



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

7:00 PM

HS Library and via Zoom

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

Board Members Absent:

Superintendent: Peter Rosenkranz

Administrators: Michelle O’Neil, Greg Hall, Dave McIntosh, Lauri Landerholm, Matt Johnson, Nancy Carner

Staff and Guests: Nicole Andrell, Terresa Holmes, Dave Holmes, Andrea Austad, Jennifer Hall, Josh Soske, Kris Soske, Denelle Eiesland, Heather Grotte, Teresa Warnke, Liz Crandall

Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

PART 1.0 – CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Mr. Jones called the regular meeting to order with the flag salute at 7:00 p.m.

1.2 Welcomed guests

1.3 Corrections and Changes: None.

1.4 Audience and Board Communication

Say something positive:

Mr. Whited said that he is seeing amazing energy in the schools. Everyone is getting ready for school to start. There is a lot of organization going on and it is exciting to get back to learning. Mr. Muffett said that it is good to see the excitement on kid’s faces. He has a senior coming in this year who is looking forward to it. There is a lot of buzz and energy right now. Mr. Lindberg said that it is exciting and that he has a couple of students at the high school this year. He also thanked everyone for helping to pass the levy. This has made a huge impact for kids and teaching. Mrs. Chord said she is also relieved and excited that the levy passed. She thanked the levy “crew” that spent so many hours getting the word out. She also thanked the LCEF for their fun community events that help to fundraise for the stadium. She added that she has a really good feeling about this year. Mr. Jones thanked Ross Higgins and Craig Whited for their work on the levy committee to help pass the levy. He also commented that he is impressed with Michelle O’Neil as she has been able to garner additional funding for the district via grants. The budget is spread very thin and he is thankful that she keeps “finding” money for the district. Mr. Rosenkranz said that he is thankful the levy passed. Being out in the community was amazing. After the levy passed, the district started working immediately on staffing. He is excited to get

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the school year started and back to normalcy. Maintenance has been working on the ES campus, adding a new roof to the Mary Gabrielson building. Other safety upgrades have been made thanks to bond funds. Michelle O’Neil said that the PD opportunities this past couple of weeks for teachers have been great. They are excited to be with the kids and the teachers are “growing” themselves with this learning. Josh Soske recognized Dan Bentson who retired this year. He worked hard to build the technology foundation of the district. He also said that Nicole Andrell is a great selection to lead the tech team.

Public Input on Non Agenda Items:

Terresa Holmes spoke about late start Wednesdays. PD need is not unique to education. The schedule takes time away from kids learning and she would like to see it changed.

Dave Holmes spoke about late start Wednesdays. He says he gets negative feedback from the community about it and believes the large number of no votes on the levies are attributed to late start Wednesdays. He believes PD for teachers can be offered after school instead of taking the time away from the students’ school day.

PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA –

Motion 21/22-80

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

2.1 Approval of Minutes

- A. [Minutes of Board Meeting July 26, 2022](#)

2.2 Vouchers

- A. Payroll for this month not to exceed \$1,700,000.00
- B. [GF warrants #100086-100120 in the amt. of \\$140,677.57](#)
- C. [CF warrants #2070-2072 in the amt. of \\$8,448.20](#)
- D. [GF ACH warrants #212200345-212200348 in the amt. of \\$9,112.38](#)
- E. [CF ACH warrant #212200344 in the amt. of \\$7,154.40](#)
- F. [GF warrants #100121-100147 in the amt. of \\$64,453.66](#)
- G. [GF ACH warrants #212200350-212200352 in the amt. of \\$1,501.93](#)
- H. [CF warrants #2073-2075 in the amt. of \\$49,581.45](#)
- I. [CF ACH warrant #212200349 in the amt. of \\$203.85](#)
- J. [ASB warrant #10972 in the amt. of \\$637.79](#)
- K. [GF Prepaid warrant #100148 in the amt. of \\$12,340.00](#)
- L. [GF BMO warrant #100149 in the amt. of \\$1,972.56](#)
- M. [ASB BMO warrant #10973 in the amt. of \\$6,892.89](#)

2.3 Personnel

- A. Certified
- B. Classified
 1. Tasha Clinton, HS Head Secretary effective 8/15/22
 2. Cynthia Arthur, resignation ES Para I effective 8/8/22
 3. Debbie Holland-Burk, resignation ES Para I effective 8/31/22
 4. Matthew Stimmel, recalled, Maintenance/Grounds effective 8/11/22
 5. Kathlyna O’Daniel, recalled, General Office Aide –Health Room effective 8/31/22
 6. Tracey Stimmel, recalled, General Office Aide –Health Room effective 8/31/22
 7. Denise Yurecko, resignation HS General Office Aide effective 8/16/22
- C. Athletics, Extracurricular
 1. Sally Niebuhr, resignation MS Volleyball Asst. Coach effective 8/5/22

