LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes
Tuesday, November 27, 2012
7:00 PM
HS Library

Present: Superintendent, Dr. Mark Mansell and board members John Parsons, Wendy Chord, Cris Yaw, Todd Jones and Bob Taylor
Administrators: Dave Holmes, Carol Patton, Scott Lincoln and David Cooke
Staff: Dan Bentson
Guests: Students and Community Members
Minutes taken by: Laurie Kansanback

PART 1.0 – CALL TO ORDER
Mrs. Yaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 with the flag salute.

Corrections and Changes:
None

Audience and Board Communication:
Mrs. Yaw asked that everyone be brief in their comments tonight as the agenda is particularly full. She then noted that she enjoys reading about all the technology we are implementing within the district and is impressed with what the ELFS are accomplishing. Mr. Parsons shared how great the music concerts are and also how much he enjoys reading the principal reports. Mr. Taylor attended the Veterans Day assemblies (2 of them) and they were outstanding as usual. He also attended the LCEF meeting about a capital fund levy for a sports facility and felt the energy was very positive. Mrs. Chord stated that she has observed many teachers making a difference throughout her years in La Center but just lately she has noticed how supportive Mrs. Gozart is. Mr. Jones agreed with Mr. Taylor that LCEF is a great organization. Dr. Mansell shared that the recent legislative forum held at ESD that he attended was great. Ann Rivers stood out in a very positive way. Mr. Holmes said our ELFS have mastered iPad startup. Also, Cross Country did well at state. Ms. Patton shared what a phenomenal job all of our Fall athletes did. We look forward to Winter sports and activities. Mr. Lincoln thanked the Board and everyone else for the opportunity to address the needs of the whole child, not just bits and pieces. Mr. Cooke shared some about the Building a Village meeting being very well attended and positive.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items
None

PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA will be acted upon with a single motion unless a board member desires to remove an item from the agenda.

Motion 12/13-9 made by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mrs. Chord to approve consent agenda as follows:

2.1 Approval of Minutes (GP-8 & EL-11)
- A. Minutes of meeting held October 23, 2012
- B. Minutes of Board Retreat held November 13, 2012

2.2 Vouchers (EL-8, EL-10 & EL-11)

A. Payroll for November in an amount not to exceed $656,510.89
B. General Fund Warrants #83340-83478 in the amount of $221,318.46
C. ASB Fund Warrants #8382-8415 in the amount of $15,030.92
D. Capital Fund Warrant #1390 in the amount of $350.00

2.3 Personnel (EL-4 & EL-11)

A. Certified
B. Classified
   1. Jeff Nevels, Resignation of HS Wrestling Coach Position
   2. Kyle Simmons, Hired as HS Wrestling Coach
   3. Jason Sanders, Hired as HS Asst. Wrestling Coach
   4. Crystal Furest, Hired as HS Asst. Wrestling Coach
   5. Melissa Flatt, Hired as ELL #2 (Remainder of 12-13 SY Only)
   6. Katie Kipp, Resignation of Girls Asst. Golf Coach

2.4 Donations:

2.5 Other Items for Board Review (EL-8 & EL-11)

A. Superintendent's Report
   1. Principal's Report – ES, MS, HS
   2. Asst. Supt. of Teaching & Learning Report
   3. Technology Director Report
   4. Budget Report
      a. Budget Status
      b. Cash Flow Analysis Chart
      c. Cash Flow Analysis
   5. Enrollment Report
      a. Enrollment History Graph
      b. FTE Enrollment
      c. Head Count Enrollment
   6. Impact Fee Report

Motion Carried

PART 3.0 – LINKAGE

3.1 Technology Showcase: Mr. Bentson started off this showcase by expressing his opinion as to how our learning model relates to technology. To his way of thinking, the biggest challenge is centered around teachers having to change their way of instruction. At the same time we are expecting them to master learning to use new tools such as iPads. This can be overwhelming. He went on to say that the "robustness" of the network (or lack thereof) is a problem. Our network connection is provided by the state's K-20 network and they have gone out for bids for fiber-optics. Every school district in our area received bids except La Center. Mr. Bentson has not yet heard why that might be but has asked the question. More on this as it develops.

