



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022
7:00 PM**

**In-Person at the HS Library and
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, Carrie Lindsey, Carol Patton, Dan Ruiz, Dave McIntosh

Staff and Guests: Kim Hollopeter, Kellie Braaten, Joelle Morrison, Heather Grotte, Andrea Austad, Nicole Andrell, Dave Holmes, Jill Cole, Scott Holt, Justine Stimmel, Denelle Eiesland, Kate Stevens, Andrew Helm, Monty Winton, Brian Clegg, Nathan Wifong, Bob Hill, Minna Thayer, John Lambert, Connie Majors, Andrew Helm, Teresa Warnke, Denise Scufka, Rhonda Catchpole, Carrie Cablay, Jennifer Hall, Julie Sety, Kathy Griffith, Debi Dabisinksas, Andi Dupper, Buffy Spargur, Myrna Leija, Tim Spargur, Sally Lindsay

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 7:04 p.m.

1.2 Welcome guests

1.3 Corrections and Changes: None.

1.4 Audience and Board Communication

Say something positive:

Mr. Jones began with thanking the middle school for celebrating kindness. He then commented that Mrs. Schlentz teaching economy lessons to 4th grade students is great. It shows kids the importance of personal finance at a young age. He wished that this was taught when he was a kid. Mrs. Chord said that student linkage did not fail again this year as this is always her favorite meeting of the year. She commented on the positive notes that students gave the new middle school math curriculum and it was great to see all of the changes throughout the district. Mr. Lindberg echoed Mr. Jones comment about economy and resumes being taught to 4th grade students. It is great and he would like it to keep going. He also said that it is great to be in-person again. Mr. Muffett echoed the in-person comment from Mr. Lindberg. He said that technology is great, but it is good to meet

face to face and he thanked the audience for being at the meeting. Mr. Whited also said that the student linkage was great. It was amazing to walk through the halls and experience paras working with students. He also said that he is glad the mask mandate is gone so that students and staff work without the hindrance of a mask. He also commented that a lot of students at the middle school like the new math curriculum and it was good to see the work that goes on within the schools. Mr. Rosenkranz also talked about the linkage. The volume of kids being served with reading support was especially good to see. The district is doing everything it can to build back up the reading skills of current 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students. He also commented that it was good to see knowledge bowl took 4th in state and that unified soccer is coming to the district. Unified Soccer is being offered thanks to a donation from Special Olympics.

Public Input on Non Agenda Items:

Buffy Sparger commented that the government/state agencies ignore local school boards and parents. She also commented that Chris Reykdal threatened to withhold funds from schools that did not follow the governor's mandates. Monty Winton commented that Washington State requires boards to be members of WSSA. He thinks this should be optional and encouraged the board to write the legislature to return decision making power to school boards at a local level. Myrna Leija also commented that the board should write the legislature regarding WSSDA membership being made optional and not required, encouraged the board to pass a resolution that the parents are the primary decision maker regarding their children's education, asked the district to not share medical information with other state agencies. Justine Stimmel commented that WSSDA and OSPI tied the hands of the school boards. The statements provided to the school board were to inform the board about the government's emergency order being based on fraudulent data. The records requests were for information that is known to not exist. There is a movement of teachers, bus drivers, etc. who have been injured by the vaccines. It is her hope to work with the school board, not against them.

Mr. Jones commented that it is the district's job to educate children. The board has to follow the law as required when they take the oath of office. The board sets the policies of the school district to closely align with community standards. He commented they are elected officials by the La Center community and are not doctors. He appreciates the comments and he also commented that he does not believe that CRT should be taught to our kids and also reiterated that the board has passed a resolution stating that families are the first teacher of their children and that the district is committed to supporting all students in our schools (Resolution 2020/2021-12). The board has also written a letter to WSSDA denouncing the NSBA letter and advocating for local control.

PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA –

Mr. Jones asked that item 2.5B be removed from the consent agenda pending more information.

Motion 21/22-47

made by Mrs. Chord, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item 2.5B as follows:

2.1 Approval of Minutes

A. [Minutes of Board Meeting February 22, 2022](#)

B. [Minutes of Board/Student Linkage March 8, 2022](#)

2.2 Vouchers

A. Payroll for this month not to exceed \$1,700,000.00

B. [GF warrants #99672-99707 in the amt. of \\$144,781.13](#)

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- C. [GF ACH warrants #212200197-212200206 in the amt. of \\$3,281.12](#)
- D. [ASB warrants #10881-10887 in the amt. of \\$9,208.31](#)
- E. [ASB ACH warrants #212200194-212200195 in the amt. of \\$450.26](#)
- F. [CF warrant #2046 in the amt. of \\$18,667.26](#)
- G. [CF ACH warrant #212200196 in the amt. of \\$6,514.50](#)
- H. [CF ACH warrant #212200197 in the amt. of \\$11,837.37](#)
- I. [GF warrants #99708-99755 in the amt. of \\$194,874.61](#)
- J. [GF ACH warrants 212200208-212200220 in the amt. of \\$3,457.83](#)
- K. [ASB warrants 10888-10894 in the amt. of \\$2,670.64](#)
- L. [ASB ACH warrant #212200221 in the amt. of \\$101.32](#)
- M. [CF warrants #2047-2048 in the amt. of \\$27,944.86](#)
- N. [CF warrant #2049 in the amt. of \\$4,843.37](#)
- O. [Comp Tax warrants #202100005-202100008 in the amt. of \\$478.13](#)

