

LaCrosse School District #126
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2019 7 pm
School Library

Members Present: Terry Miller, Tami Schwartz, Mike Stubbs, Cat Wigen, Harmon Smith

Members Absent:

Administration Present: Doug Curtis, Jeffery Pietila, Kara Harder

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Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the February 26, 2019 Meetings were unanimously approved. (Miller/Smith).

Travel requests:

- A. State FFA ag mechanics contest in April 11-12: Mrs. Baser asked for permission to keep student competitors overnight in Yakima so they wouldn't need to travel early in the morning the day of the competition. Motion was approved. (Smith/Miller)
- B. State FFA Convention in Pullman May 8-11: Mrs. Baser requested approval to keep students overnight in Pullman during the FFA competitions and events. Various students would stay on various nights depending on which competitors qualify and for which events. Motion was approved. (Smith/Miller)
- C. Senior class Hawaii trip June 1-7: Mr. Potesky asked the board to approve the senior class trip to Hawaii where the students will stay in a rented house and use a rental car and visit sites and participate in various excursions. Motion was approved (Smith/Miller)

Closed Exempt Session:

At 7:15 pm, the board went into a closed meeting exempt from the OPMA under RCW 42.30.104(4) to discuss bargaining matters. The board returned to regular session after 15 minutes.

Consent Agenda:

- A. **Personnel and Resignations:** Supplemental contracts for Mr. Gates (EWU running start) and Ms. Pitts (Missoula Children's Theatre) as well as resignations from bus drivers Art Sager and Colene Sager were approved/accepted by unanimous vote. (Miller/Smith)
- B. **School year calendar for 2019-20:** Mr. Curtis presented a proposal from the teachers to add a flex day, extend the school year by one day, move two flex days to coincide with Spokane Livestock Show, and end school at noon on Friday before Christmas break. The board would like to consider the calendar for another month and chose not to vote to approve it. The board requested the number of students who would be participating in the Spokane Livestock Show to assist their decision making.
- C. **Snow Day Waiver:** The board approved to accept the snow days waived during the Governor's state of emergency on February 11, 13, 15, and 20, 2019. Motion was approved. (Smith/Miller)
- D. **Snow Days to be made up:** The board chose not to take any action regarding the snow days to be made up by teachers and students.

Communications to the Board:

- A. **Capital:** Mr. Curtis provided a handout on the elementary HVAC project outlining the project schedule. He also gave the board an update on the second phase of sidewalk work to be done this summer. And regarding the gym heater, he reported that Divco's bid came in at \$73,000 and he was still waiting to hear from Ackerman and Nolan.
- B. **Safety** – Mr. Pietila reported we are still waiting on the cameras ordered.
- C. **Technology-** Mr. Gates shared that he is looking into replacing our aging bell system that is particularly problematic following power outages. So far, it looks like replacements would be approximately \$3,000.
- D. **SJEL Sports** – Sports co-op meeting rescheduled for Tuesday, March 19. Rockie Hansen will be in attendance for the meeting and the meeting will include an executive session.
AD Report: Mr. Gates reported that spring sports are off to a late start because of the snow. He reported Lacrosse student participation of 2 high school baseball players, 8 high school track/field participants, 1 golfer, 3 middle school baseball participants, and 6 middle school track/field participants. He also informed the board that the middle school would likely have to bring 5th graders up to the baseball field in order to field that team.
- E. **Legislative/Policy update** – Mr. Curtis gave the board a quick update on the hold harmless and levy issues as topics in the current legislative session. Not much to say, he reported as neither issue is getting much attention by legislators.
- F. **Teacher CBA/Negotiations:** No new updates to report.
- G. **Classified Pay Scale:** Superintendent Curtis said that he is collecting data from other schools in order to put together a new pay scale for Lacrosse.

Student and School Programs/Principals Report:

The Missoula Children's Theatre program is here this week. As in the past, we are doing this jointly with the Washtucna Schools. The program will be here in LaCrosse this year with performances on Friday at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. There were 42 students at the tryouts today

Today the Ag Mech Team competed in one of their qualifying contests, and this Wednesday the Agronomy team will be competing in Pullman at the FFA State Agronomy contest.

This Wednesday evening the annual National Honor Society Induction ceremony will be held at Tekoa High School. This year we have six students who have applied and will be entering the organization.

This coming Monday is the annual Academic Banquet here at the school. Bailey Weekes will be the speaker.

Mr. Pietila provided a handout with MAPs scores, past three years of state testing for our school, Three years of SBAC scores for LaCrosse, State averages for last Spring's tests, and the scores for a couple of our neighboring districts. Our scores are very near the state averages for all schools and our scores are not keeping up with some of our neighboring districts.

Over the past few weeks, we have tried twice to bring in Brenda Kneeshaw from Colfax to work with our staff on how to use the data we have and data we can gather to strengthen our student's ability to be prepared for the assessments. We followed that up last Wednesday with a professional development session where we shared this data. As a staff we are talking about things we can do to improve our scores.

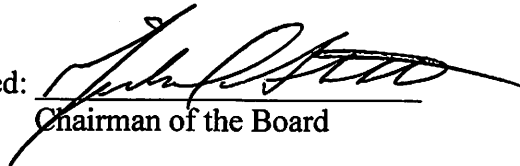
Finance:

- A. Financial Report: Kara Harder reported on deviations from projected revenue and expenditures.
- B. Approval of Payroll and Bills – the following direct deposits, wire transfers, and warrants were approved (Smith/Miller):

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| 12607458 | to | 12607468 | in the amount of | \$171,261.94 | Feb | Payroll | |
| 900002721 | to | 900002749 | | | | | |
| 12607485 | to | 12607510 | in the amount of | \$27,380.39 | Mar | GF | A/P |
| 12607481 | to | 12607484 | In the amount of | \$984.73 | Mar | ASB | A/P |

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: 
Chairman of the Board


Doug Curtis