

LAMONI SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

May 12, 2021, 4:00 p.m.
High School Media Center

School Board of Directors

Chip Millslagle, President
Michele Dickey-Kotz, Vice President

Larry Heltenberg
Kris Stevenson

Nate Pierschbacher
Lisa Jones, Board Secretary/Treasurer

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. The Board will conduct its meetings electronically when necessary and make those meetings accessible to the public through the following access phone number (US)+1 601-680-7134 PIN: 601 110 630#

The Lamoni School Board of Education met in a Regular Session on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Chip Millslagle, Michele Dickey-Kotz, Nate Pierschbacher, and Larry Heltenberg

Absent: Kris Stevenson

Others in attendance: Superintendent Coffelt, Principal Dykens and Board Secretary Jones and multiple guests joined via Google Meet and in person

AGENDA

The following items were approved:

- The Board moved to approve the May 12 School board agenda, Financial reports, May 3 and April 14 School Board Minutes and an open enrollment request for the upcoming school year for a qualifying reason due to a family move. **Motion by Director Heltenberg second by Director Pierschbacher. Motion carried unanimously.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board moved to approve the 21-22 Certified Staff tentative agreement. **Motion by Director Dickey-Kotz second by Director Heltenberg. Motion carried unanimously.**
- The Board moved to approve three resignations submitted for next year, including: PK-12 Guidance Counselor Amanda Mitchell; 5-12th grade Band and 7-12 Choir Director Aaron Comer and Special Education Paraeducator Leatha Hepburn, effective the end of the 2020-2021 contract. **Motion by Director Heltenberg, second by Director Pierschbacher. Motion carried unanimously.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- **Staff appreciation week**

Board President Millslagle read the following recognition for staff appreciation week:

Established by the National PTA back in 1984, it is a time to honor the individuals who lend their passion and skills to educating our children.

To be honest, given what we have all experienced, we should call this Staff Appreciation Year. As our schools adapted to keep students and staff safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, our staff turned 100 years of education upside-down in order to support their students no matter what.

Whether in the classroom or online, Lamoni Staff have been a constant presence for students during a time that has been filled with uncertainty for all of us. Our staff provided learning in person, remotely and online, in large part to provide a sense of normalcy and connection for their students. And through it all, they dealt with COVID-19, from illnesses in their own and students' families, to concern for their own health and well-being.

There has been a lot of talk over the past year about essential workers. Lamoni Community School Staff showed themselves, time and again, how essential they have been to our students and our community. We cannot let the end of this week mark the end of our appreciation.

- **May is School Board Appreciation Month "School Boards: Leading Through Uncharted Waters."**

Superintendent Coffelt read the following recognition for school board appreciation month:

Over the past year, leadership at the board table has come with challenges and decisions no one could have anticipated. School boards have made tough choices that impact the health and safety of students, staff and the school community, while continuing to prioritize student achievement and educational equity.

In a normal year, as unpaid volunteers, you work diligently to ensure our schools provide the best education possible for Lamoni's future citizens. In 2020, you've persevered and led through uncharted waters to make critical decisions without even a map to navigate these challenges.

- **School Board Directors**

Two (2) School Board Directors are up for re-election November 2021. Also, following the resignation of Director Heltenberg, the Board discussed the process for appointing a person to fill the vacancy beginning in June until the November election. The Board will follow the process Iowa CodeXXXX

- **Budget Amendment:** An amendment allows the District to review expenses for the current fiscal year and make adjustments as needed without changing the overall amount of the total budget. The published amendment and reasons for the adjustments were reviewed with the School Board.

- **Lamoni PK-12 Principal Search Process**

Superintendent Coffelt reviewed the timeline and process that will be followed to successfully secure a PK-12 Principal for the 21-22 school year.

UPCOMING DATES

- Budget Amendment Public Hearing, Wednesday, May 26, 2021; 5:00 p.m.
- Regular School Board meeting, June 9, 2021; 6:00 p.m.
- School Board Work Session for District facilities needs assessment June 9 following the School Board meeting.

ADJOURN

- The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 p.m. *Motion by Director Heltenberg, second by Director Dickey-Kotz Motion carried unanimously.*