

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

Minutes
March 25, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Present: Superintendent Mark Mansell, and board members Melissa Miller, Bob Taylor, Cris Yaw, Don Phillips, and Laurie Kansanback
Administrators: Dave Holmes, Carol Patton, David Cooke, and Bonnie Lock
Guests: Bond Committee Members Brian Deans, Josh Soske, and Walter Hansen; numerous students

PART I – CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Special Action to Appoint a New Director to Position #4:

Motion 07/08-39 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Yaw to Appoint Wendy Chord to Director Position #4, Previously held and then resigned by Bernie Schockelt.

Vote was by roll call: Don Phillips – Aye
Cris Yaw – Aye
Bob Taylor – Aye
Melissa Miller – Aye

Motion Carried

Swearing In of New Director by Mark Mansell: Superintendent Mansell swore in Wendy Chord as the new Director of Position #4.

Corrections to the Agenda:

None.

Motion 07/08-40 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Yaw, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 26, 2008 and Minutes of the Board Workshop/Linkage meeting held March 11, 2008.

Motion Carried

Audience and Board Communication:

“Say Something Positive”

Mr. Taylor started us off talking about how much he enjoyed the student linkage meeting in March. He particularly enjoyed the elementary school children and their wonderful questions. He feels there

is great value in meeting with the students yearly on all levels. Mrs. Yaw also felt very positive about the student linkage meetings. She found it interesting that the chief concern of the middle school students was disruptive students that impacted their learning. What great kids we have all the way around. Dr. Phillips agreed. He felt that all the students were AWESOME! Mrs. Chord shared her experience attending the MS Band Festival. Our band was amazingly good – scoring a 96 (unofficial score) and very, very well behaved and supportive of other bands. Mrs. Miller really enjoyed the linkage with students. She was personally struck by the unique perspective the day afforded to see how our students change over time as they grow. She noticed that the ES kids were very forward looking while the HS students had a sort of “backward looking” view of how to improve their own learning. MS kids are very much emotion based (no surprise there!) but the great thing is all of our kids came across as happy, friendly kids. Mr. Mansell thanked the board for their commitment to what they say our organization needs to accomplish. Also, he shared that the Leadership Team is focusing on learning from each other and has been going on “learning walks” in groups of two to various classrooms. It is awesome to spend the extra time in the classrooms and see what is really happening in our schools. Ms. Patton thanked the board for the linkage meeting. It was a real positive for students. Also, thanks to Mr. Mansell for being responsive to the need for more staff time in ELL. It has ALREADY had a huge impact. Thanks to Bonnie Lock for her part in the Math Leadership Team meetings – her help is much appreciated. Mr. Cooke thanks the MS staff for doing so well with the transitions of four new teachers to the building this past year. Mr. Holmes gave kudos to Ms. Holter and the Dance Team for taking 4th in state. He also encourages the board to notice the “Welcome to Wildcat Country” display when they come in the front doors of the HS. The artwork was done by Mr. Don McCullough and the wooden wildcat is student work. Very Cool! Mrs. Lock is very impressed with the K-12 math department. They have been looking at the data on student performance and see some areas for improvement. They are taking great initiative and moving forward with changes where appropriate. Mr. Soske shared that he is impressed with the “Walk to Read” pilot that both 2nd and 4th grade are doing.

Public Input

None

Consent Agenda will be acted upon with a single motion unless a board member desires to remove an item from the agenda.

Motion 07/08-41

made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Phillips,
To approve the consent agenda as follows:

8. Vouchers
 - A. March payroll in an amount not to exceed \$592,231.24
 - B. General Fund warrants #70961-71077 in the amount of \$170,643.41
 - C. Capital Projects Fund warrant #1303-1304 in the amount of \$542.00
 - D. ASB Fund warrants #6994-7031 in the amount of \$12,621.54

9. Personnel
 - A. Certificated:
 1. Barbara Carroll, Retirement from Teaching
 2. Rita Peterson, Leave of Absence
 3. Jeremy Ecklund, 7th Grade Science Teacher (Hired)
 - B. Classified:

1. Spring Coaches (See attached list)
10. Donations
 - A. Ash Grove Cement Company, \$250.00 Wrestling Flex Fund
 - B. Sharon & Tom Reed, Books valued at \$75.00 for the Elem Library
 11. Other items for Board Review:
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 1. Principals' Report
 2. Curriculum Director's Report
 3. Technology Director's Report
 4. Enrollment Report
 5. Budget Report
 6. Cash Flow Analysis
 7. Impact Fee Report
 - B. Surplus:
 1. HS Kitchen Fryer

Motion Carried

PART II – LINKAGE

12. Bond Committee Update: Brian Deans, Vice President of the Bond Committee shared with the board that the committee has 72 active members and there is a lot of positive energy surrounding this effort.

PART III – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE

None this month.

PART IV – WRITTEN POLICY

13. First Reading, Policy No. 2161 and Procedure 2161P, Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students:

Motion 07/08-42

made by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Taylor,
To approve the first reading of Policy No. 2161
And Procedure 2161P, Special Education and Related
Services for Eligible Students.

Motion Carried

14. First Reading, Policy No. 2021 and Procedure 2021P, Library Media Centers:

Motion 07/08-43

made by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Chord,
To approve the first reading of Policy No. 2021
And Procedure 2021P, Library Media Centers.

Motion Carried

15. Review of GP-5, GP-6, & GP-7: The board reviewed these policies and no changes are needed.

PART V – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

16. Annual Linkage w/Staff: This has been scheduled for April 8th, in accordance with the Board’s annual agenda. It will be at 3:15 in the K-8 library. All staff are encouraged to attend.
17. April Workshop Agenda Items: The workshop will be held directly following the staff linkage meeting. This will be a dinner meeting, and the following will be discussed:
- A. Staff Linkage: Debrief meeting
 - B. HS Graduation Requirements
 - C. ALC Program: Proposed changes

PART VI – EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed.

PART VI – ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

18. Signing of Board Documents: (GP-2-E)
19. Board Self-Assessment: (GP-2-E)

Board Chair

Member

Member

Member

Member

Board Secretary