



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
7:00 PM  
VIA Zoom**

Board Members Present: Wendy Chord, Todd Jones, Eric Lindberg, Win Muffett, Craig Whited

Board Members Absent:

Superintendent: Peter Rosenkranz

Administrators: Michelle O'Neil, Greg Hall, Nancy Carner, Mike Nolan, Carol Patton, Dan Ruiz, Dave McIntosh

Staff and Guests: Heather Grotte, Andrea Austad, Nicole Andrell, Stephanie Holmes, Kelly Sullivan, Dave Holmes, Jill Cole, Scott Holt, Nancy Jo Campbell, Justine Stimmel, Denelle Eiesland, Kate Stevens, Andrew Helm, Kristy Schneider, Victor Winton, Dani Whitham, Melissa Flatt, Brian Clegg  
Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

**PART 1.0 – CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM**

- 1.1 Mr. Jones called the regular meeting to order with the flag salute at 7:00 p.m.
- 1.2 Welcome guests
- 1.3 Corrections and Changes: None.
- 1.4 Audience and Board Communication  
Say something positive:

Mrs. Chord recognized Walter Hansen for his volunteerism. She has worked with him for the past 20+ years. He has not had a student in school since 2014, yet he is still volunteering in the schools. He is a fabulous role model and the recognition he is getting for the Live Here Learn Here award is long overdue. Mr. Muffett commented that Coach Lambert posted videos of young men in the weight room. In the videos, you can see the leadership and the encouragement that they provide one another. There are all ages, freshman, sophomores, juniors, all rallying around each other and it is excellent to see that they support each other. Mr. Lindberg thanked the administration and staff for their positivity during this challenging time. Professional development was still happening and he hopes that staff continue to improve the level of teaching that La Center provides. Mr. Whited thanked Clearwater Construction for putting up the flag in the HS Gym. It is nice to have acknowledgement of the flag before the games. Mr. Jones acknowledged Walter Hansen for his volunteerism as well. He worked on the elementary WatchDogs program years ago and put together the HS stadium seats. He does so much for the district. He also thanked the DO staff that showed their support for the levy by waving

flags before and after school. Mr. Rosenkranz recognized Nicole Andrell, Kris and Josh Soske, Christine Boyles and Melinda Mazna for their support on the levy. He also recognized the Cowlitz Tribal Foundation for their \$90K grant. They are a welcome and honored community partner and he looks forward to strengthening the relationship with them. Carol Patton presented the 3 year accreditation review to ESD 112. The committee feels La Center is doing a great job and it has been reviewed and approved. Mr. Hall spoke about the KWRL bus driver that performed the Heimlich maneuver on a first grade student after a fourth grade student alerted the driver. The bus driver was able to dislodge the object and the elementary school has recognized the driver as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> grade student for their actions in saving the young boy from choking.

#### Public Input on Non Agenda Items:

Monty Winton spoke out against CRT. He said that it is harmful and automatically teaches his grandkids that they are racist because they are white. This is not healthy for our kids. Mr. Jones asked Mr. Winton if he has seen the resolution the board passed regarding equity that says all students are to be treated equally. He also let him know that the school board sets the curriculum with recommendations from the IMC committee which includes members of the community. The district offers equal opportunity, not equal outcomes. Mr. Jones asked that the resolution and the equity lens be sent to Mr. Winton for his information.

Justine Stimmel said that CRT is disguised as many things. She thanked the board for the curriculum's IMC committee. She also said that she appreciated Mr. Rosenkranz's email to OSPI asking for mask mandates to be removed for school children. She said that parents must pay attention to the DOH as their goal is still to inject children with the Covid vaccine. She believes mandates are the reason why the levy failed. She also said that the student protests regarding the masks were great and it was a patriotic expression. She finally stated that La Center Families is not the best place to get the word out about what is happening in the district since not everyone is on facebook.

### **PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA –**

#### **Motion 21/22-40**

made by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Mr. Whited to approve the consent agenda as follows:

#### 2.1 Approval of Minutes

A. [Minutes of Board Meeting January 25, 2022](#)

#### 2.2 Vouchers

- A. Payroll for this month not to exceed \$1,700,000.00
- B. [GF ACH warrants #21220169-212200181 in the amt. of \\$1,203.03](#)
- C. [GF warrants #99567-99613 in the amt. of \\$203,760.85](#)
- D. [CF ACH warrant #212200168 in the amt. of \\$10,580.54](#)
- E. [CF warrants #2036-2042 in the amt. of \\$9,448.42](#)
- F. [ASB warrants #10866-10871 in the amt. of \\$1,805.67](#)
- G. [GF wire transfer warrant #202100001 in the amt. of \\$21.28](#)
- H. [GF warrants 99614-99671 in the amt. of \\$152,657.28](#)
- I. [GF ACH warrants 212200184-212200193 in the amt. of \\$2,539.35](#)
- J. [ASB warrants #10872-10880 in the amt. of \\$1,292.82](#)
- K. [ASB ACH warrant #212200182 in the amt. of \\$183.79](#)
- L. [CF warrants #2043-2045 in the amt. of \\$45,405.74](#)
- M. [CF ACH warrant #212200183 in the amt. of \\$244,788.77](#)
- N. [GF & CF Comp Tax warrants #202100002-202100003 in the amt. of \\$239.79](#)

