

LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

7:00 PM

HS Library

Present: Superintendent, Dr. Mark Mansell and board members: Wendy Chord, Bob Taylor, Todd Jones and Eric Lindberg

Absent: Cris Yaw

Administrators: Pete Rosenkranz, Carol Patton, Kurt Gray, Matt Cooke, Amy Neiman, Scott Lincoln, Laurie Landerholm

Guests: Warren Westerberg and various community members

Minutes taken by: Laurie Kansanback and Tammy Lichliter

Part 1.0 – CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Chord called to meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the flag salute.

Corrections and Changes:

Elementary School handbook added to consent agenda.

Audience and board Communication:

Say Something Positive: Mr. Lindberg attended the graduation ceremony, it was very nice and shows students in their “prime” representing La Center. Also thanked Laurie Kansanback and Mark Mansell for what they have done for the district. Eric is sorry to see Mark go, but he wishes him the best and the best to Laurie in her new position. Mr. Jones commented that Laurie did a phenomenal job in her role as Asst. to Superintendent and that she will do well in her new position. He is also sorry to see Mark go as he has learned a lot from him. He has done so much for our district and our community. Mr. Jones also commented that the girls’ softball team became state champions and were undefeated. They played so well as a team. They all stepped up to help the pitcher, Abby England, when her arm was sore after pitching all season. Abby was named MVP by WIAA and was Regional Athlete for all of her freshman, sophomore and junior years. This is a first for an underclassman. Mr. Taylor said that after his 18+ years on the board, the best decision he ever made was to hire Dr. Mark Mansell. Laurie also did a phenomenal job, he cannot say enough good things. Mrs. Chord commented that the list of achievements on the Elementary Board Report was very overwhelming. It is amazing to think about the hours of work that went into everything on that list. She is glad that Laurie is staying in district and also thanked Mark for everything he has done to help her grow personally and professionally. Dr. Mansell thanked the board for their support and leadership not just for himself, but for our kids and our staff. He feels fortunate to have been a part of the team. He thanked Laurie for being an equal partner and he will greatly miss her. Mr. Rosenkranz thanked Mark as well. He also commented that the teachers in the SPED department are an amazing group of teachers that meet a variety of kids’ needs. They find creative ways to connect with our kids. Ms. Patton thanked the board for hiring Mark 11 years ago. He has been a wonderful teacher. She also commented that the math program is helping students

immensely. Jeffrey Mayolo won a state trigonometry competition. He is moving on to the national competition. Mr. Gray commented that it was a year full of learning for his first year. Hard work has gone in to the HSA and LINX program. Three students that attended the LINX program graduated this year. Mr. Cooke is done with his Admin Certificate. He thanked the board, Mark and Carol for their support. Mrs. Neiman shared that for the ELA adoption K-12, many teachers and community members have been working hard to make sure the materials will be the best for our kids. She would like to adopt the materials by the end of July. Mr. Lincoln commented that we are lucky to have all the people we have on staff. Losing Mark is very sad, but he will still be involved in different ways. Laurie is not leaving the district, but moving into a different role. We have also gained some wonderful new staff. Mrs. Landerholm commented that last year, 13 eighth grade students were required to attend summer school. This year, only 2 will attend summer school. She thanked the students and staff for their hard work. She also thanked Mark for all of his hard work. Mr. Soske thanked Mark for his mentorship, teaching and trust. He also stated that he was not sure if he would accept the Gladys Giberson Award that was presented to him at the graduation ceremony as he thought so many people come together as a team. He is honored and after some thought, he is accepting the award. Mrs. Chord commented that she thought that he and Mrs. Soske deserved the award together. Dr. Mansell agreed. It took sacrifice from the entire family.

PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA (will be acted upon with a single motion unless a board member desires to remove an item from the agenda)

Motion 15/16-48

made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve consent agenda with exception of HS Handbook

2.1 Approval of Minutes

- A. [Minutes of regular meeting held on May 24th, 2016](#)

2.2 Vouchers

- A. Payroll for June in an amount not to exceed \$1,075,000.00
- B. GF warrants [#91399-91567](#) in the amt of \$217,714.37
- C. CF warrants [#1461-1463](#) in the amt of \$95,712.67
- D. ASBF warrants [#9473-9501](#) in the amt of \$50,668.92
- E. PPF warrant [#258](#) in the amt of \$10.61
- F. Spec GF warrants [#91335-91337](#) in the amt of \$3,418.17
- G. Spec ASBF warrant [#9472](#) in the amt of \$1,750.00
- H. Spec PPF warrant [#257](#) in the amt of 296.37
- I. Spec GF warrant [#91568](#) in the amt of \$113,177.19

2.3 Personnel

- A. Certified
 - 1. Lisa Halstrom, ES Counselor
 - 2. Certified Staff List for 2016-2017 School Year
[\(See attached\)](#)
- B. Classified
 - 1. Rachel Gregg, Para Educator II in ACE program

