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, Lauri Landerholm, Matt Cooke, Dave McIntosh, Mike Nolan, Carol Patton
Staff and Guests: Nicole Andrell, Jill Cole, Heather Grotte, Andrea Austad, Justine Stimmel, Kathy Griffith, Miranda Gray, Megan Cooper, James O’Neil, Jack Smith, Terresa Holmes
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:
   Mr. Jones began with recognizing that Carol Patton was resigning at the end of the year. He wanted to personally thank her for the exemplary work she has done for the district that he has witnessed since his oldest child started kindergarten. He has found her tutelage to be important and her advice incredibly important. She will be missed. Mrs. Chord echoed the comments regarding Ms. Patton and added that she was grateful for her dedication to La Center students. We were lucky to have her for as long as we have. She also commented on Andy Taylor’s retirement. He has always gone above and beyond in support of the Wildcats and did a lot of things in the background. Mr. Lindberg also recognized Carol’s resignation. He has enjoyed working with her as a former student of Carols. He also recognized the technology department for their work on getting funding for Chromebooks. The things they do to help our students make a huge impact. Mr. Muffett also thanked Carol for her many years of service. He also pointed out that the 4th grade Math is Cool! Team swept the competition in March. This is a huge win for their class and it shows that the district can produce kids with high academic standards. It made him very proud. Mr. Whited echoed
the positive comments about Carol. He also thanked the community for their involvement on the levy committee. He believes the community is behind the effort. The levy committee has talked about the things we love about this community and it reaffirms why La Center is a great place to live. Mr. Rosenkranz let the board know that Ms. Patton was joining the meeting online and that she appreciated the comments. He then recognized the library report. There are activities going on in each library and the report highlights the value of print material in our student’s lives. He also said that the district has been sharing the positive work being done in the district on Facebook. He asked people to like and share. He also said that information will also be available on the website since not everyone is on Facebook. Mrs. Landerholm commented that the middle school had their first pep assembly and it was very successful.

Public Input on Non Agenda Items:
None this meeting.

PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA –

Motion 21/22-54  
made by Mr. Muffett seconded by Mrs. Chord to approve the consent agenda as follows:

2.1 Approval of Minutes
   A. Minutes of Board Meeting March 22, 2022
   B. Minutes of Board/Community Meeting April 14, 2022

2.2 Vouchers
   A. Payroll for this month not to exceed $1,700,000.00
   B. GF warrants #99756-99798 in the amt. of $172,026.72
   C. GF ACH warrants #212200223-212200240 in the amt. of $13,234.83
   D. ASB warrants #10895-10904 in the amt. of $6,351.03
   E. CF warrants #2050-2052 in the amt. of $13,462.86
   F. CF ACH warrant #212200222 in the amt. of $69,611.04
   G. GF warrants #99799-99834 in the amt. of $74,553.97
   H. GF ACH warrants #212200242-212200249 in the amt. of $1,360.18
   I. ASB warrants #10905-10909 in the amt. of $1,101.85
   J. ASB BMO warrant #10910 in the amt. of $587.16
   K. GF BMO warrants #99835-99837 in the amt. of $4,099.41
   L. CF warrant #2053 in the amt. of $3,501.00
   M. CF ACH warrant #212200241 in the amt. of $194,245.31

2.3 Personnel
   A. Certified
      1. Jessica Wanke, ES Teacher, 1 year leave of absence effective 22/23 school year
      2. DeWayne Pritchett, retirement MS History Teacher effective 8/31/22
      3. Vicki Lewis, resignation .6 FTE HS Art Teacher effective 6/22/22
   B. Classified
      1. Cassidie Osborn, resignation HS General Office Aide effective 4/1/22
      2. Diana Maurer, resignation HS Dishwasher/Cashier effective 4/1/22
      3. Andy Taylor, retirement HS Custodian effective 7/5/22
   C. Athletics, Extracurricular
      1. Colin Obot, resignation MS Asst. Football Coach effective 3/24/22
      2. John Lambert, resignation HS Cheer Coach effective 2/25/22

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3. Brittney Stryker, resignation HS Girls’ Basketball Coach effective 4/20/22
4. Krystle Hinterlang, resignation Ticket Taker effective 4/20/22

D. Non-Represented
1. Dan Ruiz, resignation HS Associate Principal effective 6/30/22
2. Carol Patton, resignation HS Principal effective 6/30/22

