

LAMONI SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

December 8, 2021 6:00 p.m.

High School Room 411

School Board of Directors

Nate Piersbacher, President

Kris Stevenson

Zack Mullins

Michele Dickey-Kotz, Vice President

Kathy Lerma-DeNuccio

Lisa Jones, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Work Session

Matthew Gilaspie, Managing Director of Public Finance Services with Piper Sandler, spoke to the school board regarding school infrastructure financing capacity. Significant areas of focus included current General Obligation bonds, Sales Tax Revenue, Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, District Property Taxes and cash flow.

This work session is a part of a board learning series and serves as a complement to the District Facilities Needs Assessment completed by Estes Construction so that the District can continue to develop a strategic facilities plan that will serve students, families and the community in the coming years.

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Lamoni School Board of Education met in Regular Session on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Lamoni School Board President Pierschbacher called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Others in attendance: Superintendent Coffelt, Board Secretary Jones, Principal Radloff, Mark Patience, Raphael Coulthard, and one citizen.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No one addressed the board at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board moved to approve the agenda, financials, fundraising request and the open enrollment application and November 18, 2021 minutes. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the hiring of Brady McKillip as the High School Baseball Coach for the summer 2022 season. **Motion** by Director Lerma-DeNuccio second by Director Mullins. **Motion** carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the resignation of Bryan Nowlin as Varsity High School Football Coach and Mike Ranney as the High School Football assistant and JV coach. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the Americorp contracts for the 21-22 school year for tutoring and the after school program. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the first reading of the 200 Board Policy series **Motion** by Director Mullins, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION

Lamoni FFA Chapter who attended this year's FFA National Convention presented highlights from this year's trip. Lacey Whitaker, FFA Chapter Advisor, also highlighted current work and initiatives.

Superintendent Coffelt reviewed the IASB new board member portal, including standards for effective school boards and the state of the district. Director Kotz will work with Superintendent Coffelt to develop learning sessions throughout the year to grow and develop as a Board team in order to continue to effectively serve students..

Mark Patience, Technology Director, and Raphael Coulthard, Operations and Maintenance Director, highlighted features of the new door security and access system, including timeline for implementation and use.

Board Directors reviewed the District facility needs assessment, including costs associated with HVAC upgrades and potential replacement of the Elementary building chiller. Directors will review costs and associated funding mechanisms in greater detail at the January board meeting.

Directors reviewed the current status of the Return to Learn plan and discussed what conditions may merit more stringent protocols in order to keep students and staff healthy.

The concept of operational sharing, including fiscal considerations, use throughout the state and future utilization was highlighted for Board Directors.

UPCOMING DATES

Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in High School Room 411.

Joint Board session with Central Decatur and Lamoni School Board, Wednesday, January 19, 2022; 7:15 p.m. at Central Decatur High School Library.

ADJOURN

- The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Mullins **Motion** carried unanimously.