



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021  
7:00 PM  
VIA Zoom**

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

Board Members Absent:

Superintendent: Peter Rosenkranz

Administrators: Michelle O’Neil, Lauri Landerholm, Dan Bentson, Greg Hall, Nancy Carner Dan Ruiz, Mike Nolan

Staff and Guests: Christa Rubadue, Brittany Hemry, Jennifer Hall, Melanie Gabriel, Craig Whited, Terresa Holmes, Michael Jelineo, Alexis Mills, Karen Ford, Anjela Oeltjen, Heather Grotte, Connie and Charley Majors, Kate Stevens, Makena Campbell, Laurel Wate Waleizer, Robert Zerfing, Justine Stimmel, Dana Hantho, Tara Lundy, Makayla Bannister, Stephanie Holmes, Andrea Austad

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 7:01 p.m.

**Corrections and Changes:** Mr. Rosenkranz added an executive session under Part 7.0 under RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f). It is expected to last ten minutes.

**Audience and Board Communication**

**Say something positive:**

Mr. Muffett spoke about recent graduates of La Center School District. He said that the graduates go into many different fields and the list is impressive; from dental hygienists and nurses to loggers and engineers. There are graduates currently at Harvard, the Air Force Academy, West Point, MIT and Johns Hopkins. This shows that this district turns out kids that are ready for the workforce and for college. What they accomplish is amazing. Mrs. Yaw said that she enjoyed reading that the elementary staff is spreading out into their new space. She is hopeful it will help with learning. She commented that this should be a great school year. Mr. Lindberg offered kudos to the staff and everyone. Things are going well this school year and he is thankful that kids are learning in-person, Mrs. Chord is super excited about the new middle school and she cannot wait for the grand opening. Mr. Jones gave a shout out to the nurses for their work in contact tracing and keeping everyone safe. He appreciates their hard work and dedication. Mr. Rosenkranz pointed out an article in the

Columbian newspaper that featured the new middle school. It was a positive article. He also commented on the reading teams at the elementary school. They are focused on their work in supporting the students in acceleration of reading. These are programs that will help students recover from Covid learning loss. Michelle O'Neil said that as a new employee, she is very pleased with the staff and students at La Center and she said that she was offered a warm welcome. She said that kids are excited to learn and this is a great place to be a kid.

### Public Input on Non Agenda Items:

Robert Zerfing spoke about concerns the following issues: a transgender student using the girls' restroom, a program that asks students to wear shirts with their identifying pronouns on them, why there would be a nicotine detector in the boys' restroom and not the girls' restroom, masks and social distancing- why not on buses; and why if a student has the sniffles and they test negative for Covid, do they have to stay out until their symptoms are gone? Brittany Hemry spoke about a transgender student using the girls' restroom and asked what protocols are there for girls who are afraid to use the restroom and why is half of the population (girls) being left out of the discussion? Justine Stimmel spoke about excluding the public from the HS football game. Why are the tickets not first come first served and is this something that can be changed going forward?

### PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA –

#### Motion 21/22-1

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

#### 2.1 Approval of Minutes

- A. [Minutes of Board Meeting August 24, 2021](#)

#### 2.2 Vouchers

- A. Payroll for this month not to exceed \$1,700,000.00
- B. [GF warrants #99120-99152 in the amt. of \\$52,625.17](#)
- C. [GF prepaid warrants #99153-99155 in the amt. of \\$9,857.19](#)
- D. [GF prepaid ACH warrants #202100271-20210272 in the amt. of \\$30,492.92](#)
- E. [GF ACH warrants #202100274-202100281 in the amt. of \\$1,494.41](#)
- F. [CF warrants #1956-1968 in the amt. of \\$362,272.98](#)
- G. [CF ACH warrant #202100273 in the amt. of \\$57,200.06](#)
- H. [GF warrants #99166-99210 in the amt. of \\$353,668.91](#)
- I. [GF warrants #99156-99165 in the amt. of \\$9,209.10](#)
- J. [GF ACH warrants #212200004-212200020 in the amt. of \\$13,138.47](#)
- K. [ASB warrants #10801-10802 in the amt. of \\$316.52](#)
- L. [ASB ACH warrant #212200021 in the amt. of \\$198.46](#)
- M. [CF warrants #1975-1979 in the amt. of \\$10,581.82](#)
- N. [CF ACH warrants #1969-1974 in the amt. of \\$575,723.64](#)