2.4 Donations
3. Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Authority, $1000 to Jazz Band Program
4. Smokin’ Franks, Frank and Melinda Mazna, $534 to the HS Track Team
5. Rod and Penny Schultz, 30 baseball uniform pants to HS Boys’ Baseball Team
6. Plastic Free Restaurants, 400 metal “sporks” to La Center Elementary Food Services

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

B. Home School Academy Middle/High School Parent and Student Handbook 2022-2023

C. Home School Academy K-5 Parent and Student Handbook 2022-2023

D. Instructional Materials Committee Recommendation Memo

E. Instructional Materials Adoption, 6th grade math – Algebra II

F. Supplemental Materials Adoption – book “Hidden Figures”

G. Elementary School Parent/Student Handbook 2022-2023

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 3.0 – LINKAGE

3.1 Michelle O’Neil, Director of Teaching and Learning, discussed the learning climate of the district. Creating learning opportunities is essential. The district is such a great place to be a learner because of the access it provides through inclusionary practices. She also discussed the reading program that the elementary school has been using. In just a short time (8 weeks) out of 50 students in grades 2-5 that were enrolled in the program, 44 advanced one grade level, 33 advanced two grade levels and 9 made enough progress to read at or beyond grade level and exit the program. Six of those students were able to get individual education plans for intervention. Currently 110 students are being served in the reading intervention program which now includes kindergarten and first grade students. She also discussed that there are a number of professional development opportunities for staff. A large number of teachers participate in book studies and technology training. Staff also show their capacity to learn and grow right along with students. A board
member asked about learning loss in the summer and if there is a plan for that? Mrs. O’Neil explained that the district does not currently have summer school, but there could be access to online programs over the summer for students to use. Chromebooks for middle and high school students will not be collected, so they will be able to use them over the summer. There are no current plans for elementary students to check out Chromebooks over the summer. Mr. Rosenkranz added that there is no substitute for parents reading to their children. It makes a big impact. He also added that Michelle manages instruction for both students and staff. Her presentation shows all of the work that has gone into improving instruction in the district. Mr. Jones thanked Michelle for her enthusiasm. Michelle added that the vision and passion of the superintendent and the principals is great. These are the type of people you want to be in charge of your student’s education.

PART 4.0 – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE (Monitoring Reports)

Motion 21/22-55 made by Mr. Whited seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve EL-2 as written:

4.1 EL-2 Community Relations 

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY

Motion 21/22-56 made by Mrs. Chord, seconded by Mr. Muffett to approve second reading of policy 3432 and procedure 3432P as written:

5.1 Second reading of policy 3432 and procedure 3432P Emergencies

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 21/22-57 made by Mr. Muffett, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve first reading of policy 2195 and procedure 2195P as written:

5.2 First reading of policy 2195 and procedure 2195P Academic Acceleration

Motion Carried Unanimously

5.3 The board reviewed GP-12 Reimbursement of Expenses --No changes are needed at this time.

PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

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Motion 21/22-58  made by Mr. Muffett, seconded by Mrs. Chord to approve Resolution 2021/2022-3 as written after some discussion regarding the use of the waiver in extraordinary circumstances only:

6.1 Resolution 2021/2022-3 Emergency Waiver of HS Graduation Credits

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 21/22-59  made by Mr. Jones to approve Resolution 2021/2022-4 as written by roll call vote:

6.2 Resolution 2021/2022-4 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

Whited - Aye
Muffett – Aye
Lindberg – Aye
Chord – Aye
Jones – Aye

Discussion regarding the levy included that it is a replacement levy, not a new one. A lot is on the line if the levy doesn’t pass in August. Specific information regarding the levy will be posted on the website.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6.3 School District Director Area Redistricting- The board discussed the prepared preliminary documents using 2020 Census Data and would like to move forward to the next step. A public hearing will be held at either the May 10 or May 24 board meeting pending receipt and posting of final documents.

6.4 Future Agenda Items: None this month

6.5 Board Schedule
Board Meeting May 10, 2022, HS Library and Zoom, 7:00 PM
Board Meeting May 24, 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 8:20 p.m.

8.1 Signing of Board Documents

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8.2 Review Board Self-assessment

Board Secretary - Peter Rosenkranz

Board Chair - Todd Jones

Board Member - Wendy Chord

Board Member - Eric Lindberg

Board Member - Win Muffett

Board Member - Craig Whited

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