

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lamoni Community School District

Lamoni High School Room 411

January 11 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

Kathy Lerma-DeNuccio

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, Kathy Lerma-DeNuccio, Kris Stevenson and Zack Mullins

Absent: None

Other: Superintendent Coffelt, Board Secretary Jones, Student Board Member Christian Biwott, two teachers 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 Lerma-DeNuccio Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

The Lamoni School Board toured the middle school to review the hallway ceiling demolition completed over winter break.

Per Board Policy 202.5, Christian Biwott has been selected to be a student representative on the school board for January - May. This was Christian's first meeting in that role.

The School Board reviewed the draft 2023-2024 school year calendar as it was presented. The school calendar will continue to be developed and will be brought back to the board at February's board meeting for further review, with the goal of finalizing at the March Board meeting.

The Board discussed the process that occurs when preparing for 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 are current and future enrollment numbers, solvency, unspent authorized budget, property tax rates, general fund financial solvency and taxable property valuations.

Superintendent Coffelt discussed the opening of the 2023 Iowa legislative session and Governor Reynolds' educational proposals. A legislative report was shared with the board of directors highlighting educational components included in the Governor's Condition of the State.

Action

The Board moved to approve the retirement of Jean Patience, K-12 Art teacher, as well as Keely McMacken, elementary teacher, effective at the end of school year and their qualification for the District \$1000 early notice incentive. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve the hiring of Layne Nowlin for the position of High School Softball Assistant Coach beginning Summer season 2023. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Stevenson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve the readings of board policy 507.09 District Wellness Policy without any changes and the associated regulation, Board policy 507.09R(1). **Motion** by Director Lerma-DeNuccio second by Director Dickey-Kotz. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, the Board moved to approve the purchase of a fully automated timing (FAT) system to be used at home track meets. **Motion** by Director Stevenson second by Director Dickey-Kotz. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board moved to approve the quote from Capital City Kubota to repair the hydrostat system on the Kubota UTV. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Stevenson. Motion carried unanimously.

Topics for discussion next month

Items for review and discussion next month include:

- 2023 Senior Trip review
- 2023 list of senior graduates
- Collective bargaining strategy meeting with administration
- Board policy review: first reading of the 1st half of board policy 500 series

Upcoming Dates

The regular monthly meeting for February, normally the 2nd Wednesday of the month, will need to be rescheduled as 3 board members are unable to attend. A date will be set in the near future.

Adjournment

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. **Motion** made by Director Stevenson; second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. Motion carried unanimously.

Joint Board Work Session

Call to Order

School Board President Pierschbacher called the joint board work session to order at 7:35 pm.

Lamoni Board Directors welcomed the Central Decatur School Board of Directors consisting of CD Board President Amber Swartz, Vice President Cassie Allen, Andrew Sullivan, Sean Saxton and Nick Tharp.

The two boards reviewed the operational sharing positions currently in place between the two districts, including the positions of Superintendent, Human Resources Director and Transportation Director and associated state incentive funding. Directors discussed the potential for areas of expansion and reflected on future opportunities that allow each district to remain independent, but also create opportunities for students and efficiencies for each District. Also discussed was the current legislation affecting education.

Adjournment

The Board moved to adjourn the board work session at 8:30 pm **Motion** made by Director Stevenson; second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. Motion carried unanimously.