Mr. Holmes then shared that we have 63 out of 87 certified staff trained on iPads. The ELFS will be starting a program of professional development around iPads next week. Some of the things he is currently exploring is how do we invite students to be part of this learning.

There were a number of questions regarding bandwidth, legislative help with the fiber optics, etc. that did not have answers. Dr. Mansell will keep asking the hard questions of the "powers that be" until we have some answers.

PART 4.0 – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE *(Monitoring Reports) ACTION REQUIRED*

4.1 Ends-2 Presentation: Mr. Holmes presented data on testing scores and our curriculum adoption cycle. Mr. Jones stated that the math program stinks and everybody thinks so. It was pointed out that we have a number of parents and teachers that do not agree with that opinion. Mr. Jones reiterated that it is time to look at all things math with "new eyes". Mr. Soske stated that WSU-Vancouver has offered to help us track student data on math.

4.2 E-2: Academic Achievement:

Motion 12/13-10 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Jones
To approve E-2 as written.

Motion Carried

4.3 EL-12: Communication with the Public:

Motion 12/13-11 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Jones
To approve EL-12 as written.

Motion Carried

4.4 EL-13: Academic Standards and Practices:

Motion 12/13-11 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Jones
To approve EL-13 as written.

Motion Carried

4.5 EL-14: Academic Program:

Motion 12/13-12 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Jones
To approve EL-14 as written.

Motion Carried

PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY

5.1 First Reading of EL-11: Mr. Parsons again stated that he had real concerns that in a community of this size, the potential for rumor and conjecture to masquerade as fact made it a bad idea for the Board to put in policy that the superintendent must tell the Board the name of individuals if/when they require a plan of assistance in their job. He feels this is meddling in the responsibilities of the superintendent.

Motion 12/13-13 made by Mrs. Chord, seconded by Mr. Taylor
To approve the first reading of EL-11 as
Submitted.

Motion Carried (Mrs. Chord, Mr. Taylor And Mr. Jones voted for, Mr. Parsons voted Against and Mrs. Yaw did not vote)

5.2 Review of GP-13: This did not require any further action.

5.3 Update E-2, EL-13 & EL-14 to reflect name change of "Core Competencies" document to "Learner Competencies"

PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

6.1 Debrief of KWRL Co-op Meeting: It was decided that the entire Boards of each KWRL district would meet on the 29th of November to talk about the plans for a satellite facility.

6.2 Upcoming KWRL Cooperative meeting of the Boards: Everyone will attend.

6.3 Follow-up Discussion Regarding the LCEF Athletic Facility Meeting: This was well attended and there seems to be a lot of momentum behind this idea.

6.4 Discussion about upcoming Levies: It was decided that the M & O levy would be run for 3 years and at the same amount as the last year of the last levy. The capital fund levy will be for 6 years at $200,000.00/year. The Board is solidly behind both ideas.

Mr. Soske made a case for running a tech levy again. Dr. Mansell does not feel this is necessary At this time. He feels the District has adequate resources available to fund what we can handle. The Board agrees – no tech levy at this time.

6.5 Debrief of Linkage meeting with City Council: While it is helpful to meet with groups such as the city council to discuss common concerns and interests, meeting once per year seems to be enough for the time being.

6.6 Debrief of "Building a Village" Meeting: Mr. Parsons attended and thought the meeting was well attended and successfully run. He was disappointed by the lack of city council participation. Mr. Cooke stated that he is grateful for the help of Mr. Sean Chavez of ESD112. Dr. Mansell cautioned the Board that when talking about possible grant dollars to fund various things Mr. Chavez suggested, it requires participation in the "Healthy Youth Survey", which the Board has been reluctant to agree to in the past.

6.7 December Meeting Schedule: This meeting will be on the 18th due to the holiday. There will be no workshop. The Board instructed Dr. Mansell to have resolutions prepared for the Board regarding the two levy proposals.

PART 7.0 - EXECUTIVE SESSION
None needed this month.

PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Signing of Board Documents (GP-2-E)

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Board Chair	Member
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