

LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Board Linkage Meeting, Special Meeting & Workshop

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

3:15 – 7:30 PM

Board Linkage Meeting

Present: Mark Mansell, Melissa Miller, Bob Taylor, Don Phillips, and Laurie Kansanback

Guests: Numerous staff members

Mrs. Miller called the Board Linkage Meeting to order at 3:25 PM

Mrs. Miller explained that the purpose of this Linkage Meeting was for the Board to listen to staff input regarding the proposed Ends Policy Draft. The Board has already held a Linkage Meeting with student leadership at both the high school and the middle school for the same purpose. With that, Mrs. Miller opened the discussion by asking staff to share their top concerns as relates to the Ends Policies. The following is a summary of the thoughts after some discussion and question/answer periods:

Elementary School: The staff in attendance felt class size (K-5) is an all around hindrance to their ability to meet the needs of both regular ed and special ed students. Another concern for elementary staff is planning time – which they feel is “significantly less” than the other schools.

Transition between 5th & 6th grade is not being facilitated at this time. It would be nice to have collaboration between the grades.

Lack of Health Curriculum at the Elementary is a concern.

Progress reports in May feel like “over-kill” in the communication department.

Middle School: Middle school staff felt a major challenge they face is offering the variety of courses they would like to provide for their students. They recognize that staff and space constraints are huge contributing factors to this challenge at this time.

They also expressed general concerns that we may be losing the “Diversity of Students” with a “Mile Wide – Inch Deep” or “One size fits all” approach due to WASL and NCLB requirements.

Social & Personal skills may be the biggest issue of all facing educators. Parenting classes for how to work effectively with middle schoolers was a suggestion.

High School: High school staff feel a good job is being done preparing our college bound students. They are not so sure about the work bound students.

Online classes are popular with high schoolers and a good idea for some types of classes.

Drug use is a HUGE issue and staff feels that we have NOTHING to offer our students that are making poor choices. They also would strongly support efforts at the elementary and middle schools to combat drug/substance abuse issues.

Personal Development/Character as well as individual kids and how the learn are big concerns for high school teachers.

The meeting ended at 4:50 pm.

The board retired to the high school conference room from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm for the purpose of having dinner and preparing the questions for the board vacancy interviews.

CORRECTED Minutes of Board Special Meeting & Workshop

Present: Mark Mansell, Melissa Miller, Bob Taylor, Bernie Schockelt, Don Phillips, and Laurie Kansanback

Mrs. Miller called the board special meeting & workshop to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Board Vacancy Candidate Interviews: The board interviewed the following candidates for the vacant board position #1:
 - A. Candidate Cris Yaw @ 6:00 – 6:30 pm
 - B. Candidate Todd Snider @ 6:30 – 7:00 pm
2. The board went into executive session at 7:00 pm to discuss a personnel item.

Mrs. Miller reconvened the board special meeting & workshop at 7:15 pm.

3. Appointment to fill Board Vacancy:

Motion 06/07-44

made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Schockelt,
To appoint Cris Yaw to the board director position
#1 vacated by Stephanie Bodeen. The vote was
unanimous.

Motion Carried

4. Re-approval of Calendar for 2008/09: An error was discovered after approval at the March regular meeting. It has been corrected.

Motion 06/07-45

made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Schockelt,
To approve the corrected 2008/09 calendar.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Board Chair

Member

Member

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Member

Board Secretary