LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021
7:00 PM
HS Commons

Board Members Present: Wendy Chord, Todd Jones, Eric Lindberg, Cris Yaw
Board Members Absent: Win Muffett
Superintendent: Dave Holmes
Administrators: Peter Rosenkranz, Matt Cooke, Carol Patton, Greg Hall, Nancy Carner, Lauri Landerholm, Dan Bentson, Michael Nolan
Staff and Guests: Carrie Lindsay, Nicole Andrell, Brittany Hemry, Brian Hemry, Christa Rubadue, Malerie Plaugher, Lori Nelson, Amanda & Michael Davsett, Janelle & Brandon Chamberlin, Heather Jolma, Sierra Frasier, Tracy Grindle, Jamie Hansen, Brittini & Austin Lasseigne, Shannon Avphf, Simone Auger, Erin Smelser
Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

PART 1.0 – CALL TO ORDER

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

Corrections and Changes:
None.

Audience and Board Communication

Say something positive:
Mr. Lindberg thanked everyone, parents, staff and students for their understanding and being flexible as the (Covid) situation affects us all. Mrs. Yaw thanked Swinerton for their donation and work on the climbing tower at the high school. It is an excellent addition to our school. Mr. Jones thanked Matt for his work on athletics this year. He said that seniors were especially happy that they got to play their sport this year and did not have to miss out. He also commented that the Home School Academy has 174 students! This is good news as the district would have lost out on most of these students to private homeschooling if the Home School Academy did not exist. He thanked Carol Patton and Ruth Schrock for their work this past year. It has been tough, but so important to the kids. She is also seeing teachers getting excited to move to the new middle school and is glad to see it. Mr. Holmes thanked the board for their work and due diligence. These volunteers spend countless hours getting prepared for board meetings and serve the students and community very well. They put aside family time to read pages of agenda items to prepare for board meetings. They also have to work with restrictions and
protocols that are put on the district by the governor’s office and the department of health, which has put the district in a no-win situation for the past 18 months. Mr. Rosenkranz highlighted Wendy Chord for her volunteerism at the elementary school. Helping with hearing and vision screenings, volunteers like her and the Lion’s Club help the district to meet requirements and help to keep the district running smoothly. He also talked about division as so much that is happening in our country today creates division. He would like everyone to come together as a community and reflected on the mission statement of the district. The mission of the district is to help create confident, self-reliant, life-long learners that can thrive in the community. The district goal is to teach kids to think for themselves and he is proud of this institution for that.

**Public Input on Non Agenda Items:**
Mike Davsett expressed concern about critical race theory and would like to know the school board views on CRT. Mr. Jones responded and said that the governor has recently signed into law SB5044 an act relating to equity, cultural competency and dismantling institutional racism in the public school system. He stated that the curriculum has not been presented by the state yet, and CRT is not mentioned in the law. When the district adopts curriculum, it will be reviewed in public and it will fit into the standards of the community.
Sierra Frasier expressed concerns about graduation. She would like more seating for family members and suggested staff not come to allow for this.
Tracy Grindle expressed that there is not enough information out about the graduation ceremony and asked who she should contact so that senior parents can voice their concerns and give ideas. Mr. Holmes suggested that she contact Carol Patton as she is in charge of the graduation ceremony.
Simone Auger talked about SB5044 and felt compelled to speak to the board after the May 11 workshop. Incidents involving race are not forgotten by the kids and it is important to teach kids to understand other cultures and life experiences.
Erin Smelser commented on the equity training that will be coming due to the governor’s mandate. The equity training will better prepare kids for the world, our kids deserve to see all that exists.
Heather Jolma spoke about equity and the different perspectives and injustices that happen in the community. She asked the board to take the responsibility seriously in how they serve the children.
Nicole Andrell expressed her concern about comments she heard at the board workshop. She feels that we need to meet students where they are and understand where students of color or other races come from. She thanked Pete Rosenkranz for his comments that we need to represent everyone’s needs.

**PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion 20/21-59** made by Mrs. Chord, seconded by Mrs. Yaw to approve the consent agenda as follows:

2.1 Approval of Minutes
   A. [Minutes of Board Meeting April 27, 2021](#)
   B. [Minutes of Board Workshop May 11, 2021](#)