2.4 Donations

- A. Squat rack to HS weight room from Ryan Paul of New Athlete with

a value of \$1,200

2.5 Other Items for Board Review

- A. Superintendent's Report
 - 1. Principals' Report
 - a. Elementary School
 - b. Middle School
 - c. High School
 - 2. Director of Teaching and Learning
 - 3. Director of Technology
 - 4. Director of Special Education
 - 5. Budget Report
 - a. Budget Status
 - b. Cash Flow Analysis
 - c. Cash Flow Analysis Chart
 - 6. Enrollment Report
 - a. Enrollment History Graph
 - b. FTE Enrollment
 - c. Head Count Enrollment
 - 7. Impact Fee Report
- B. Supplemental Materials Adoption: (See attached)
- C. Handbooks
 - 1. LINX Pathway Student Guide (See attached)
 - 2. High School Handbook (See attached) moved to Agenda Part 6.05
 - 3. Elementary School Handbook (See attached)

Motion Carried

A community member offered a comment on Consent Agenda 2.3.A.2 stating that we have amazing teachers, but has witnessed or heard about teachers that are struggling or are not on the path to success. He offered to help as we have an opportunity to do better in supporting those staff members.

PART 3.0 - LINKAGE

3.1 Leadership Team Showcase: Mr. Cooke was amazed with 1 individual, Ashley Hemold. He witnessed her do something she loved. She qualified for district and state competition in gymnastics. He is grateful that the board allowed for the co-op for gymnastics. He would like the board's support to continue with other co-op opportunities as they arise. Mr. Jones had questions about graduation for LINX students. Does there need to be individual support for these students? Should they be allowed to walk at the graduation ceremony? What is the best way the board can support these students. Ms. Patton, the HS Principal will have a recommendation to the board after discussion. Mrs. Neiman commented that for students that are in the LINX program, they may have had adverse childhood experiences. They are set apart from other students. Dr. Mansell added that students have different challenges in their life. Kids also thrive in different environments. Incredibly bright students choose the skills center pathway. The mold needs to be broken that LINX is only for struggling students. Mr. Holmes will need to be brought into this discussion. A community member expressed that the discussion on alternative learning opened her heart. We need more alternatives for learning to keep up with the times. Mr. Jones spoke about students and Navigation. After meeting with students, Navigation was the biggest issue with high school students. Ms. Patton stated that

there will be a new program in the fall. Freshman Navigation will be centered around learning about high school, credits, homework, and how to navigate through high school. Sophomores will focus on their interests and learning about themselves. Juniors will focus on their career choices and how to get there. Seniors will focus on prepping for college and scholarships. This will be worked on this summer. Mr. Jones also brought up the idea of starting the school day 30-45 minutes later. Brain research shows that it is good for students to start their day later, but it would impact sports programs and would also make scheduling more difficult. Mr. Jones would like opinions on starting school later. Mr. Rosenkranz discussed younger students with disabilities are now able to get services through the birth to 3 program. We also contract with Woodland for our 18-21 program. The goal is that we will eventually shift to make La Center's Sped program birth to 21. Mrs. Landerholm stated that students know well ahead of time if they are in danger of not passing. This eliminates the end of the year test for struggling students. Also, the middle school has 120 students taking a pre algebra class next year, 45 of those are in 6th grade. There is also an 8th grade geometry class next year. Mr. Lincoln had mixed feelings with bringing up the gender issue regarding restrooms, PE and health classes. It was appreciated that he brought up this issue. The board will make decisions on how to best support all of our students. Ms. Patton commented that the state will require all students to have 24 credits to graduate starting with the graduating class of 2019. Our district has required this since 2008.

PART 4.0 – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE (*Monitoring Reports*) ACTION REQUIRED

4.1 Monitoring Report: EL-6: Staff Evaluations

Motion 15/16-49

made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve Monitoring Report EL-6 as submitted.

Motion Carried

PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY

None this month.

PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

6.05 High School Handbook: Mr. Taylor would like to add speaking for success to the handbook. This applies to students and staff. We need to instill in our students the correct manner in which they should be speaking. Students should not have to hear foul language at school. The board trusts Ms. Patton to add an appropriate statement about "speaking for success" to the handbook.

Motion 15/16-50

made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve as written, with the caveat that Dr. Mansell and leadership add an appropriate statement to the handbook.

Motion Carried

6.1 Contract with LCEF per RCW385.21.278:

Motion 15/16-51

made by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Mr. Jones
to approve LCEF contract as written.

Motion Carried

6.2 Facilities Projects Update:

- Signed contract for field house with Colf Construction.
- The Community Garden has an amazing amount of donations.
- The baseball field draining project has an outstanding crew of volunteers working on it.
- Utilities for the new portables are currently going in.
- The flooring in the upper gym is being refinished.
- We are currently accepting bids on the new reader board.
- There are new drapes in the theater and a full-sized screen for large format video.
- The middle school gym now has a water bottle filling station.
- The district passed all tests for lead in the water.

6.3 Superintendent Transition Update: Dr. Mansell and Dave Holmes have been in constant communication. Mr. Holmes met with leadership at their June 24th meeting. The transition is going very well.

6.4 July Meeting Schedule:

- A. No Workshop
- B. Regular Meeting moved to Monday, July 25th

PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SSSION

7.1 Superintendent’s informal evaluation: The board adjourned to executive session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent’s evaluation.

Reconvened at 8:59 p.m. No action is required.

PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board Chair

Board Member

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