

# LAMONI SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

February 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

High School Media Center

## School Board of Directors

Chip Millslagle, President

Larry Heltenberg

Nate Pierschbacher

Michele Dickey-Kotz, Vice President

Kris Stevenson

Lisa Jones, Board Secretary/Treasurer

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## Regular Meeting Minutes

### CALL TO ORDER

As a result of the Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, the Board is allowed to limit the number of people present at an in person meeting location as long as the Board provides a means for the public to participate by telephone or electronically. Therefore, for the duration of the public health disaster emergency, the Lamoni Community School District Board of Directors will not conduct meetings which will be accessible by the public in person. The Board will instead conduct its meetings electronically when necessary and make those meetings accessible to the public through the following access phone number (US)+1 405-586-4516 PIN: 490 078 567# which will be provided with each meeting agenda and posted on the District's website. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Jones, School Business Official/Board Secretary.

The Lamoni School Board of Education met in a Regular Session on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

School Board Vice-President Dickey-Kotz called to order the meeting at 6:04 p.m. **Motion by Director Pierschbacher, second by Heltenberg. Motion carried unanimously.**

### ROLL CALL

Present: Vice-President Michele Dickey-Kotz, Larry Heltenberg, Kris Stevenson, Nate Pierschbacher

Absent: Chip Millslagle

Others in attendance: Superintendent Chris Coffelt, Principal Alan Dykens and Board Secretary Lisa Jones; 3 guests joined via Google Meet.

### AGENDA

The following items were approved:

- The Board moved to approve the February School board agenda, February 10, 2021 Financial reports, January 19, 2021 School Board minutes and January 17, 2021 Board Work Session minutes. **Motion by Director Pierschbacher, second by Director Heltenberg. Motion carried unanimously.**

### CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No comments were received during Citizen Communication.

### ACTION ITEMS

- The Board moved to approve the purchase of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) as the District literacy curriculum resource in the amount of \$49,300.25. This amount includes a 7 year contract, beginning the 21-22 school year. The HMH Curriculum provides print and digital resources, an intervention program, and writing support. The District will use Federal ESSER funds for the purchase of the curriculum, providing support for struggling readers, as well as connectivity and access, for a variety of learning structures. **Motion by Director Heltenberg, second by Director Pierschbacher Motion carried unanimously**
- The Board moved to approve the extension Employee Assistance Program for four (4) months through June 30, 2021 at a cost of \$512, utilizing ESSER funds. This extension will then align contract renewals with the District fiscal year and school year. **Motion by Director Pierschbacher, second by Director Heltenberg Motion carried unanimously.**
- The Board moved to approve offering an Early Retirement Incentive this school year. Up to five (5) full time, certified employees are eligible for the \$20,000 incentive, which will be paid into a 403b over the course of five (5) years at a rate of \$4000 annually. Funds will be paid through the management fund. **Motion by Director Heltenberg, second by Director Pierschbacher Motion carried unanimously.**

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Principal Dykens provided a quick highlight at current student enrollment numbers and first semester student achievement for those enrolled in virtual courses.

- Gayle Ramaeker and Liz Carpenter, Teacher Leadership Committee (TLC) members, joined virtually to highlight the Literacy curriculum being considered by the school board for the 21-22 school year. This curriculum will reinforce and support improved literacy instruction.
- The school board examined the 2021-2022 school calendar, with considerations provided through Certified Staff review. The final calendar is expected to be approved at the March board meeting.
- The school board reviewed the COVID CARES Funds and the broad categories and allowable uses these funds are intended to support, as well as the associated timeline for use of funds.
- A summary of costs, including tax sale purchase, asbestos mitigation and demolition associated with the 215 West Main and 204 N Chestnut properties was reviewed. Total costs incurred for 215 W Main were \$62,790.41; incurred costs for 204 N Chestnut were \$44,465.00. These projects were paid for out of the "Secure an Advanced Vision for Education" (SAVE) Funds, providing no impact on the General Fund.
- The school board reviewed their recent board work session regarding student enrollment and the development of the FY22 budget. Over the past five (5) years, there has been a decrease in student enrollment. This has created deficit spending over the past 3 years, which has been exacerbated by diminished supplemental state aid. The Board began review of considerations for the development of the FY22 budget based on student enrollment, with goals of decreasing expenditures and fully utilizing all available revenue sources. The FY22 certified budget, with recommendations for budget reductions and efficiencies, will be reviewed at the March board meeting with a public hearing held later that month. The certified budget is due to the county auditor on April 15, 2021.

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

The Joint Board work session at Central Decatur School District in Leon scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. has been postponed to a later date.

Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURN**

The Board moved to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. ***Motion by Director Heltenberg, second by Pierschbacher, Motion carried unanimously.***