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

Minutes
February 23, 2010
7:00 p.m.
High School Library

Present: Superintendent Mark Mansell, and board members Melissa Miller, Bob Taylor, Wendy Chord, Cris Yaw and John Parsons
Minutes taken by: Laurie Kansanback
Administrators: Dave Holmes, David Cooke, Bonnie Lock and Carol Patton
Staff: Dan Bentson-Royal, Kristy Schneider and Ruth Schrock
Guests: Josh Soske and numerous students

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

Audience and Board Communication:
"Say Something Positive"
Mr. Taylor started us off commending the Levy committee on a job well done. The voters supported the M & O levy and even though the tech levy failed we are pleased to maintain programs. Also, he just wanted to say that we are very fortunate to have Dr. Mansell as our superintendent. Mrs. Yaw thanked all the volunteers who helped with phone calling, etc. for the levy. That is one of the reasons La Center works so well is everyone pitching in. Mrs. Chord was very impressed with the student linkage. The students were very well prepared and very articulate. Mr. Parsons has been talking to people about the levy and is surprised by how much people don't know about our schools. He has been talking to people about using our website to read the board reports which he finds are very informative. Mrs. Miller echoes everyone else's sentiments about the levy passing and the student linkage meetings. She was particularly impressed with the seniors who are looking back and making suggestions instead of being able to look forward and think about what will benefit them. Very unselfish of them. Dr. Mansell shared that the Woodland Leadership Team is interested in hearing about what our Leadership Team is working on as far as "Learning to Learn" so he will be going to meet with them this week. Also, he shared the book Mrs. Schrock's class did about our Defenders of Freedom. Mr. Holmes talked about the science & math transition meetings and how well they went as well as the significant contributions of Amy Neiman to the Health Adoption process. Ms. Patton shared about Jr. Great Books which is an enrichment program held after school for advanced readers. They meet 8 times and it is a wonderful opportunity for our kids. She also shared that more students than in the past took advantage of the free dental clinic this year. Mrs. Lock let us all know that the HS Knowledge Bowl took 3rd in districts and now moves on to State. The team consists of 7 students. Mr. Cooke told the Board about an effort to help regular classroom teachers modify instruction for their special needs students. In this exercise, the SPED teacher asked the SPED students to write letters to their teachers telling why they struggle. The letters were very powerful and have resulted in some teachers making changes already. Mr. Bentson-Royal shared about many of the changes in the tech department.

Public Input

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 09/10-33 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Chord, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

2.1 Approval of Minutes (GP-8 & EL-11)
- A. Minutes of meeting held January 26, 2010
- B. Minutes of Board Workshop & Student Linkages held February 9, 2010

2.2 Vouchers (EL-8, EL-10 & EL-11)
- A. Payroll for February in an amount not to exceed $725,000.00
- B. General Fund Warrants #76534-76696 in the amount of $155,343.22
- C. Capital Projects Fund Warrants #1317-1318 in the amount of $228.00
- D. ASB Fund Warrants #7582-7623 in the amount of $14,956.79
- E. Private Purpose Fund Warrant # in the amount of $NONE

2.3 Personnel (EL-4 & EL-11)

2.4 Donations:
- A. Roy Reese, $100 to MS Archery Program
- B. WAFNAWS, $250 to MS Archery Program
- C. Bonnie Poffenroth, Books to K-8 Library

2.5 Other Items for Board Review (EL-8 & EL-11)
- A. Superintendent's Report
  - 1. Principals' Report – PS, IS, MS, HS
  - 2. Curriculum Director 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

The board had questions about online classes and how the curriculum for them is adopted as well as virtual academy questions. Mrs. Miller requested this as a workshop topic at a future date. Dr. Mansell will check the annual agenda and find a suitable date. He suggests that we also discuss homeschool and substitute training at the same workshop.

Motion Carried

PART 3.0 – LINKAGE

3.1 Middle School presented the Showcase this month. Mr. Cooke and Mrs. Schneider

shared their perspectives about the Lab Classroom Projects going in the middle school. Their focus has been on lesson studies. A team decides who will teach the lesson and then they all go observe the lesson 1st period. They then meet 2nd period and discuss what they observed. Their anchor in this is "be hard on the work and kind to the teacher" so everyone is careful to not make/take things personally. The teacher being observed then finds a few things from the discussion that they can 'tweak' and they re-teach the lesson 3rd period. The team observes this "improved" version of the lesson and then meet again to discuss any observable differences in student engagement, etc.

What has been noted by both teams so far is: Teachers find this exercise VERY valuable; this takes away the isolation so prevalent in most schools; minor changes make major rngagement gains; and, cross-curricular has contributed to finding 'nuggets' that can be used by everyone and helps avoid bogging down in content issues.

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

4.1 Monitoring Report El-17:

Motion 09/10-34 made by Mrs. Chord, seconded by Mr. Parsons
To approve Monitoring Report EL-17 as
Submitted.

Motion Carried

PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY

5.1 Second Reading of Revised GP-8:

Motion 09/10-35 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Yaw
To approve the Second Reading of Revised GP-8
As submitted.

Motion Carried

5.2 First Reading of Revised EL-3:

Motion 09/10-36 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Parsons
To approve the First Reading of Revised EL-3
As Submitted.

Motion Carried

PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

6.1 Levy Debrief: Mr. Soske shared how pleased he was that our levy passed and that even Though the tech levy failed he still believes separating the two was the right thing to do. He also encouraged everyone to get involved with how schools are funded at the STATE Level if we are ever to lighten the burden on local tax payers.

6.2 GP-8-E Annual Board Agenda: Dr. Mansell advised the Board of some practical changes

To the annual agenda.

6.3 March Workshop Agenda: The March workshop will be a budget workshop. Brett and Mark are working to come up with an interactive way of facilitating our time together to Help everyone gain new perspectives on the budget incorporating an abundance mindset. Mr. Parsons stated he wants details and Mrs. Miller says she is "game" but would Appreciate a few "walls" to lean against when this workshop is being constructed. Mark And Brett will keep that in mind.

PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

7.1 Update on Legal Matter, Personnel Issue and Certificated Union Negotiations: The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:20 pm. The Board Reconvened at 8:55 pm.

PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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Board Chair	Member
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Member	Board Secretary