2.3 Personnel

- A. Certified
 - 1. Shawn Link, retirement HS Teacher effective 2/22/22
 - 2. Laurie Cripe, retirement MS teacher effective end of 21/22 school year
- B. Classified
 - 1. Krystle Hinterlang, resignation MS Para I effective 3/1/22
 - 2. Tom Martinko, Girls' Golf Asst. Coach effective 2/28/22
 - 3. Kylee Day, resignation ES Para I effective 3/8/22
- C. Athletics, Extracurricular
- D. Non-Represented

2.4 Donations

- 1. April Salsbury, CEO Salsbury & Co, \$1,500 to Middle and High School Band and Choir and \$1,500 to HS Softball team
- 2. Special Olympics Washington, \$4,475.00 for Unified Soccer Team

2.5 Other Items for Board Review

- A. Reports
 - 1. [Superintendent](#)
 - 2. [Elementary School see also -Mr. Nolan's Weekly Welcome video](#)
 - 3. [Middle School](#)
 - 4. [High School](#)
 - 5. [Home School Academy](#)
 - 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. [Instructional Materials Committee Recommendation Memo](#)—Removed from consent agenda.~~

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 3.0 – LINKAGE

3.1 John Lambert presented information to the board about the Business Department with an emphasis on the Personal Finance class. The personal finance class helps teach students about budget basics, insurance purchasing, income and taxes, credit cards and debt, consumer awareness and other subjects. The personal finance class utilizes the Dave Ramsey curriculum. Amie Russell, a current student, offered her perspective on the class saying that it greatly helped her to be financially responsible by applying for grants vs. student loans and learning about budgeting and cash flow. She also said that it has helped her with insurance purchasing and avoiding impulse buying. Mr. Jones commented that he would like to see this class as a requirement since it prepares students financially.

PART 4.0 – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE (Monitoring Reports)

Motion 21/22-48 made by Mrs. Chord seconded by Mr. Muffett to approve EL-9 as written:

4.1 [EL-9 Student, Parent, Teacher Feedback](#) **Motion Carried Unanimously**

PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY

Motion 21/22-49 made by Mr. Whited, seconded by Mr. Muffett to approve second reading of policy 2255 and procedure 2255P as written:

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 21/22-50 made by Mr. Muffett, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve second reading of procedure 2410P as written:

5.2 Second reading of procedure [2410P](#) – High School Graduation Requirements

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 21/22-51 made by Mrs Chord, seconded by Mr. Muffett to approve first reading of policy 3432 and procedure 3432P as written:

5.3 First reading of policy [3432](#) and procedure [3432P](#) Emergencies

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

Motion 21/22-52 made by Mr. Jones to approve senior foreign exchange students that have principal approval to be able to participate in graduation ceremonies:

6.1 Senior Foreign Exchange Students- Graduation Ceremony Participation and Certificate of Achievement, Acknowledgement or Appreciation. After some discussion, Mr. Jones made a motion to approve that Senior Foreign Exchange students be eligible to walk at graduation only upon principal approval. A certificate and not a diploma would be given to these students.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 21/22-53 made by Mr. Jones to run the levy in August vs. November:

6.2 Budget/Levy Discussion
The board discussed when to run the levy again, August or November. Mr. Rosenkranz presented some points and August was the best option by 4 points. If the levy were to pass in August and programs and staff have already been cut, this would give the district an opportunity to add those staff and programs back. There will be a resolution on the April 26 board meeting agenda for this item. The board also stated that it will not go above the \$1.50 per thousand already promised to voters and will only collect the \$2.6M needed, no matter how much property values rise in La Center. The board recognizes that if the total tax base goes up and they only collect the \$2.6M, then the tax rate per \$100K goes down, resulting in a lowered tax rate for La Center citizens.

Motion Carried Unanimously

After the levy discussion, Mr. Rosenkranz discussed the budget cuts that will need to be made. There are several areas that will need to be cut, including district office, classified and certified staff. Middle school sports and high school C team sports would also be potentially cut. There is no rainy day fund for the district, or a savings account. The district spends within its means and are good stewards of taxpayer funds. The district has currently frozen all open positions and are purchasing only absolutely essential items at this time. Potential staff cuts will lead to higher class sizes in grades 4-12. K-3 class sizes will need to be maintained as additional funding would be lost from the state if those class sizes are increased which would potentially lead to additional cuts. Another area that would be cut are A/P classes at the high school since those classes typically have low class sizes. This could lead to those students leaving the district to attend running start instead, which also lowers funding.

The next step will be to collect community input. The workshop scheduled for April 12 will be moved to April 14 to allow for more time to prepare for the meeting. A recommendation to the board regarding cuts will need to be presented at the April 26th board meeting to align notifications as directed in staff contracts.

6.3 Future Agenda Items – None this month.

6.4 **Board Schedule**

Board Workshop April 12, 2022, HS Library, 7:00 PM – The board workshop will be moved to Thursday, April 14 and become a community meeting to discuss the levy failure impacts to the district.

Board Meeting April 26, 2022, HS Library and Zoom, 7:00 PM

PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

None this month

PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT - The board meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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

Board Secretary- Peter Rosenkranz

Board Chair – Todd Jones

Board Member- Wendy Chord

Board Member- Eric Lindberg

Board Member – Win Muffett

Board Member- Craig Whited