kotz **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board exited Closed Session at 8:47 p.m. **Motion** made by Director Dickey-Kotz; second by Director Stevenson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

With no further action, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. **Motion** made by Director Dickey-Kotz; second by Director Mullins. **Motion carried unanimously.**