

LAMONI SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

September 9, 2020 6:00 p.m.

High School Room

School Board of Directors

Chip Millslagle, President

Michele Dickey-Kotz, Vice President

Larry Heltenberg

Kris Stevenson

Nate Pierschbacher

Lisa Jones, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Regular Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

As a result of the Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, the Board is allowed to limit the number of people present at an in person meeting location as long as the Board provides a means for the public to participate by telephone or electronically. Therefore, for the duration of the public health disaster emergency, the Lamoni Community School District Board of Directors will not conduct meetings which will be accessible by the public in person. The Board will instead conduct its meetings electronically and make those meetings accessible to the public through a Google Meet access and pin number, which is provided with each meeting agenda and posted on the District's website. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Jones, School Business Official/Board Secretary.

The Lamoni School Board of Education met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, Sept 9, 2020. Lamoni School Board President Chip Millslagle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Board President Chip Millslagle, Vice-President Michele Dickey-Kotz, Larry Heltenberg, Nate Pierschbacher, Kris Stevenson

Others in attendance: Superintendent Chris Coffelt, Principal Alan Dykens, Board Secretary Lisa Jones and joining electronically, Elizabeth Carpenter

AGENDA

The following items were approved:

- The Board moved to approve the agenda, monthly list of bills, financials and August 18, 2020 minutes. **Motion** by Director Heltenberg, second by Director Pierschbacher. Motion carried unanimously.
- The following Open Enrollment applications were also approved:
 - One (1) 6th grade from Central Decatur to Lamoni, one (1) Kindergarten student from Central Decatur to Lamoni, and one (1) ninth grade to attend Lamoni from Central Decatur. All qualify due to meeting open enrollment application requirements.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No citizen communications were made to the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board moved to approve the following change to the 2020-2021 calendar in order to accommodate the adjusted District football schedule: Homecoming week to be recognized Monday, September 14 - Friday, September 18 and staff professional development held September 25. **Motion** by Director Heltenberg, second by Director Pierschbacher. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve Ryan Martin as the Level 1 Investigator to investigate any allegations of staff abuse against students for the District, with Amanda Mitchell as the alternate. Level 2 Investigator will be the Decatur County Sheriff's Department. **Motion** by Director Stevenson, second by Pierschbacher. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the District Equity Coordinator as Becca Harvey, Human Resources Director. The District Equity Coordinator is charged with ensuring the District follows all federal Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations as it applies to staffing within the District. **Motion** by Director Pierschbacher, second by Stevenson. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve for the 2020-2021 school year to use the Latin system for academic distinction. **Motion** by Director Heltenberg, second by Stevenson. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the 2020-2021 Federal Work Study for Community Service Employment through Graceland University and the Americorp annual agreements. **Motion** by Director Dicky-Kotz, second by Director Pierschbacher. Motion carried unanimously.

- The Board moved to approve the first reading of school board policies 106, 711.10 and 711.2R2 reviewing Title IX policy, school bus passenger restraints, and the use of video cameras on buses. **Motion** by Director Dicky-Kotz, second by Director Heltenberg. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- The school board reviewed student numbers including the number of students using virtual and remote learning and those on-site.
- Starting Monday, September 14, through the extension of the USDA COVID-19 waiver of the Summer Nutrition Program, all PK-12 Lamoni students will be eligible for free breakfast and lunch meal service. The Federal Nutrition Services program will offer this to our District until December 31 or until Iowa’s funds to support this waiver extension are depleted..
- Grand River Mutual has received a Federal grant to offer access & connectivity for families who do not currently have home internet access.
- Students in the Lamoni Community School District will no longer be given a class rank; however, they will be recognized per the Latin system of Academic Distinction. The following criteria will be followed:

Cum Laude	Students graduating with a Cumulative GPA of 3.50 to 3.74
Magna Cum Laude	Students graduating with a Cumulative GPA of 3.75 to 3.98
Summa Cum Laude	Students graduating with a Cumulative GPA of 3.99 to 4.00+

 Additional criteria may be established for future classes as we continue to refine this academic distinction.

UPCOMING DATES

Regular school board meeting scheduled for October 14, 2020. The Board will hold a joint meeting with the Central Decatur Board of Education as a part of their annual review of shared positions between the two Districts. The structure of the meeting will be determined by the state mandates and public health guidelines.

ADJOURN

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Stevenson, Motion carried unanimously.

The Board moved into a work session to review properties and priorities for this fiscal year.