

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## Lamoni Community School District

Regular Board Meeting  
Lamoni High School Room 411  
June 8, 2022; 4:00 p.m.

### SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nate Pierschbacher, President  
Zack Mullins

Michele Dickey-Kotz, Vice-President  
Kathy Lerma-DeNuccio

Kris Stevenson  
Lisa Jones, Board Secretary/Treasurer

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### Call to Order

The Lamoni School Board of Education met in Regular Session on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. Lamoni School Board President Pierschbacher called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

### Roll Call

Present: Nate Pierschbacher, Michele Dickey-Kotz, Kathy Lerma-DeNuccio and Zack Mullins.

Absent: Board Secretary Jones and Kris Stevenson

Others in attendance: Superintendent Coffelt, Principal Radloff, Human Resources Director Crouch, Karen Roberts and two guests

### Agenda

The Board moved to approve the June 8 agenda, minutes from May 11, 2022 and list of monthly invoices for June. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Communication from the Public

Time was allowed for anyone to present to the board. No one addressed the board at this time.

### Learning Presentation

Karen Roberts highlighted the Lamoni Exploration Summer Academy, which is hosted from June 1 - 30, 2022 from 8 am - noon for students entering Kindergarten through Grade 4. Themes each week include: Week 1: In the Garden; Week 2: Nutrition and Fitness; Week 3: Splash Week; and, Week 4: This Place is a Zoo! Roberts reported that attendance numbers have been strong the first week and are expected to remain so throughout the month. This service is funded through 21CCLC state grant funds.

### Business Items

Human Resources Director Becca Crouch highlighted different staff data sets including: 1) Panorama Climate and Culture Survey Spring 2022 results; 2) Employee and Family Resources Assistance Program Staff Usage; and, 3) Current staff openings and challenges associated with recruiting and retaining staff this year and in preparation for next school year.

The Board moved to approve the resignations from Special Education Paraprofessionals Kathy Burnette, Debbie Holmes and Tyra Smallwood. **Motion** by Director Mullins, second by Director Dickey-Kotz. **Motion carried unanimously.**

After review of revisions by Human Resources Director Crouch, the Board moved to approve the 2022-2023 Employee handbook, second reading. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the Lamoni School District Secondary Course Curriculum Guide. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins. **Motion carried unanimously.**

After discussion regarding the inclusion of three year olds in the preschool through a collaboration with Head Start, middle school eligibility, expectations for wearing hats in the school during the day and the use of physical restraints by trained staff, the Board moved to approve the 2022-2023 Preschool, Elementary, Middle and High School Student Handbooks, second reading with the reviewed revisions. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve first reading of the 900 board policy series focused on District and Community relations. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma. **Motion carried unanimously.** Zack Mullins was selected to review revisions with Superintendent Coffelt and Board Secretary Jones prior to the July Board meeting and make a recommendation for second reading approval.

The Board reviewed the potential partnership and library media services provided by Green Hills AEA if an appropriately licensed individual is not secured through traditional means.

The Board reviewed June actions for renewal of the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, including identifying community advocates for a vote yes! committee, the development of an informational web page and a postcard mailer to be distributed to the school community.

The Board reviewed education legislation that came out of this year's legislative session, including open enrollment, operational sharing and educational savings accounts. Additionally, Directors reviewed the IASB 2022 Legislative Platform in preparation for identifying and selecting four legislative priorities for the 2023 Iowa Legislative Session.

Facilities Director Coulthard and Superintendent Coffelt met with Seth Shannon, Schemmer Architect, and Chad Alley Estes Construction, to review considerations for the development of a master facilities plan. The Board will engage in a work session on June 22 to initiate the process for this plan.

### **Items for consideration next month**

Lamoni Community School District was awarded a five (5) year extension of the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. The total 5 year award amount is \$278,536 or \$59,512 the first three years and 75% of that award amount the next two years to support before, after and summer school programming. The Board will review what this grant provides and how it supports students, families and education in our District.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

School Board Work Session, Master Facilities Planning: June 22, 4:00 pm

School Board Regular meeting: July 20 @ 6:00 pm

School Board Regular Meeting, August 10, 2022; 6:00 p.m.

Joint work session with Central Decatur; August 10, 2022; 7:30 p.m. at Lamoni School District

### **Closed Session**

The Board moved into Closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (i) for the Superintendent evaluation at 5:42 pm.

**Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved out of closed session at 6:10 pm. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Adjournment**

The Board moved to adjourn the school board meeting at 6:12 p.m. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma. **Motion carried unanimously.**