



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 27, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**HS Commons**

Board Members Present: Wendy Chord, Eric Lindberg, Win Muffett, Cris Yaw

Board Members Absent: Todd Jones

Superintendent: Dave Holmes

Administrators: Peter Rosenkranz, Carol Patton, Greg Hall, Nancy Carner, Lauri Landerholm, Kurt Gray, Dan Bentson, Michael Nolan

Staff and Guests: Bill Hrdina, Carrie Lindsay, Andrea Austad, Brittany Hemry, Brian Hemry

Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

**PART 1.0 – CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Chord called the regular meeting to order with the flag salute at 7:02 p.m.

**Corrections and Changes:**

None.

**Audience and Board Communication**

**Say something positive:**

Mrs. Yaw commented on the Technology board report information regarding the phone system. She used to be on the technology committee years ago and thought it was interesting to see how technology has changed over the years. She also mentioned that the Chromebooks for all students has taken a lot of effort. One last comment was that it is fantastic that all kids are back in school. She thanked everyone for their efforts to make this happen. Mr. Lindberg also said it is great to have kids back in school. He appreciates the work by everyone as it has not been easy. It brings normalcy for the kids. He also commented that he is glad to see that Dan Bentson reached out to Josh Soske regarding the phone system. Community and staff collaboration is great to see. Mr. Muffett gave a shout out to Nancy for all of her work on the budget. Her willingness to say what she knows and what she doesn't know has been appreciated. She has been at the mercy of the state and has kept the board updated. Mrs. Chord commented that the budget discussion at the last meeting was easy to understand. She appreciates all of the extra work that Nancy has put in. She also commented that she loves having kids back at school especially since she volunteers at the elementary school. She is also proud of the middle school for continuing the tradition of the Doernbecher fundraiser this year. Ms. Patton stated that she is proud of the seniors for their work on student led conferences. They have shown their resiliency this year. Mr. Rosenkranz gave a shout out to Mike at the elementary school.

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Kindergarten and first grade were on the leading edge of full time in-person learning because they are the furthest away from independent learning. He also gave a special thanks to Nancy for her work on the budget. Mr. Holmes thanked the entire staff for their work that went into the change to full time learning. The setup of classrooms and all of the behind the scenes work has been great. It is good to see the smiles on students and parents faces at the morning drop off. Brittney Hemry, a community member, said she also appreciates everyone and wanted to attend the board meeting because she has some concerns and would like to be more involved.

**Public Input on Non Agenda Items:**

None.

**PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA –  
Motion 20/21-51**

made by Mr. Muffett seconded by Mrs. Yaw to approve the consent agenda as follows:

2.1 Approval of Minutes

- A. [Minutes of Board Meeting March 23, 2021](#)
- B. [Minutes of Board/Staff Linkage and Workshop April 13, 2021](#)

2.2 Vouchers

- A. Payroll for this month not to exceed \$1,700,000.00
- B. [GF ACH warrants #202100138-202100147 in the amt. of \\$91,422.19](#)
- C. [CF ACH warrant #202100137 in the amt. of \\$35,912.90](#)
- D. [GF warrants #98679-98721 in the amt. of \\$174,775.00](#)
- E. [CF warrants #1891-1895 in the amt. of \\$20,747.91](#)
- F. [ASB warrants #10755-10765 in the amt. of \\$9,802.56](#)
- G. [CF warrant #1896 in the amt. of \\$1,076.25](#)
- H. [GF ACH warrants #202100152-202100156 in the amt. of \\$7,443.39](#)
- I. [CF ACH warrants #202100150-202100151 in the amt. of \\$3,155,121.84](#)
- J. [GF warrants #98722-98769 in the amt. of \\$77,118.46](#)
- K. [ASB warrants #10766-10767 in the amt. of \\$3,672.01](#)
- L. [CF warrants #1897-1899 in the amt. of \\$21,346.46](#)

2.3 Personnel

A. Certified

- 1. Rochelle Stinson, Kindergarten Long Term Substitute effective 3/31/21
- 2. Violeta Tistova, Learning Lab Specialist Long Term Substitute effective 3/31/21
- 3. Angela Alfonin, First Grade Long Term Substitute effective 3/31/21

B. Classified

- 1. Shannon Washburn, resignation ES Para II effective 4/9/21
- 2. Herm Van Weerdhuizen, temporary Grounds/Maintenance effective 3/25/21
- 3. Brady Lewis, temporary Playground Monitor Support Aide effective 4/2/21
- 4. Tasha Clinton, resignation ES General Office Aide effective 4/13/21

C. Athletics

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1. Nicole Fenimore, JV Asst. Softball Coach effective 3/26/21
2. Heather Beam, resignation MS Basketball Scoreboard and Clock Operator effective 3/23/21
3. Valencia Burgess, HS Asst. Track Coach effective 4/12/21
4. Austin Vaughan, HS Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach effective 4/26/21

#### 2.4 Donations

None this month.

#### 2.5 Other Items for Board Review

##### A. Reports

1. [Superintendent](#)
2. [Assistant Superintendent](#)
3. [Elementary School](#)
4. [Middle School](#)
5. [High School](#)
6. [Director of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities](#)
7. [Director of Technology](#)
8. [Home School Academy](#)
9. Library – None this month
10. Enrollment Reports- [Head Count](#), [FTE](#)
11. Monthly Financial Reports – [Budget Status](#), [Forecast 5](#)

##### B. [La Center Home School Academy K-5 Parent and Student Handbook 2021-2022](#)

##### C. [La Center Home School Academy Middle/High School Parent and Student Handbook 2021-2022](#)

##### D. [ES Family Handbook 2021-2022](#)

##### E. [MS Student Handbook 2021-2022](#)

### **Motion Carried**

## **PART 3.0 – LINKAGE**

3.1 Teaching and Learning Showcase- Math Curriculum Update – Mr. Rosenkranz explained that the math curriculum platform currently used by grades 6-12, went away after 7 years. The district reviewed 20 options with the help of math teachers and researched materials being used across the state. Andrea Austad said that the Carnegie Learning Program was selected for its readability, accessibility, and adaptability. They are a smaller publishing company that can tailor the program to the district's needs. Their online program is flexible for advanced to remedial students. It allows teachers to work individually with students. It will also never go out of date as changes made to the program would be automatically included in next year's consumable books. The district will pilot the materials for a year. ES math adoption is scheduled for next year.