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## 2.3 Personnel

### A. Certified

1. Angela Thompson .4 FTE MS Art Teacher, non-continuing effective 2/3/22
2. Vicki Lewis, resignation MS Art Teacher .4FTE effective 2/3/22
3. Steve Robertson, long term substitute MS & HS Band effective 2/3/22

### B. Classified

1. Trisha Mattson, resignation from ES Para I to accept HS General Office Aide/Lunchroom Aide/Para I effective 2/3/2022
2. Melissa Flatt, resignation ELL Para II effective 2/4/22
3. Nitoshia Fletcher, ES Para I effective 2/7/22

### C. Athletics, Extracurricular

1. William “Bill” Blue, Girls’ Golf Head Coach effective 2/28/22
2. Matt Yurecko, Boys’ Golf Head Coach effective 8/22/22

### D. Non-Represented

1. Rebecca Rembisz, HR Assistant effective 2/7/22

## 2.4 Donations

## 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](#)
11. Enrollment Reports- [Head Count, FTE](#)
12. [Monthly Financial Reports – Budget Status, Forecast 5](#)

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## PART 3.0 – LINKAGE

- 3.1 The MS STEM teachers, Kristy Schneider and Stephanie Holmes gave an overview of STEM classes in the middle school. One semester of STEM is a required course for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Student are rotated through Digital Skills with Mrs. Holmes for 9 weeks and Maker Lab with Mrs. Schneider for 9 weeks. STEM teaches critical thinking, creativity, resiliency and problem solving. Seventh and eighth grade students are offered STEM as an elective including beginning and advanced classes.

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

**Motion 21/22-41** made by Mrs. Chord seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve EL-8 as written:

4.1 [EL-8](#) Student Conduct and Discipline

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY**

**Motion 21/22-42** made by Mr. Muffett, seconded by Mr. Whited to approve second reading of policy 2024 and procedure 2024P as written:

5.1 Second reading of policy [2024](#) and procedure [2024P](#) Online Learning

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 21/22-43** made by Mrs. Chord, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve second reading of policy 2108 as written:

5.2 Second reading of [policy 2108](#) Learning Assistance Program -Includes corrections and board updates

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 21/22-44** made by Mr. Whited, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve first reading of policy 2255 and procedure 2255P as written:

5.3 First reading of policy [2255](#) and procedure [2255P](#) Alternative Learning Experiences Courses

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 21/22-45** made by Mr. Muffett, seconded by Mrs. Chord to approve first reading of procedure 2410P as written:

5.4 First reading of procedure [2410P](#) – High School Graduation Requirements

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

### Motion 21/22-46

made by Mrs. Chord, seconded by Mr. Muffett to approve Angela Thompson .4 Art out of endorsement:

- 6.1 [Out of Endorsement Approval for Angela Thompson](#), non-continuing .4 FTE MS Art Teacher  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**
- 6.2 [Commendation letter from the board to bus driver Nora Rosales Yelizavetskiy](#)- The board recognizes the quick action of Ms. Rosales Yelizavetskiy for saving a first grade student from choking on the school bus. They would like to acknowledge her for going above and beyond.
- 6.3 Discussion on Budget Cuts/Levy Failure  
The board discussed the possible reasons for the levy failure. Thirty-nine percent of La Center voters voted in February. The board discussed that there will need to be some adjustments to the budget if the levy were to be run again and pass. They also discussed the need for more information to get out to the community so that they are aware of how the district spends tax payer dollars. If the levy is run again and does not pass, levy collections and levy equalization funds will not be collected starting in January 2023. The board then discussed when the levy should be run again. The consensus was that April is too soon and August or November would allow the district time to be better prepared to run the levy.
- 6.4 Future Agenda Items  
Mr. Muffett would like budget discussions at the March and April board meetings. He would also like the IHME and VAERS data as a discussion item. He would like the data provided to the public and put on record and said that the district should be proactive in preparation to challenge a vaccine mandate for students.
- 6.5 **Board Schedule**  
Board/Student Linkage March 8, 2022, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM, Various Locations. An agenda will be sent to the board.  
Board Meeting 3/22/22, Via Zoom, 7:00 PM – This meeting will be held in-person with masks optional as the governor’s mandate will be lifted on March 21.

## PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

None this month

**PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT** - The board meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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

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Board Secretary- Peter Rosenkranz

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Board Chair – Todd Jones

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Board Member- Wendy Chord

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Board Member- Eric Lindberg

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Board Member – Win Muffett

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Board Member- Craig Whited