#### 2.3 Personnel

##### A. Certified

1. Sheila Swiderek-Quinones .41 FTE ES Reading Specialist effective 9/9/21
2. Wanda Young, ES SPED Long Term Substitute, effective 9/13/21
3. Rochelle Stinson, Kindergarten Teacher effective 9/22/21

##### B. Classified

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1. Richard Burson, Custodian, start date TBD
2. Christopher Thomas, Custodian, start date TBD
3. Zachary McRobert, resignation HS Para I, effective 8/26/21
4. Jacob Cornelison, resignation HS Asst. Baseball Coach effective 8/16/21
5. Jennifer Dillard, resignation ASK Assistant, effective 8/16/21
6. Nitoshia Fletcher, temporary Playground Monitor/Support Aide & Mail Courier effective 9/9/21
7. Kelly Sullivan, resignation from ES Para II position 8/26/21 to accept Tech Support Specialist position 8/27/21
8. Derek Neiman, resignation from ASK Director and HS Playground Monitor/Support Aide effective 8/31/21
9. Mame Redwood, MS Para I effective 9/13/21
10. Trisha Mattson, ES Playground Monitor/Support Aide effective 9/7/21
11. Tracey Stimmel, ES Temporary Health Room Aide effective 9/7/21
12. Alisha Taylor, ES Para I effective 9/13/21
13. Nikola Lepley, ES Para I effective 9/15/21
14. Crystal Shealy, MS Cashier/Dishwasher, start date TBD
15. Rick O'Neil, resignation HS Playground Monitor/Support Aide effective 9/4/21
16. Brenda Edwards, resignation Weight Room Attendant effective 9/9/21
17. Danielle Higgins, HS Para I, effective 9/16/21
18. Mame Redwood, resignation MS Para I effective 9/15/21
19. Mandy Cole, Aide & Library Media Tech, effective 9/22/2021

C. Athletics

1. John "Kellan" Sullivan, HS Asst. Football Coach effective 8/16/21
2. Matt Tefs, HS Asst. Football Coach effective 8/16/21
3. Nichole Fenimore, HS Asst. Volleyball Coach effective 8/23/21
4. Valencia Burgess, resignation HS Asst. Track Coach, effective 8/23/21
5. Bailey McManus, resignation MS Asst. Volleyball Coach, effective 8/20/21
6. Mariah Rominger, HS Asst. Volleyball Coach effective 8/20/21
7. Jennifer Hall, resignation from Ticket Taker effective 8/27/21
8. Karl Johnson, resignation from HS Asst. Wrestling Coach effective 8/27/21
9. Jill Scott, resignation from Ticket Taker effective 8/27/21
10. McKenna Moore, MS Asst. Volleyball Coach effective 9/3/21
11. Krystle Hinterlang, HS Fall/Winter Ticket Taker, effective 9/7/21
12. Jennifer Miller, HS Girls' Soccer Clock Operator effective 9/13/21
13. Rick O'Neil, resignation MS Boys' Asst. Basketball Coach effective 9/4/21
14. Jesse Davis, resignation MS Girls' Head Basketball Coach effective 9/2/21
15. Sara Bosch, resignation MS Volleyball Scoreboard and Clock Operator
16. Jody Martin, resignation MS Asst. Wrestling Coach effective 9/1/21
17. Gabriel Bravo, resignation HS Asst. Girls' Golf Coach effective 9/1/21
18. DJ Millay, MS Volleyball Clock Operator effective 9/13/21
19. Heather Heffley, MS Fall/Winter Ticket Taker effective 9/13/21

2.4 Donations

1. Seattle Seahawks Charitable Foundation, \$2,000 to HS Football Program.

2.5 Other Items for Board Review

- A. Reports
  - 1. [Superintendent](#)
  - 2. [Elementary School](#)
  - 3. [Middle School](#)
  - 4. [High School](#)
  - 5. [Home School Academy](#)
  - 6. [Director of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities](#)
  - 7. [Director of Technology](#)
  - 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 3241](#) Student Discipline and 3241F1 – (retires procedure 3200P)
- C. [Procedure 3231](#) Student Records
- D. [Memo: Board Approval of Increase in Adult Lunch Prices](#)
- E. [Minimum Basic Education Compliance 21/22 School Year](#)

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### **PART 3.0 – LINKAGE**

#### 3.1 Teaching and Learning Pre-Linkage – Michelle O’Neil

Michelle discussed the implementation of “Clever.” Clever is a learning platform for K-12 schools that offers a single sign on for students using many resources. This is used for online safety and it is efficient and save for students of all ages. She also spoke about enhancing the elementary reading interventions for students needing extra assistance. Paras are being trained on research-based reading strategies to enhance student literacy. Finally she spoke about assessments that will focus on reading which will show the next steps in guiding the literacy program.

