

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

Minutes
August 26, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Present: Superintendent Mark Mansell, and board members Melissa Miller, Bob Taylor, Cris Yaw, and Wendy Chord

Minutes taken by: Laurie Kansanback

Administrator: Dave Holmes, Bonnie Lock, Carol Patton, Scott Lincoln

Staff: Sherrie Birgensmith & Greg Cooper

Guests: Rick Alexander (ESD112), Debbie Mansell, Josh Soske, and Bruce Hall (Board Candidate)

PART I – CALL TO ORDER

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

Corrections to the Agenda:

None.

Motion 07/08-71 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Yaw, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 29, 2008.

Motion Carried

Audience and Board Communication:

“Say Something Positive”

Mrs. Chord started us off by noting that the new “grandstands” look great. Also, she has been hearing great things about Mr. Cooke calling 6th graders to welcome them to the middle school. Mrs. Yaw stated that all the hard work done by Rob Williamson and the maintenance crew is very much appreciated. Mr. Taylor commented on the BEAUTIFUL job the HS crew do on the floors. Mrs. Miller thanked all the staff who works throughout the summer to improve learning and instruction. Dr. Mansell thanked the DO staff for the in-service they put on for the Administrative Support Team. He appreciates all their hard work. Mr. Holmes shared about the 10 teacher PLC (Professional Learning Community) that has begun at the high school. It is almost all veteran teachers and he is really excited about the work they are doing. Ms. Patton is excited about the painting on the playground, getting the “new” portables all squared away; the addition of Tammy Lichliter to the elementary office staff, and the donated lunches from the New Phoenix/Last Frontier for the teacher in-service. Mr. Lincoln is happy to be back and working with such a great staff. Mrs. Lock shared her appreciation for Mark and the outstanding Leadership Retreat he planned this year.

Public Input

Mr. Soske stated that he had heard that a possible solution to funding issues might be to consider combining our district with a neighboring district. He wants it noted that he is completely opposed to the idea.

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

Motion 07/08-72

made by Mrs. Chord, seconded by Mrs. Yaw,
to approve the consent agenda as follows:

6. Vouchers
 - A. August payroll in an amount not to exceed \$615,000.00
 - B. General Fund 2007-2008 Warrants #72309-72382 in the amount of \$167,488.89
 - C. General Fund 2008-2009 Warrants #72383-72413 in the amount of \$51,028.27
 - D. Capital Projects Fund 2007-2008 Warrant #1306 in the amount of \$65.00
 - E. ASB Fund 2007-2008 Warrants #7122-7123 in the amount of \$4,065.00
 - F. ASB Fund 2008-2009 Warrants #7124-7127 in the amount of \$683.81

7. Personnel
 - A. Certificated:
 1. Jennie Martin, Resigned
 - B. Classified:
 1. Joan Daugherty, High School Aide
 2. Rob Williamson, Employment Contract for 2008-2009
 3. Laurie Kansanback, Employment Contract for 2008-2009

8. Other items for Board Review:
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 1. Budget Report
 2. Cash Flow Analysis
 3. Impact Fee Report
 - B. Surplus Video Equipment per attached List

Motion Carried

PART II – LINKAGE

9. Second Step Curriculum Presentation: Sherrie Birgensmith, counselor at the elementary school, gave a presentation on this program designed to help students with their social skills.

10. Acceptance of Final Commissioning Report for LCHS: Dr. Mansell asked if this item (#17 on the agenda) could be moved to this spot so that Mr. Rick Alexander could be excused in a timely fashion. The Board agreed. Mr. Alexander gave an explanation of the “whys & wherefores” of the tardiness of this final report.

Motion 07/08-73

made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Yaw,
to accept the final commissioning report for LCHS
as submitted by ESD112.

Motion Carried

11. WASL Test Scores: Bonnie Lock discussed the results of our most recent WASL testing. As the test scores were not at the level we were hoping for, Mrs. Lock offered several possible explanations for the results. Mrs. Miller asked questions regarding the amount of support she feels the board has given to programs specific to improving reading over the years and asked if we are not able to design a program that can “do the job” we need it to. Mrs. Lock stated that it is not the programs that make the difference, it is the staff in these programs and that often we spend time and money to train staff and then they leave.

She went on to say that this is an adoption year for Math.

PART III – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE

Motion 07/08-74

made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Chord
to approve Monitoring Reports EL-1, EL-3, EL-4,
EL-7, and EL-8 as written.

Motion Carried

PART IV – WRITTEN POLICY

12. Review of GP-8 Agenda Planning: There are no changes to this policy.

PART V – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

13. Board Director Position #5 Vacancy: One candidate, Mr. Bruce Hall, made application for this position. The Board recessed at 8:05 to executive session to discuss questions for interviewing Mr. Hall. Upon re-convening the meeting at 8:30, the board interviewed Mr. Hall. Mrs. Miller shared with Mr. Hall that she had concerns about the “Kirkland Report” and specifically about Mr. Hall’s accountability to the agency he worked for. Mr. Hall was forthcoming with his answers and shared that his feelings that:
- A. The Kirkland Report was written by an insurance attorney with an agenda
 - B. The investigation was held to discredit Mr. Hall
 - C. Most of the situation was actually retribution for “whistle blowing”
 - D. He worked in Ridgefield for 6 years and had 5 city managers
 - E. Ridgefield is a tough place to work but he believes he dealt with integrity
- Mrs. Miller expressed her concerns that Mr. Hall comes with “political baggage” that may not be helpful to the mission of the La Center School Board. Mr. Hall stated he feels compelled to serve and thinks he is a good choice for the position. The Board recessed at 8:52 to executive session to discuss the candidate. They re-convened at 9:05.

Motion 07/08-75

made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Yaw,
To table the appointment of Director Position #5
And extend the deadline for applications by 30
Days. It was further moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded
By Mrs. Yaw, that Mr. Hall be invited to stay in the

Pool if he so desired.

Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote: Chord – Aye; Yaw – Aye;
Taylor – Aye; Miller – Aye

Mr. Hall indicated that he wished to remain in the pool. Dr. Mansell asked the Board for direction regarding their desire for more information on Mr. Hall. The Board appointed Dr. Mansell as the liaison for finding and relaying more information to them on this matter.

- 14. September 16th Board Workshop/Town Hall Meeting: A reminder was given to the board that this meeting will be at 6:00 pm in the HS Library (due to a conflict with a HS volleyball game). Subjects for the Town Hall will be Core 24/HS Graduation Requirements and Facility Needs. The Workshop will be reserved for interviews.

PART VI – EXECUTIVE SESSION

See above notes in item #13.

PART VI – ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

- 15. Signing of Board Documents: (GP-2-E)

Board Chair

Member

Member

Member

Member

Board Secretary