

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lamoni Community School District

Lamoni High School Room 411

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

SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nate Pierschbacher, President

Michele Dickey-Kotz, Vice-President

Lisa Jones, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Student Board Representative, Christian Biwott

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, Kris Stevenson and Kathy Lerma-DeNuccio

Zack Mullins joined us at 6:25p.m. Michele Dickey-Kotz joined at 6:50 p.m.

Absent: None

Other: Superintendent Coffelt, Board Secretary Jones, Student Board Director Christian Biwott, Pk-12 Principal and three community members.

Agenda

The Board moved to approve the February 21 meeting agenda, open enrollment requests presented, list of monthly bills and monthly financials as presented. **Motion** by Director Stevenson, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio **Motion** carried unanimously.

Citizen Communication

No one attending addressed the board during citizens communication

Discussion

Principal Radloff spoke about the recognition of two students, Meredith Howell and Heatua Paredes who both received 1 ratings at the High School Speech Association. Heatua also received an All-Star rating which only 400 students out of 9000 across the state receive. Heatua has received this recognition two years in a row.

Superintendent Coffelt reviewed a district communication that was shared with community, staff, students and parents regarding "swatting". Swatting is the action or practice of making a prank call to emergency services in an attempt to bring about the dispatch of a large number of armed police officers to a particular address. The District communication was sent in response to the fact that many school districts in Iowa were affected by false reports of an active shooter on their campuses on Tuesday, March 21.

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 30 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. Board Directors spent time discussing

Action

The Board moved to approve the overnight student trip request from the Lamoni FFA Chapter and sponsor to attend the FFA State Convention, April 16-18, 2023 in Ames. **Motion** by Director Lerma-DeNuccio, second by Director Stevenson **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the list of graduates for May 2023, pending successful completion of graduation requirements. **Motion** by Director Stevenson, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the following 2023-2024 cooperative athletic sponsorships: Bowling, Lamoni to host Central Decatur; Wrestling, Central Decatur to host Lamoni; and Southern Tier Girls Wrestling, Central Decatur to host with Lamoni, CD, Mt Ayr and Wayne schools participating. **Motion** by Director Stevenson second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the first reading of the following board policies, 701.05 new; 701.05R(1) new, 705.01 rewrite and 705.01R(2) rewrite. **Motion** by Director Stevenson, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to table the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 District Audit until the April 12 Board meeting. **Motion** by Director Lerma-DeNuccio second by Director Stevenson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The board moved to approve the 2023-2024 published tax rate of \$18.51 per \$1000 and a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, April 12 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The **motion** was made by Director Lerma-DeNuccio and seconded by Dickey-Kotz. **Motion carried unanimously**

The Board moved to approve the 2-year agreement with the City of Lamoni for use of the North Park Baseball and Softball fields from March 2023 through May 2025. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to approve the resignation letter from Linda Perkins effective end of her contract, June 2023. This resignation qualified for the Early Notice Incentive of \$500 . **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board moved to move Cindy Pitt from an elementary classroom teacher to a half time position as a K-6 Title Teacher. Lacey Johnson was approved as an elementary teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion made by Dickey-Kotz to approve Layne Nowlin as the High School Softball coach. Motion died for lack of a second.

Topics for discussion next month

Items for review and discussion next month include:

- 2023-2024 SWCC Class offerings
- Summer 2023 Mowing agreement
- Collective bargaining strategy meetings
- Board policy review

Upcoming Dates

- April 12, 2023, 5:00 p.m. School Board Work Session
- April 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 budget and school calendar with regular board meeting to follow
- [IASB Summit on Student Success](#), April 27-28 2023

Adjournment

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. **Motion** made by Director Stevenson; second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. Motion carried unanimously.