



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

**BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021
7:00 PM
HS Library**

Board Members Present: Wendy Chord, Todd Jones, Eric Lindberg, Win Muffett
Board Members Absent: Cris Yaw
Superintendent Absent: Dave Holmes
Administrators: Peter Rosenkranz, Carol Patton, Kurt Gray
Staff and Guests: Bill Hrdina, Celeste Fender, Charlie Fender
Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jones called the special meeting to order with the flag salute at 7:00 p.m.

The board took action on agenda item 1 as follows:

Motion 20/21-40 made by Mrs. Chord seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve the Superintendent Contract as follows:

1. Superintendent Contract Approval for Peter Rosenkranz beginning July 1, 2021.

Motion Carried
With a roll call vote as follows:
Muffett- Aye
Lindberg- Aye
Chord- Aye
Jones - Aye

2. Carol Patton and Kurt Gray discussed high school data and credit recovery planning for students with F grades. There are currently 35 seniors that have not passed the state testing that is required to

receive a diploma. Testing windows have not opened up yet this school year. These students need to pass to be able to receive a diploma. Electronic testing may be offered so that students do not have to wait for results. These students have the credits necessary to graduate, they just lack the testing requirement for graduation. As soon as the state gives guidance on testing, students and families will be notified.

The state legislature is currently discussing the option to waive credits for up to two core classes this year. The district has always had the requirement that 24 credits are needed to graduate. This would need board approval if we were to offer the waiver. There are several students who are not on track to graduate this year. The entire state is in the same situation as La Center, there have been a large number of dropouts across the state.

There are 21 students who need credits to graduate. Four of the 21 are students on IEP who are planning on attending college or going to an 18-21 program. Seventeen of the 21 have a variety of ways they are planning to graduate. Eight have currently enrolled in a credit recovery course through the Home School Academy or other options. There are some students that will just not make it to graduation this year as they will not have the number of credits needed.

- 3. Mr. Rosenkranz discussed the Superintendent Transition Plan
The main focus for the remainder of this year is planning for the 21/22 school year budget and staffing. There are currently 3 retirements and one resignation from teaching staff. Classified staff, particularly paraeducators, have been hard to fill this school year. The district will need to do redistricting for School Board Boundaries this fall, prepare to run a levy in February of 2022, finish the new construction of the middle school and upgrade the P-5 campus.

Mr. Rosenkranz also discussed the need for a Director of Teaching and Learning instead of an Assistant Superintendent. The need for a Student Services Director in charge of IEP's and 504's was also discussed. Mr. Jones commented that a superintendent succession plan is still needed. Mrs. Chord echoed the need so that the district is prepared for a worst-case scenario. Mr. Rosenkranz said that someone from the leadership team will be going to superintendent school and will be "tapped" as the superintendent succession plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board Chair

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