



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021
7:00 PM
HS Stadium**

Board Members Present: Wendy Chord, Todd Jones, Eric Lindberg, Win Muffett, Cris Yaw

Board Members Absent:

Superintendent: Peter Rosenkranz

Administrators: Michelle O'Neil, Carrie Lindsay, Carol Patton, Lauri Landerholm, Matt Cooke, Den Bentson, Greg Hall, Nancy Carner Dan Ruiz, Mike Nolan

Staff and Guests: Anke Yarnell, Shannon Freimuth, Zach Krbee, Bethann Flack, Justine Stimmel, Danielle Whitham, Brittini Lasseigne, Monty Winton, Terence Bardue, Amber Namanny, Christa Rubadue, Terresa Holmes, Nicole Andrell, Shirin Elkoshairi, Brian and Brittany Hemry, Shannon Cluphf, Bo Oeltjen, Dolcie Niemi

Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

PART 1.0 – CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM

Mr. Jones called the regular meeting to order with the flag salute at 7:02 p.m.

Corrections and Changes:

Mr. Jones asked that the board say anything, not necessarily something positive, during the say something positive communication. Mr. Rosenkranz added survey under 6.0.

Audience and Board Communication

Say something positive:

Mr. Jones stated that he believes in vaccines, but he does not believe in mandates. He is disappointed at the mandate made by the state. We all have choice, but he believes that is being lost in this state and he is upset about it. Putting something in your body that could affect your health should be a personal choice. He doesn't believe people should lose their jobs over it, it effects schools improperly. Mr. Muffett stated that it is day 527 after 15 days to slow the spread. The mandates forced upon us that come from what is supposed to be an emergency. At some point, we have to manage the crisis. It is a respiratory virus that will never go away just like the cold or flu. He stated he is a huge believer in vaccines, and he fought for teachers to be added to the list to receive the vaccines when they were first made available, but we should not force vaccines on our teachers. Our local policy reflects that people have the right to self-determination, but the state has taken it out of our hands. It is not right

for the state to take away local decisions from those in this community. There is not a lot we can do, but we will try to stand up for what is right. Mr. Lindberg said that Mr. Jones and Mr. Muffet covered it very well, so he was going to say something positive. He is looking forward to seeing the new middle school. Seeing pictures of where we are at is exciting. It is so close to being there. He is a contractor, so he knows what it takes to get over the last hurdle. He thanked Mr. Holes and everyone that participated in the construction. Mrs. Yaw said that school is right around the corner and she is excited about it. The school board is focused on the children learning reading writing and math to maximize their potential. The district reaches the bulk of the students and for those that learn differently or have learning difficulties, we reach out to those kids. It is what we are responsible for, getting rid of barriers and helping kids learn. Kids are what we fight for. Mrs. Chord said that she completely supports our school board. When reading about other school boards that have issues with each other, she said that this board may not always agree, but they are able to communicate and we are here to make sure kids get an education. We do that by working with the staff and community. She pointed out that in tonight's resolution, it states that families are the first teachers of our children. We value respectful input from our community and we listen to them. She said these times have been hard on the board as well and we recognize that. Mr. Rosenkranz stated that he had many conversations about having the board meeting outside and it turned out pretty well. He said that it takes courage for the board to listen to all of the comments from the community. It also takes courage for the community to speak about what is on their mind. He believes that families are the first teachers of their students hands down. Schools have kids 180 days out of a year. The time is short, but it is important. The work we do every day is for the kids. He also commented that the maintenance and custodial crew did a great job this summer. Not only is the new MS coming along, but the P-5 campus is looking better every day. Ms. Patton stated that we are ready to go, she wants to get students in the buildings!

Public Input on Non Agenda Items:

Brittini Lasseigne spoke in favor of the mask mandate and against the board letter to the DOH. She believes masks will help protect students. Terresa Holmes stated that she believes the district should record their meetings as a standard practice. Shirin Elkoshairi is against the board letter to the DOH. He stated he would like the board to focus on curriculum and education. Bethann Flack spoke about not having her kids in government school and to not ask permission for our rights. Justine Stimmel spoke against the mask mandate and the immunization mandate for school staff. Shannon Cluphf spoke against the board letter to the DOH due to the rising cases of covid in children. Bo Oeltjen spoke about the Covid protocols that were put in place, but are now gone, he would like to see them return for safety reasons. His kids will not attend LC schools this year. Dolcie Niemi spoke against the letter to the DOH as she believes masks should be worn in schools for children's safety. She believes the letter should not be the board's personal opinions.

PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA –

Motion 20/21-79

made by Mrs. Chord, seconded by Mrs. Yaw to approve the consent agenda as follows:

2.1 Approval of Minutes

A. [Minutes of Board Meeting July 27, 2021](#)

2.2 Vouchers

- A. Payroll for this month not to exceed \$1,700,000.00
- B. [GF warrants #99062-99085 in the amt. of \\$27,444.65](#)
- C. [CF warrants #1938-1945 in the amt. of \\$33,998.32](#)

- D. [GF ACH warrants #202100261-20210262 in the amt. of \\$872.39](#)
- E. [CF ACH warrants #202100263-202100264 in the amt. of \\$3,234,494.96](#)
- F. [GF ACH warrants #202100268-202100270 in the amt. of \\$1,814.44](#)
- G. [CF ACH warrants #202100266-202100267 in the amt. of \\$2,195,270.91](#)
- H. [GF warrants #99086-99119 in the amt. of \\$78,352.45](#)
- I. [CF warrants #1946-1955 in the amt. of \\$47,590.55](#)

2.3 Personnel

A. Certified

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B. Classified

- 1. Tasha Clinton, Part-time temporary HR Clerk effective 8/3/21
- 2. Diane Johnson, resignation from Asst. Cook/Cashier at HS to accept Head Cook at HS effective 9/7/21
- 3. Tammy Johnson, MS Asst. Cook effective 9/7/21
- 4. Jamie Chambers ES Food Server/Dishwasher effective 9/7/21
- 5. Kristi Carter, resignation ES Para I effective 7/27/21
- 6. Rebecca McLachlan, resignation ES Para I effective 7/29/21
- 7. Auzsha Jolley, HS Asst. Cook/Cashier effective 9/7/21

C. Athletics

2.4 Donations

None this month.

2.5 Other Items for Board Review

A. Reports

- 1. [Superintendent](#)
 - 2. [Elementary School](#)
 - 3. [Middle School](#)
 - 4. [High School](#)
 - 5. [Home School Academy– None this month](#)
 - 6. [Director of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities](#)
 - 7. [Director of Technology – None this month](#)
 - 8. [Director of Student Services](#)
 - 9. [Director of Teaching and Learning](#)
 - 10. [Library– None this month](#)
 - 11. Enrollment Reports- [Head Count, FTE](#)
 - 12. [Monthly Financial Reports – Budget Status, Forecast 5](#)
- B. [Procedure 6220P Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements](#)
- C. [Employee Handbook 21/22 School Year](#)

Motion Carried

PART 3.0 – LINKAGE

3.1 Capital Projects update New Middle School – Dave Holmes and Keith Bloom

The board was given an update that the new middle school should open on time. Small cosmetic items may not be finished by the opening date, but would be shortly thereafter. The health and safety

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inspector will be in the building on Wednesday and the fire system will be tested. The building inspector will also be there so a temporary occupancy permit should be issued soon. The technology department reported that the phones and fiber connections are connected and working. The middle school office can open on Thursday and teachers should be able to get into their classrooms on Monday to prepare for the school year.

PART 4.0 – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE (Monitoring Reports)

Motion 20/21-80

made by Mr. Muffett, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve EL-3 as written:

[4.1 EL-3 Staff Relationships](#)

Motion Carried

PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY

Motion 20/21-81

made by Mrs. Chord, seconded by Mr. Muffett to approve second reading of policy 3122 as written:

5.1 Second reading of [policy 3122](#) Excused and Unexcused Absences

Motion Carried

Motion 20/21-82

made by Mrs. Yaw, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve second reading of GP-8-E as written:

5.2 Second reading of [GP-8-E](#)

Motion Carried

Motion 20/21-83

made by Mrs. Yaw, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve first reading of policy 6220 as written:

5.3 First reading of policy [6220](#) Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements

Motion Carried

5.4 Review [GP-8](#) Agenda Planning – No revisions needed at this time.

PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

- 6.0 Survey (added at beginning of meeting) - A survey to go to parents will identify their plans for the fall. Right now there are approximately equal numbers for and against masks. Student enrollment numbers are currently up, which is good news.

Motion 20/21-84 made by Mr. Muffett seconded by Mrs. Chord to approve resolution 2020-2021-12:

- 6.1 [Resolution 2020/2021-12](#) School Board Commitment to Dignity and Nondiscrimination in Public Education
Mr. Rosenkranz stated that the resolution focuses on all kids’ access to instruction. He stated that his previous position of Asst. Superintendent was split into 2 roles, Director of Special Services, which encompasses special education, McKinney-Vento, Foster Care and a Director of Teaching and Learning which focuses on instructional strategies and is a resource to teachers.

Motion Carried

- 6.2 Letter to WA State DOH from the Board - The board discussed that the letter has a lot of important things in it, but with the mandates, it is out of date. The board would still like to write a letter to express the opinion of the board. There have been enough community members that have asked that the board act on masking in schools. The letter was tabled until the board workshop so that it can be re-written.
- 6.3 Future Agenda Items
- 6.4 **Board Schedule**
Workshop 9/14/21, MS Commons 7:00 PM – MS Grand Opening—The board discussed the workshop and determined that the date would need to be moved since the new MS will not have all of the final touches done by this date. The board workshop was moved to 9/21/21 in the new MS Commons at 6:00 PM.
Board Meeting 9/28/21, MS Commons 7:00 PM

PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

None this month.

PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

[8.1 Review Quarterly Board Self-Assessment June 22, 2021](#)

8.2 Signing of Board Documents

Board Secretary

Board Chair

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member