

LAMONI SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

5:30 PM / ROOM 411

SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chip Millslagle, President
Michele Dickey-Kotz, Vice President

Larry Heltenberg
Kris Stevenson

Nate Pierschbacher
Lisa Jones, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Lamoni School Board of Education met in Regular Session, Wednesday, September 12, 2018 in Room 411. Lamoni School Board President Chip Millslagle called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

School Board Members present: Chip Millslagle, Larry Heltenberg, Nate Pierschbacher, Kris Stevenson, Michele Dickey-Kotz
Others in attendance: Chris Coffelt, Alan Dykens, Pastor Neal Montz and Lisa Jones.

AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were approved:

- The Agenda, including August 13 Minutes, Financial Report and Summary of Bills. ***Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Heltenberg.*** All motions carried unanimously.
- Financial reports for General, Management, Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Activity reports, Scholarship reports, Lunch Reports, Entrepreneurship and Summary list of monthly bills.

General Fund	\$ 106,504.38	Activity Fund	\$ 5,090.10
PPEL	\$ 9,473.48	Management	\$ 78.00
Capital Projects	\$ 6,738.36		

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Ministerial Alliance members brought homemade ice cream, brownies and cookies to share with the School Board of Directors and thank them for their service.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board moved to approve the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year End Review. ***Motion by Pierschbacher second by Dickey-Kotz.*** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the Allowable Growth for the Special Education deficit in the amount of \$80,783.99 for 2017-2018 fiscal year. ***Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Pierschbacher.*** Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. ***Motion by Dickey-Kotz, second by Stevenson, Motion carried unanimously.***

Organizational Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Lamoni School Board of Education met in Regular Session, Wednesday, September 12, 2018 in Room 411. Lamoni School Board President Chip Millslagle called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board moved to approve Lisa Jones as the School Board Secretary/Treasurer. **Motion by Heltenberg second by Dickey-Kotz** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve Chip Millslagle as the School Board President. **Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Heltenberg** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve Michele Dickey-Kotz as the School Board Vice-President. **Motion by Pierschbacher second by Stevenson** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in Room 411 as the designated regular monthly board meeting date, time and location. **Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Pierschbacher** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the Lamoni Chronicle as the Official School Publication. **Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Heltenberg** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the legal counsel for the School District as Norris Law for local issues and Ahlers & Cooney for more complex educational issues. **Motion by Heltenberg second by Dickey-Kotz** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the School Board Committee Assignments as reviewed. **Motion by Heltenberg second by Dickey-Kotz** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the resolution to designate American State Bank as the District's Depository. **Motion by Heltenberg second by Dickey-Kotz** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the signers for District checks as Chip Millslagle, Board President, Michele Dickey-Kotz, Board Vice-President, and Lisa Jones, Board Secretary and School Business Official. **Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Pierschbacher** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve Ryan Martin, Student Services Coordinator, as the District Level 1 Investigator. **Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Heltenberg** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve Chris Coffelt, Superintendent, as the District Equity Coordinator. **Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Pierschbacher** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the second reading of Board Policies: 105, 401.1, 705.1, 7051R1, 710.1 and 600 series **Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Stevenson** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the hiring of Kala Boswell as part-time food prep/dishwasher for the Nutrition Services Program. **Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Heltenberg** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve Yolonda Taylor as the Middle School Cheer Coach. **Motion by Heltenberg second by Stevenson** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve Matt Shelton as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for Middle School Football. **Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Pierschbacher** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve Michael Edwards as a Special Education part-time driver. **Motion by Heltenberg second by Stevenson** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the resignation of Kyle Leonard as a Class Sponsor. **Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Heltenberg** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the 2018-2019 contract with Iowa Learning Online to offer foreign language instruction online since the District did not have an appropriately licensed teacher available at the beginning of the school year to teach the classes. **Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Pierschbacher** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the 2018-2019 Graceland University Work Study Agreement. **Motion by Heltenberg second by Dickey-Kotz** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the 2018-2019 Headstart 28E Agreement. **Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Heltenberg** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the 2018-2019 Fundraising requests that were presented to the School Board. **Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Stevenson** Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve FFA to attend the National Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana in October. **Motion by Dickey-Kotz second by Pierschbacher** Motion carried unanimously.

DISTRICT REPORTS

PK-12 Principal Report

Dr. Alan Dykens provided a highlight of upcoming activities, including:

- Homecoming Week is September 24-28. More information on the Homecoming Activities schedule will be available on the school website.
- Graceland University Student observing in our Elementary over the next few weeks.
- Americorp and Graceland Work Study are providing academic support services during school hours for students that might be struggling in classes. Tutors are available also after school for Middle School.
- Athletic Eligibility review will take place on Friday, September 21.
- With our new Emergency Operations Plan we have updated our Elementary school drop-off and pick-up procedures. All visitors are asked to sign in the office and get a Visitors badge any time you enter our Facilities.

Superintendent Report

Three primary topics were reviewed, including:

- ***Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Decatur County and Lamoni Community School District Property Taxes***

Board Directors reviewed the difference between actual and assessed values and reviewed 2018 tax rates on agriculture, residential, commercial and industrial properties. Directors reviewed the expected increase in overall property tax rates and contributing factors, specifically the Iowa Department of Revenue Property Tax Assessment Review, which resulted in a 14% Equalization increase. Directors also reviewed the Lamoni Community School District Property Tax Levy rates from 2017-2018: \$17.816/mil to 2018-2019: \$18.569/mil, an increase of \$0.75, as a result of increasing educational costs, prior year drops in student enrollment, and continued diminished levels of state funding. Finally, Directors reviewed significant components of and considerations for the overall District levy, including the General Obligation Bond that expires in 2025, representing \$2.53 of the overall levy and the fact that this year's District Levy remains lower than in 2010-2011 when the District rate was \$18.77/mil.

- Senate File 2364 Emergency Operations Plan requires all public schools to develop a high quality emergency plan for the District and individual buildings. The plan must be reviewed annually by the local school board. The plan needs to include responses to active shooter scenarios and natural disasters. All public schools must conduct drills once per year. School Districts should consider recommendations from local law enforcement and emergency management coordinators.
- An ongoing search will continue for a Human Resources Shared Director between Lamoni, Central Decatur and Wayne Community School Districts. You may apply online through the Teach Iowa website.
- Employee Handbooks have been distributed to all employees. The Employee handbook will be reviewed by the Handbook committee as needed and at least quarterly as well as reviewed annually by the School Board.
- A joint board meeting between the Lamoni School District School Board and the Central Decatur School Board of Directors will take place at either the October or November meeting in Lamoni.

BOARD LEARNING LINK

IASB Board Workshop: Navigating the Tug of War: District Priorities vs Day-to-Day Operations, Tuesday, October 2, 2018 6pm - 9pm in Chariton, Iowa

UPCOMING DATES

- A School Board Special Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m in Room 411
- Next Regular School Board Session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 411

ADJOURNMENT

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. *Motion by Stevenson, second by Pierschbacher, Motion carried unanimously.*