

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lamoni Community School District

Lamoni High School Room 411

April 12, 2023; 6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nate Pierschbacher, President

Michele Dickey-Kotz, Vice-President

Lisa Jones, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Student Board Representative, Christian Biwott

Kris Stevenson

Zack Mullins

Kathy Lerma-DeNuccio

Board Work Session

Call to Order

The Board moved to approve calling the Board Work Session to order at 5:05 p.m. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio **Motion** carried unanimously.

The School Board met with Allison Theisen and Chad Alley from Estes Construction to review what has been completed with the HVAC Projects, as well as what will take place starting May 30, 2023 and over the course of the summer. The Board Directors toured the Middle School as well as the High School Gym.

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio **Motion** carried unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order

School Board President Pierschbacher called the regular board meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Kris Stevenson

Other: Superintendent Coffelt, Board Secretary Jones, Student Board Director Christian Biwott, Pk-12 Principal Radloff, Athletic Director Hampton Facilities Director Coulthard and five community members.

Agenda

The Board moved to approve the March 21 meeting agenda, list of monthly bills and monthly financials as presented. Three fundraising requests were approved. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio **Motion** carried unanimously.

There were no Open Enrollment applications received to be approved this month

3 Fundraising requests were approved:

FFA Barbecue

Horticulture Class - Plant Sales

Junior Class Fundraiser - Down South Mugs

Citizen Communication

Athletic Director Hampton spoke about how well the junior high track meet went using the new fully automated track system. This was an approved purchase by the school board a few months ago and Athletic Director Hampton wanted to share his appreciation for the purchase.

Public Hearing

No one attending spoke regarding the 23-24 School Calendar nor regarding the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget presented to the community, nor had any written feedback been received in the District office.

Board Requests

Board Vice President Dickey-Kotz requested a Board Work Session to be held in June and July with the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) to help facilitate Board Directors to understand their roles and responsibilities as Directors during the hiring process.

Board Reports

Superintendent Coffelt gave an update on current legislative bills being considered at the state level.

Chad Aldis is the newly appointed Iowa Department of Education Executive Director replacing Ann Lebo.

United Farmers Cooperative is doing a school promotion on May 1, "Lamoni Spirit Pumps." Students will be pumping gas, serving food to the community from 11 am - 1 pm to support the school district.

School Business Official Jones reviewed the process for preparation of the fiscal year 2024 budget. The budget is required by law to be submitted by April 30 to the County Auditor, as well as the Department of Management. Items being considered that impact the budget include: current and future enrollment numbers, solvency, unspent authorized budget, property tax rates, general fund financial solvency and taxable property valuations.

Action

The Board moved to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Mullins **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the 2023-2024 SWCC college credit contracts including Carpentry and Building Trades Nursing, Welding, hosted at Central Decatur; Business Classes, hosted at Lamoni, Arts and Science Classes hosted online and/or in Creston. This includes summer offerings for welding, health science, pre-nursing and carpentry/building trade programs that will be held at the Southwestern Community College campus in Creston. This is for juniors and seniors at the District with no cost to students. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve a GOLD Center, a regional career academy between Bedford, Diagonal, Lamoni, Mount Ayr and Southwestern Community College agreement. The parties desire to form a regional career academy for the School District's students. The career academy will provide access to work-based learning opportunities in career academy programs not currently available to Lamoni students. The parties are entering into this MOU to clarify their expectations concerning the academy. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the 2023-2024 LEA Agreement with certified staff. This agreement provides a 3.25% increase for a total package cost of \$170,015. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Mullins **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve a 3.25% increase for classified staff for the 2023-2024 year. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Mullins **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the resignation of Jordan Welch as a special education paraeducator for the remaining current school year. The board moved to approve the resignation of Sarah Howell as a class sponsor for the freshman class for 23-24 school year. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the retirement of Elizabeth Carpenter, with appreciation for 35 years of service to the District. Last day will be June 1. Carpenter will qualify for the \$250 early notification incentive. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Lerma -DeNuccio **Motion** carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve the resignation of Grace Martin for 23-24 school year including to receive the Early notification incentive of \$250 in her June payroll. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Mullins **Motion** carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve Layne Nowlin as the High School Varsity Softball Head Coach for the 2023 season. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio **Motion** carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve the 2020-2021 Financial Audit from Nolte, Cornman & Johnson as presented. **Motion** by Director Lerma-DeNuccio, second by Director Stevenson **Motion** carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve the second reading of board policies: 701.05, 701.05 R(1), 705.01, and 705.01 R(2). **Motion** by Director Stevenson, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio Motion carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve the FY24 Certified Budget as published in the paper and presented during the public hearing, which establishes \$18.51/mil as the the property tax rate for the Lamoni School District for Fiscal Year 2024. **Motion** by Director Stevenson second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve the renewal mowing bid from Schwab Lawn Care for 2023 mowing season. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. **Motion** carried unanimously.

The Board moved to table the HVAC project decision of design feature 1, 2, or 3 for the High School Gym duct work until further information is provided by Estes Construction. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. **Motion** carried unanimously.

The Board moved to set the public hearing date for the Budget Amendment for Wednesday, May 10, 2023. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Mullins. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Topics for discussion next month

Items for review and discussion next month include:

- May is School Board Recognition month

Upcoming Dates

- Public Hearing for FY23 Budget Amendment, May 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with regular School Board Meeting to follow.

Adjournment

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. **Motion** made by Director Dickey-Kotz; second by Director Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.