

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## Lamoni Community School District

Lamoni High School Room 411

February 21, 2023; 6:00 p.m.

### SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nate Pierschbacher, President

Michele Dickey-Kotz, Vice-President

Lisa Jones, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Kris Stevenson

Zack Mullins Student Board Representative, Christian Biwott

Kathy Lerma-DeNuccio

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## Regular Board Meeting

### Call to Order

School Board President Pierschbacher called the regular board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Other: Superintendent Coffelt, Board Secretary Jones, Student Board Director Christian Biwott and two community members.

### Agenda

The Board moved to approve the January 11 meeting agenda, list of monthly bills and monthly financials as presented.

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

### Citizen Communication

Sarah Burke addressed the Board regarding concerns for securing substitute teachers and employment application procedures.

### Discussion

Principal Radloff provided a quarterly report to the Board highlighting the following:

- Paul Eason has been identified as a National Merit Scholar Finalist.
- Graceland University will host a STEMfest on April 5.
- Preschool Roundup is April 7.
- Staff professional development has focused on instructional clarity in order to elevate teaching and impact student learning.

The School Board reviewed staff feedback relative to the draft 2023-2024 school year calendar. The school calendar will continue to be refined and brought back to the March board meeting..

School Business Official Jones reviewed the process for preparation of the fiscal year 2024 budget. The budget is required by law to be submitted by April 15 to the County Auditor, as well as the Department of Management. Items being considered that impact the budget include: current and future enrollment numbers, solvency, unspent authorized budget, property tax rates, general fund financial solvency and taxable property valuations.

### Action

The Board moved to approve three overnight, out of state student trip requests including: March 24-26 ROCCS overnight retreat; May 10-11 High School Science field trip to St. Louis and May 22-25 Senior Trip **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Stevenson **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the early graduation request for a junior student to graduate this year as the student will have completed all requirements by May 2023. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve operational sharing positions for 2023-2024: Superintendent position, Human Resources Director position, Transportation Director position, and licensed master social worker **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Stevenson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve the following resignations: Donna Binning as School Nurse effective February 3, 2023 ; Rikki Waetzig Special Education paraeducator effective end of school year which qualifies for the Early Notice Incentive of \$750 and Samantha Swigart High School Softball Coach effective March 1, 2023 **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Stevenson Motion carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve the hiring of an additional special education paraeducator for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year for one-to-one services for an elementary special education student. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Stevenson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve the hiring of Alex Burnette, a certified teacher to teach K-12 Art for the 2023-2024 school year. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins Motion carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve the informed consent document required by Ahlers and Cooney. The informed consent is necessary since Ahlers and Cooney represent both Mt. Ayr and Lamoni. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Stevenson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve the County Emergency Management Plan Resolution, which designates Lamoni Community School District as a county partner that will work to meet the goals and objectives detailed in the county plan. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Topics for discussion next month**

Items for review and discussion next month include:

- FFA State Convention review
- CAIF Grant
- 2023 list of senior graduates
- Collective bargaining strategy meetings
- Board policy review

### **Upcoming Dates**

- Fiscal year 2021-2022 financial audit scheduled for March 20-22, 2023
- Regular Monthly Board Meeting; Tuesday, March 21, 2023; 6:00 p.m.
- Establish public hearing date for school calendar and school budget, (potential date April 12, 2023)
- [IASB Summit on Student Success](#), April 27-28 2023

### **Adjournment**

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. **Motion** made by Director Stevenson; second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Exempt Session**

Under Iowa Code Chapter 20.17(3) for negotiating sessions, strategy meetings of public employers or employee organizations, the Board entered into an exempt session to discuss the timeline for and details relevant to collective bargaining this year.