Mr. Rosenkranz discussed the Equity Tool draft that he handed out to the board. The tool is a requirement that the district make decisions through an "equity lens" so as to not leave anyone out or let them slip through the cracks. There are 2 areas that the district has identified as not being equitable for all students: Connectivity (using Chromebooks to access learning outside of school)

and Financial Stability. It is also required for the district to be able to receive ESSER funds. The leadership team will be reviewing it next week and the board will be asked to approve it at the May 25 board meeting.

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

**Motion 20/21-52** made by Mr. Lindberg seconded by Mr. Muffett to approve EL-2 as written:

##### 4.1 [EL-2 Community Relations](#)

**Motion Carried**

#### **PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY**

**Motion 20/21-53** made by Mr. Muffett, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve second reading of policy 2410 and procedure 2410P as written:

##### 5.1 Second reading of policy [2410](#) and procedure [2410P](#) High School Graduation Requirements

Ms. Patton asked the board if students could be allowed to walk at graduation if they are certain that the student would have enough credits by August 31. Normally the district is very strict about not allowing students with enough credits to walk at the ceremony, but this year the state is giving students the ability to make them up over the summer. The board consensus was that the HS could be flexible this year since the seniors have been left out of too many things. This is a celebration of the work that students have done and they should not be left out of one more thing.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 20/21-54** made by Mr. Muffett seconded by Mrs. Yaw to approve first reading of policy 6000 as written and 6000P with the removal of board approval for voluntary salary deductions under “Salary Warrants.”:

##### 5.2 First reading of policy [6000](#) and procedure [6000P](#) Program Planning, Budget Preparation, Adoption and Implementation

**Text for removal from 6000P-** Voluntary payroll deductions must be authorized by the board. The board may act on behalf of individual staff to deduct a certain amount from the staff member’s paycheck and remit an agreed amount to a designee of the staff member.

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**Motion Carried**

**Motion 20/21-55** made by Mr. Muffett seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve first reading of policy 3415 as written:

5.3 First reading of policy [3415](#) Accommodating Student with Diabetes

**Motion Carried**

5.4 Review of [GP-12](#) Board Member Reimbursement of Expenses- No updates needed at this time.

**PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION**

**Motion 20/21-56** made by Mr. Lindberg seconded by Mr. Muffett to approve resolution 2020-2021-4:

6.1 [Resolution 2020/2021-4 Emergency Waiver of High School Graduation Credits](#)

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 20/21-57** made by Mr. Muffett seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve waterline easement and right of way for the new middle school:

6.2 [Waterline Easement and Right of Way for New Middle School](#)

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 20/21-58** made by Mr. Lindberg seconded by Mr. Muffett to approve resolution 2020/2021-5:

6.3 [Resolution 2020/2021-5 Delegating Authority to WIAA](#)

**Motion Carried**

6.4 [New Middle School Dedication Plaque](#) - The board did not have any suggested changes for the plaque.

6.5 Budget Update – The budget numbers are looking better after the legislative session. The board will have new numbers from Nancy on May 11 that should be pretty solid. It appears the district will be able to go with the best case scenario that was presented at the board workshop. The student enrollment number is still a mystery and will affect next year’s budget. This is not much of an update, but it is looking better since the state is going to help the district with funding. The

May 25 board meeting will have more finalized numbers since the district will need to publish them on June 8.

6.6 Future Agenda Items

Mr. Holmes discussed the need to add a special board meeting next Tuesday so that the board could weigh in on the continuation of in-person learning based on the number of cases in the county. The Covid case numbers are getting higher, 198 cases today, and we are still in compliance. Next Tuesday, it is projected that the numbers will be above 200. Mr. Holmes would like the board to weigh in on staying in-person if the numbers go higher than 200. Mr. Muffett said that in his opinion the board has already addressed this. They made the decision to bring kids back. It is part of the January reopening plan and the decision tree that the district has been following. Mr. Holmes explained that this only affects grades 6-12 as they cannot cohort, so the district wouldn't be in full compliance if the number goes above 200. Mr. Muffett said that there are still zero cases at school. The reopening plan states that even in an increasing environment, the district is not required to go back to distance learning. There are only 5 being quarantined in the district, but the close contacts were not at school. The district could move forward with other key data points since there are no transmissions at school to date. If school is not the source of the problem, then closing the school would be more detrimental to students. More than half of the nation has either had Covid or the vaccine. This should be recognized as positive news. The district is operating a safe environment. Mr. Rosenkranz added that the vaccine rates are going up and the district will watch the 98629 zip code rates and other metrics. Mr. Holmes commented that he could move forward using other metrics, contact tracing numbers and internal transmission rates and could accept the board's approval tonight. All of the board members present agreed with this decision and there will be no need for a special meeting next week.

6.7 **Board Schedule**

May 11 Board Workshop- 7:00 PM, HS Library  
May 25 Board Meeting- 7:00 PM, HS Commons

**PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None this Month

**PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT**

The board meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

8.1 [Review Board Quarterly Self-Assessment](#)

8.2 Signing of Board Documents

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