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

None this month.

### **PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY**

#### **Motion 21/22-2**

made by Mr. Lindberg seconded by Mrs. Chord to approve second reading of policy 6220 as written:

#### 5.1 Second reading of policy [6220](#) Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 21/22-3**

made by Mrs. Yaw, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve first reading of policy 3241 as written:

- 5.2 First reading of policy [3241](#) Student Discipline - Incorporates policy 3200 Rights and Responsibilities – (will be retired upon adoption of policy 3241) Organizes behavioral violations by severity levels including behavioral violations for which state law permits considering the use of long-term suspension or expulsion.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 21/22-4**

made by Mr. Muffett, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve first reading of policy 3231 as written:

- 5.3 First reading of policy [3231](#) Student Records Removes withholding of grades and transcripts for students with fines and adds reporting requirement for withholding diplomas.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- 5.4 Review [GP-11](#) Board Members Conflict of Interest - No revisions needed at this time.

**PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION**

- 6.1 Memo - Out of Endorsement Assignment Approvals for 21/22 School Year  
To be acted upon individually as follows:

**Motion 21/22-5**

made by Mr. Jones to approve out of endorsement assignment as follows:

Peter Sloniker – Physical Education

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 21/22-6**

made by Mr. Jones to approve out of endorsement assignment as follows:

Tamara Brightbill – History and Homeroom

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 21/22-7**

made by Mr. Jones to approve out of endorsement assignment as follows:

Rhonda Catchpole – Drama

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 21/22-8** made by Mr. Jones to approve out of endorsement assignment as follows:

Jeremy Ecklund – Physical Education

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 21/22-9** made by Mr. Jones to approve out of endorsement assignment as follows:

Seth Holmes – Physical Education (Racquet Sports)

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 21/22-10** made by Mr. Jones to approve out of endorsement assignment as follows:

Meredith Ott – Homeroom

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 21/22-11** made by Mr. Jones to approve out of endorsement assignment as follows:

Mark Totten – Homeroom

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 21/22-12** made by Mr. Jones to approve out of endorsement assignment as follows:

Shae Wheelchel – Drawing, Exploratory and Homeroom

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 21/22-13** made by Mr. Jones to approve out of endorsement assignment as follows:

Minna Thayer – Computer Science

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 6.2 Future Agenda Items

Cris Yaw stated that she had wanted to participate in the building of the new school and that is why she has stayed on the board until now. Since the new school has opened up, she is turning in her resignation as a board member effective at the end of tonight's board meeting. She said that it is time for someone else to join the board. She said that being on the board has brought her many rewards. She has especially enjoyed working with her fellow board members.

Mr. Jones Thanked Mrs. Yaw for her years of service (2007-2021) and for her leadership. He said that

she has always been the voice of fairness who always looked at all sides of an issue. Mrs. Chord said that it has been a real pleasure to work with her and that she will be missed. She hopes that Mrs. Yaw knows what an asset she has been. Mr. Muffett and Mr. Lindberg both thanked her for her years of service; she will be missed. Mr. Jones then stated that this is a great time for community members to consider joining the board if you live in the area served by position 1 of the district. If anyone is interested, they should email Peter Rosenkranz, Tammy Lichliter or the school board of their interest. The board will then work on appointing someone to fill the rest of Mrs. Yaw’s term.

Mr. Muffett said that the board meetings are for conducting the business of the district. They try to stay on task to meet the needs of the district. Being on the school board is an opportunity to make a difference. It is rewarding and as you can see by the comments that were made in say something positive, the district is producing wonderful students.

6.3 **Board Schedule**

Board/Staff Linkage, 10/12/21, Via Zoom, 3:15 PM

Board Meeting 10/26/21, Via Zoom, 7:00 PM

**PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

7.1 An executive session was added under RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f). It began at 7:58 p.m. It was announced that it was necessary to add 5 minutes to the executive session at 8:08 p.m. The executive session ended at 8:13 p.m.

**PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT**

The board meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

8.1 Signing of Board Documents- to be signed at district office

8.2 Board Self-Assessment

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