

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

Minutes
May 27, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Present: Superintendent Mark Mansell, and board members Melissa Miller, Bob Taylor, Cris Yaw, Don Phillips and Wendy Chord

Minutes taken by: Laurie Kansanback

Administrators: Dave Holmes, Carol Patton, David Cooke, Lauri Landerholm, Scott Lincoln and Bonnie Lock

Staff: Dan Bentson-Royal & Janice Broten

Presenter: Lydia Denney, 6th Grade Student

Guests: Josh Soske, Brian Deans, Dale & Nancy Smith, Wendy McGraw and numerous students

PART I – CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Corrections to the Agenda:

None.

Motion 07/08-54

made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Chord,
to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 22,
2008 and minutes of the Board workshop meeting held May
13, 2008.

Motion Carried

Audience and Board Communication:

“Say Something Positive”

Mr. Taylor started off with praise for the job the MS Choir did at their concert. Also, he enjoyed the MS Talent Show and admires the courage of those students who performed. Mr. Taylor would also like to thank the bond committee for their effort in the last bond campaign. Mrs. Yaw stated that she appreciates all the work done by our fiscal officer, Brett Blechschmidt. He does an outstanding job. Mrs. Chord thanked Dr. Mansell for all that he does for our students, staff, and community. Also, all the patience displayed by our teachers using DIBELS. Dr. Phillips shared that he was able to make a trip to Idaho to see family and attend a graduation at his Alma Mater. The trip was fantastic! Mrs. Miller congratulated the HS Softball team for making it to State and ending up with 3rd. Also, she made mention of the HS Track teams efforts at State. Our athletic program just keeps getting better and better. Mrs. Miller also thanked the bond committee for their efforts. She knows how hard everyone worked and really appreciates it. And, on a final note, Mrs. Miller congratulated Dr. Mansell on recently earning his Doctorate in Educational Leadership. Dr. Mansell thanked both the Facility Advisory Committee and the Bond Committee for their tremendous energy and selfless commitment to the bond effort. Mr. Holmes thanked Mrs. Bisbee (long term sub) for everything she did this past year to help out our students. He also thanked retiring teachers Pam Nesland and Nancy

Stupfel for their years of service. We have been able to secure quality folks to fill the void so that is a positive. Mrs. Landerholm shared her sense that this year's Student Led Conferences (SLC) were a huge success. Her preliminary numbers indicate over 95% of students attended. School Board members echoed her sentiment that the SLC were very successful. Mr. Cooke thanked the MS staff for having done great through what has proved to be a difficult year. It is very exciting that they are willing to try new stuff in the interest of improved student learning. Ms. Patton thanked Heather Yaw for the excellent job she has done filling in for Rita Persic this past year. She also thanked Scott Lincoln for all his hard work this year as well as Wendy Chord for all her volunteer work. In addition, Ms. Patton offered kudos to elementary music teachers Tonya McCord and Brenda McKay for the excellent job they do. Mr. Lincoln mentioned Kindy Orientation and the fact that virtually every student enrolled for kindergarten was represented at orientation. Mrs. Lock echoed others in her praise of the great effort put forth by the bond committee. Mr. Bentson-Royal passed on great wishes from a former employee (Duane Hamlin) that he was fortunate to run into. Mr. Soske took a moment to thank the Board (and Wendy in particular) for all their help and support in the bond effort. Also, he praised the music programs in both the elementary school and the middle school.

Public Input

None

Consent Agenda will be acted upon with a single motion unless a board member desires to remove an item from the agenda.

Motion 07/08-55 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Phillips,
to approve the consent agenda as follows:

6. Vouchers
 - A. May payroll in an amount not to exceed \$615,000.00
 - B. General Fund Warrant #71590 in the amount of \$449.04
 - C. General Fund Warrants #71459-71589 in the amount of \$291,581.73
 - D. Capital Projects Fund Warrant #1305 in the amount of \$56.00
 - E. ASB Fund warrants #7053-7085 in the amount of \$21,394.20

7. Personnel
 - A. Certificated:
 1. Kristen Arave, HS Integrated Math Teacher
 2. Brian Zylstra, HS English/SS Teacher
 3. Karen Gozart, HS English Teacher
 4. Monica Klump, 5th Grade Teacher
 5. Amy Wise, ES Summer School Teacher
 6. Warren Westerberg, Outdoor School Director
 7. Certificated Staff Recommendations for 2008-09 SY (See attached)

8. Donations
 - A. Legacy Health System, \$200 on behalf of Julianne Johnson and Denice Larson for their volunteering
 - B. Hallmark, Stickers, Gift Bags, Tissue and Bows via Crystal Sharpe
 - C. Julie Campbell, New Set of 14 Books to MS Library
 - D. Zach Dunwoody, 2 Books to MS Library

9. Other items for Board Review:
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 1. Principals' Report
 2. Curriculum Director's Report
 3. Technology Director's Report
 4. Enrollment Report
 5. Budget Report
 6. Cash Flow Analysis
 7. Impact Fee Report
 - B. Correspondence
 1. Letter from and response to Miss Amanda Moudy
 2. Clark County Skills Center – Letter re: Phillip Pettit
 3. ESD112 – Letter re: Harvard Institute for School Leadership
 - C. Curriculum Adoption (See attached)
 - D. Lunch Price Increase (See attached)

Motion Carried

PART II – LINKAGE

10. Middle School Linkage – 6th Grade Travel Fair: Sixth grader Lydia Denney shared her presentation on Tanzania with the Board. Ms. Denney did an excellent job of explaining the assignment, what she had learned and how the assignment had changed her world view.

PART III – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE

11. Monitoring Report: EL-15 Instructional Materials Selection

Motion 07/08-56

made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Yaw to approve EL-15 Instructional Materials Selection monitoring report as presented.

Motion Carried

PART IV – WRITTEN POLICY

12. Waiver Request: A one year waiver of District Policy 2410 & 2410P (High School Graduation Requirements) is being requested.

Motion 07/08-57

made by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Taylor, To approve the request for a one year waiver of District Policy 2410 & 2410P (High School Graduation Requirements).

Motion Carried

- 13. Review of GP-9 Board Members' Code of Conduct: No changes were recommended for this policy.
- 14. Review of GP-10 Board Members' Covenants: No changes were recommended for this policy.

PART V – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

- 15. Clark College Invitation for June 2nd: Mrs. Miller and Dr. Mansell will plan to attend this meeting to discuss ways in which Clark College can work to meet the needs of future students.
- 16. Bond Results: Bond Committee member Brian Deans shared statistics about the lack of registered voters in the district. There was some discussion around why the recent bond effort may have failed. After some further discussion of options the board determined that the best course of action for the time being is to take the summer to reflect and come back in the fall ready to reassess the situation.
- 17. June Workshop Agenda: Because Dr. Mansell will be out of the office for a good portion of the month of July, the Board decided to move the July retreat to June 10th in place of the June workshop. Retreat agenda items will include the Annual Board Agenda, Ends Policies, Facility Needs and the Board Meeting and Workshop Calendar for 2008/2009 school year.

PART VI – EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed.

PART VI – ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

- 18. Signing of Board Documents: (GP-2-E)

Board Chair

Member

Member

Member

Member

Board Secretary