2.2 Vouchers
   A. Payroll for this month not to exceed $1,700,000.00
   B. [GF ACH warrants #202100157-202100173 in the amt. of 4,308.02](#)
   C. [ASB ACH warrant #202100177 in the amt. of $69.29](#)
D. CF ACH warrants #202100174-202100176 in the amt. of $3,194,904.47
E. GF warrants #98770-98811 in the amt. of $92,949.32
F. ASB warrants #10768-10771 in the amt. of $1,697.06
G. CF warrants #1900-1907 in the amt. of $65,880.69
H. CF warrant # 1908 in the amt. of $151,930.00
I. GF warrants #98812-98854 in the amt. of $134,559.59
J. GF ACH warrants #202100179-202100181 in the amt. of $116.29
K. ASB warrants #10772-10782 in the amt. of $9,583.02
L. CF warrants #1909-1915 in the amt. of $59,427.66

2.3 Personnel
A. Certified
   1. Kim Hollopeter and Lynn Cooke, resignation from MS yearbook co-advisor positions effective end of 20/21 school year.
   2. Alexandra Dupper, resignation from 3rd grade teacher to accept Kindergarten teacher position effective 2021/22 school year.
   3. Carrie Lindsay, resignation from Special Education TOSA effective 6/23/21 to accept Student Services Director position as of 7/1/21
   4. Meredith Ott, resignation MS ASB advisor effective end of 2020/21 school year
   5. John “Kellan” Sullivan, HS Math Teacher, effective 2021/22 school year
B. Classified
   1. Kylee Day, resignation from ES Speech Para I to accept SPED Para I position effective 4/26/21
   2. Susan Grimes, resignation from ASK Assistant effective 5/10/21
   3. Jackie Coleman, resignation from ES Para II to accept ES Para I position effective 5/3/21
C. Athletics
   3. Daniel Thiessen, resignation MS Head Football Coach effective 4/30/21
D. Administration
   1. Kurt Gray, resignation from HS Associate Principal effective 6/30/21

2.4 Donations
   1. The Swinerton Foundation, $15,000.00 for the HS Climbing Tower through the adopt-a-school program.

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
10. Enrollment Reports - Head Count, FTE
B. LCHS Student Handbook 2021-2022
C. List of Certificated Contracts for 2021-2022

Motion Carried

PART 3.0 – LINKAGE

None this month.

PART 4.0 – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE (Monitoring Reports)

Motion 20/21-60 made by Mr. Lindberg seconded by Mrs. Yaw to approve EL-4 as written:

4.1 EL-4 Business and Finance

Motion Carried

PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY

Motion 20/21-61 made by Mrs. Chord, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve second reading of policy 6000 and procedure 6000P as written:

5.1 Second reading of policy 6000 and procedure 6000P Program Planning, Budget Preparation, Adoption and Implementation- 6000p reflects board request to remove some text under Salary Warrants section.

Motion Carried

Motion 20/21-62 made by Mr. Lindberg seconded by Mrs. Yaw to approve second reading of policy 3415 as written:

5.2 Second reading of policy 3415 Accommodating Student with Diabetes

Motion Carried

5.3 Review of GP-9 Board Member’s Code of Conduct and GP-10 Board Member’s Covenants - No updates needed at this time.

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PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

Motion 20/21-63  made by Mrs. Yaw, seconded by Mrs. Chord to approve resolution 2020-2021-6:

6.1 Resolution 2020/2021-6 Academic and Student Well-being Plan

La Center’s Plan

Motion Carried

Motion 20/21-64  made by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Mrs. Chord to approve the out of endorsement assignment for Bob Hill as follows:

6.2 Out of Endorsement Assignment Approval for Bob Hill

Motion Carried

6.3 Budget Update- Nancy Carner gave the board an update on the budget. The numbers are nearly final. She noted that the state’s system will not be available for her to enter data until mid-June but that the board would have the final numbers at the June board meeting.

6.4 Future Agenda Items

   Mr. Holmes added a discussion item regarding graduation. The current guidelines that the district has to follow will be posted on the website. The district is frustrated with the inconsistencies that the guidelines state that students can sit 3 feet apart in a classroom, yet will need to be seated 6 feet apart at an outdoor graduation. The state guidance has not caught up with the current guidelines. The district may also separate vaccinated and unvaccinated people to enable closer seating and that would enable the district to give 4 tickets per graduate instead of 2. Staff will not be at graduation to allow more seating for family members and more bleachers will be brought in for seating on the track.

   The district is monitoring ideas from other districts and will incorporate as many as possible to help accommodate for more family members to attend graduation. There will also be a plan in place in case of rain. The hope is that the governor’s guidelines and the department of health guidelines will be matched up to better accommodate seating. The district will plan for the worst, but hope for the best.

6.5 Board Schedule

   June 19 – HS Graduation- 7:00 PM, HS Stadium
   June 22 Budget Adoption Hearing and Board Meeting- 7:00 PM, HS Commons

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PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SESSION
None this Month

PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT
The board meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

8.1 Signing of Board Documents

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Board Secretary                     Board Chair

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Board Member                       Board Member

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