

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lamoni Community School District

Regular Board Meeting

Lamoni High School Room 411

July 20, 2022; 6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nate Pierschbacher, President

Michele Dickey-Kotz, Vice-President

Kris Stevenson

Zack Mullins

Kathy Lerma-DeNuccio

Lisa Jones, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Call to Order

The Lamoni School Board of Education met in Regular Session on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Lamoni School Board President Pierschbacher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Lamoni School Employees: Superintendent Coffelt, Facilities Manager Coulthard, Board Secretary Jones and Liz Carpenter

Guests: Shane Larsen and Seth Shannon from Schemmer, and Chad Alley from Estes Construction

Agenda

The Board moved to approve the July 20 agenda, minutes from board meeting on June 8 and board work session, June 22, 2022. Also approved were additional invoices from June 2022 and invoices presented for the month of July. **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.

Business Items

Schemmer and Estes Construction reviewed HVAC options and associated costs in the next steps in the district's master facilities strategic plan.

The Board moved to approve the Estes Construction Doc A232-2019 for General Conditions of construction, Estes Construction Doc C132-2019 Standard form of Agreement between owner and construction manager and IMEG proposal for mechanical and engineering services for HVAC upgrades. **Motion by Director Stevenson, second by Director Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the hiring of Megan Boswell in Food Service as dishwasher and food preparation. **Motion by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve supplemental contracts for 2022-2023 Teacher Leaders, including: Leslea McKillip, Michelle Cray, Liz Carpenter, Nathan Silver, Linda Perkins, Scott Edens, Jennifer McKinney, Gayle Ramaeker, Sarah Howell and Kyle Leonard. **Motion by Director Lerma-Denuccio second by Director Dickey-Kotz. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve a one-year contract for Raphael Coulthard as an assistant football coach for the 2022 season, pending completion of coaching licensure. Also approved, Nathan Silver as Junior High Boys Basketball coach for 22-23 season. **Motion by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the following resignations: Elizabeth Martinez as Special Education 1-1 Para Associate and Scott Roberts as the Drivers Education Teacher. **Motion** by Director Mullins, second by Director Dickey-Kotz. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Dickey-Kotz introduced and caused to be read the Resolution hereinafter set out and moved its adoption; seconded by Director Lerma-DeNuccio consideration thereof by the Board, the President put the question upon the adoption of said Resolution, and, the roll being called, the following Directors voted:

Aye: Kathy Lerma-DeNuccio, Kris Stevenson, Michele Dickey-Kotz, Zack Mullins

Nay: None

Whereupon the President declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and desirable to provide additional funding for the Lamoni Community School District pursuant to the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to take action to adoption a Resolution of Election directing an election on the question of participating in the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board:

Section 1: That the Board Secretary is hereby authorized to direct the County Commissioner of Elections to submit the question of participation in the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy ballot question to the qualified electors of the District on September 13, 2022 on the following proposition.

Shall the following public measure be adopted?

Shall the Board of Directors of the Lamoni Community School District, in the County of Decatur, State of Iowa, for the purpose of purchasing and improving grounds; constructing school houses or buildings and opening roads to school houses or buildings; purchasing of buildings; purchase, lease or lease-purchase of technology and equipment; paying debts contracted for the erection or construction of school houses or buildings, not including interest on bonds; procuring or acquisition of libraries; repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving, or expanding the school houses or buildings and additions to existing schoolhouses; expenditures for energy conservation; renting facilities under Iowa Code Chapter 28E; purchasing transportation equipment for transporting students; lease purchase option agreements for school buildings or equipment; purchasing equipment authorized by law; or for any purpose or purposes now or hereafter authorized by law, be authorized for a period of ten (10) years, to levy and impose annually, a voter-approved physical plant and equipment tax not to exceed One Dollar Thirty-Four Cents (\$1.34) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district commencing with the levy for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and to impose a physical plant and equipment income surtax upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the school district on December 31 for each calendar year commencing with calendar year 2023, or each year thereafter?

Section 2: That all resolutions or orders or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and approved on July 20, 2022.

Nate Pierschbacher
Board President

Lisa Jones
Board Secretary

The concept of a voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy is unique to Iowa education. Voters may authorize a voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (Voted PPEL) for a period not exceeding ten years and in an amount not exceeding \$1.34 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The levy may be used for the following purposes: purchase and improvement of grounds, construction of buildings, purchase or lease equipment, expenditures for energy conservation, purchase or lease transportation for transporting students, equipment purchases for recreational purposes, band equipment, demolition, clean up and other costs incurred within two years of a natural disaster. Revenues may not be used for salaries, travel, supplies, printing costs, or media services.

A PPEL postcard and fact sheet were created by Donovan Group and will be shared with our community and families through social media, flyers and emails. The school district relies on its current PPEL for these critical areas: the District's entire fleet of buses, one-to-one technology for students, band equipment, and school facility needs. The voted PPEL does not cause a property tax increase. Without a yes vote, the District would lose over \$120,000 per year for transportation, technology and facility needs. Once approved on September 13, 2022 the Voted PPEL would be renewed for ten years. We have been fortunate for the past ten years to have community support by approving a voted PPEL in 2013. We ask for the community's support again.

Directors reviewed the IASB 2022 Legislative Platform in preparation for identifying and selecting four legislative priorities for the 2023 Iowa Legislative Session. The Board moved to approve the following four priorities: teacher recruitment and retention, adequate funding, ensuring funding for public education isn't used for educational savings accounts, and staff and student mental health and wellness as our legislative priorities for 22-23. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the Green Hills AEA Media services contract for the upcoming school year which includes 15 days at \$575 per day for a total contracted rate of \$8,625/annually since no applications had been received for the position. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Head start, which establishes our terms, responsibilities of both parties and costs for our partnership in providing three and four year old preschool services for 2022-2023. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the 2022-2023 Graceland University Annual Facilities Agreement. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Stevenson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the Southwestern Community College and Graceland University as educational partners for the Education and Healthcare Registered Apprenticeship Grants **Motion** by Director Stevenson, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. Abstain Dickey-Kotz. **Motion carried unanimously.**

After discussion, the Board moved to approve the 22-23 student fees and nutrition meal rates. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve an increase of \$10 from \$115 to \$125 rate of pay for substitute teachers for a full day of substituting starting August 2022. **Motion** by Director Stevenson, second by Director Dickey-Kotz. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to table the second reading of the 900 board policy series focused on District and Community relations until next month. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Items for consideration next month

We will review the Nutrition program including the summer food program provided to students the month of June. Once again, Schemmer Architects and Estes Construction will be here to continue our master planning process with the School facilities and upgrades.

Upcoming Meetings

On-site school registration; August 8

School Board Regular meeting; August 10; 6:00 pm

Closed Session

The Board moved into Closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(i) for the Superintendent evaluation at 9:09 pm.

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

The Board moved out of closed session at 9:49 pm.

Adjournment

The Board moved to adjourn the school board meeting at 9:50 p.m. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Stevenson. **Motion carried unanimously.**