

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lamoni Community School District

Lamoni High School Room 411

November 9, 2022; 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

Call to Order

School Board President Pierschbacher called the Board Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Nate Pierschbacher, Kathy Lerma-DeNuccio, Zack Mullins, and Michele Dickey-Kotz

Absent: Kris Stevenson

Other: Superintendent Coffelt, Board Secretary Jones, five Lamoni FFA members and their advisor, Liz Carpenter and two guests.

Agenda

The Board moved to approve the November 9 meeting agenda, October 26 meeting minutes, the November 11 financial reports shared with the board, and list of November bills. Motion by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Lerma-DeNuccio Motion carried unanimously.

Learning Link

Five (5) FFA members and Lacey Whitaker, Lamoni FFA Chapter Advisor, shared highlights from their experience attending the 2022 FFA National Convention in Indianapolis. This event continues to be an important leadership development experience for students and the chapter.

Board Reports

Lisa Jones, School Business Official, presented the 21-22 Fiscal Year reports featuring information from the certified annual report. This included sharing revenues and expenses from the 22-22 fiscal year, unspent authorized budget (UAB) report, solvency ratio and fund balances. The transportation report was reviewed as well as special education. Current year enrollment numbers, as well as upcoming capital projects were also reviewed.

Discussion and Action Items

- The Board moved to approve the 21-22 Fiscal year in review as presented. **Motion** by Director Mullins, second by Director Dickey-Kotz Motion carried unanimously.
- Nominations were opened for the role of School Board President. Michele Dickey-Kotz nominated Nate Pierschbacher. There were no other nominations at this time. The Board moved to approve Nate Pierschbacher as School Board President **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins Motion carried unanimously. Board Secretary Lisa Jones administered the oath of office.
- Nominations were opened for the School Board Vice President; Zack Mullins nominated Michele Dickey-Kotz. The Board moved to approve Michele Dickey-Kotz as School Board Vice President. There were no other nominations at this time. **Motion** by Director Mullins, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. Motion carried unanimously. Board Secretary Lisa Jones administered the oath of office.
- Nominations were opened to select a Board Secretary/Treasurer; Michele Dickey-Kotz nominated Lisa Jones for Board Secretary/Treasurer. There were no other nominations at this time. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins Motion carried unanimously. President Pierschbacher administered the oath of office.

- The Board moved to approve the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. In Room 411 at Lamoni High School, Room 411 for board meetings. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve the Lamoni Chronicle as the official newspaper publication for the school district. **Motion** by Director Mullins, second by Director Dickey-Kotz Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve Verle Norris as legal counsel for the school district for local matters and Ahlers & Cooney for more complex legal matters. **Motion** by Director Lerma-DeNuccio, second by Director Mullins Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve Nate Pierschacher, Michele Dickey-Kotz and Lisa Jones as signers for District checks. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board moved to approve American State Bank and BTC Bank as the District depositories with a maximum deposit of \$5,000,000. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Mullins Motion carried unanimously.
- Student enrollment is one of seven district financial data drivers identified by the Iowa Association of School Boards that should be monitored and reviewed by the Board of Education. The Board received information from Superintendent Coffelt regarding the district and course enrollment data for the 22-23 school year, including certified and served, open in and out, grade level, student demographic (ELL, Special Education, Free and Reduced Lunch) and CTE course enrollment data points and trends. The Lamoni school district is up 23.4 students from last year and has a certified enrollment of 336.8 students. The Board discussed the extent to which courses offered met student needs for college and career readiness, as well as for local and regional workforce development. Areas of continued growth and expansion will continue to be explored in the areas of EMT, aviation and computer science.
- Board Policy 407.1 and 413.1 were reviewed as a discussion item only. The potential for the development of an early notification incentive will be brought back to the December board meeting for Board review..
- The Board moved to approve the first reading of the following updated Board Policies: 401.14, 402.02, 408.01, 601.02, 602.01, 602.02, 602.03, 605.01, 605.01R1, 605.02, 605.03R1, 605.03E1, 605.03E2, 605.03E3, 605.03E4, 605.04, 605.05 and 802.04. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. Motion carried unanimously.
- The board moved to approve the modified supplemental amount for one-time funding for increased enrollment in the amount of \$173,464.20. **Motion** by Director Dickey-Kotz, second by Director Lerma-DeNuccio. Motion carried unanimously.
- HVAC Projects will be reviewed and bids approved at the Monday, November 21 board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Items for Consideration Next Month

At the regular board meeting on Wednesday, December 14, Amy Sellars will highlight the November 15 Rachel's Challenge student assembly and club.

Upcoming Dates

School Board Convention, November 16-17

School Board Special Session: Review of HVAC Project Bids; Monday, November 21, 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Regular Monthly board meeting, Wednesday, December 14 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. **Motion** made by Director Dickey-Kotz; second by Lerma-Nuccio Motion carried unanimously.