2. Mary Goody, resignation MS Yearbook Advisor effective 8/4/22
3. Braden McClennen, HS Boys Golf Assistant Coach effective 8/16/22
4. Karl Johnson, resignation MS Football Head Coach effective 8/1/22

D. Non-Represented

1. Wendy Reed, recalled, Administrative Assistant effective 8/31/22
2. Rebecca Rembisz, recalled, HR Assistant effective 8/31/22

2.4 Donations

1. Annie’s Berry Farm, 50 pounds of raspberries and 85 pounds of blueberries to the Food Services Dept.

2.5 Other Items for Board Review

A. Reports

1. [Superintendent](#)
2. Elementary School- None this month
3. Middle School - None this month
4. High School- None this month
5. Academy- None this month
6. Director of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - None this month
7. [Director of Student Services](#)
8. [Director of Teaching and Learning](#)
9. [Library- None this month](#)
10. Enrollment Reports- Head Count, FTE -None this month
11. [Monthly Financial Reports – Budget Status, Forecast 5](#)

B. [Minimum Basic Education Requirements 22/23 School Year](#)

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 3.0 – LINKAGE

None this month

PART 4.0 – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE (Monitoring Reports)

Motion 21/22-81 made by Mr. Muffett, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve EL-3 as follows:

4.1 [EL-3 Staff Relationships](#)

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY

Motion 21/22-82 made by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Mrs. Chord to approve second reading of policy 2161 and procedure 2161P with suggested updates:

- 5.1 Second reading of policy [2161](#) and procedure [2161P](#) Special Education and related services for eligible students (with suggested updates to first reading of procedure highlighted in green)

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Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 21/22-83

made by Mr. Whited, seconded by Mr. Muffett to approve second reading of policy 2163 and procedure 2163P, with suggested updates:

- 5.2 Second reading of policy [2163](#) and procedure [2163P](#) Response to Intervention (with suggested updates to first reading of policy and procedure highlighted in green)

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 21/22-84

made by Mrs. Chord, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve second reading of policy 3122 and procedure 3122P with suggested updates:

- 5.3 Second reading of policy [3122](#) and procedure [3122P](#) Excused and Unexcused Absences (with suggested updates to first reading of policy and procedure highlighted in green)

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 21/22-85

made by Mrs. Chord, seconded by Mr. Whited to approve first reading of policy 3411 as written:

- 5.4 First reading of policy [3411](#) Accommodating Students with Seizure Disorders or Epilepsy

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

Motion 21/22-86

after some discussion by the board, a motion was made by Mr. Muffett, seconded by Mrs. Chord to approve MS and HS *Essential Health Skills* Instructional Materials:

- 6.1 [Instructional Materials Adoption – MS and HS Essential Health Skills](#)
(Sample lesson plans are included in the Director of Teaching and Learning's August Board Report)

The board discussed that parents will be notified before this curriculum is taught and will be given the opportunity to opt out of any or all of the instruction as required by state law. Parents are not required to review the materials before opting out.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 21/22-87

made by Mr. Whited, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve MS and HS handbooks with suggested updates/changes:

- 6.2 [Middle School](#) and [High School](#) Student Handbooks – Updates and suggested changes from the July Board Meeting and principal/superintendent discussions are highlighted in green

Motion Carried Unanimously

6.3 Regularly Scheduled Late Student Arrival (Late start Wednesday)

The board and meeting attendees discussed late start Wednesdays and its use. There were several conversations regarding what the time is used for. The board sees this as an opportunity to see if it should be used for student learning instead of professional development or MTSS as it is used now. The district in the past had 2 hour late starts or early release days scheduled into the calendar for PD. The practice as it is now has been built into the calendar since 2012.

Mr. Jones asked that the board be provided with information in the next couple of months on what late start Wednesdays are used for. He would like to be able to show constituents when they ask or email about it. Mr. Rosenkranz said that he will look at the practice and will collect data to share with the board and community. He said that it is good to look at practices to prepare for the future and best serve students.

6.4 Future Agenda Items

Mr. Jones heard from a past board member that when given a citizenship test, only 23 percent of the people that take it actually pass it. He would like to propose that the district make or use a similar test and make it a graduation requirement for students to pass it to receive a diploma from La Center school District.

Mr. Muffett did not have a future agenda item, but noted that there were differing views presented at tonight's board meeting and regardless of the view, the room handled the topic very professionally.

Josh Soske, a community member, wanted to see if the social emotional learning procedure could be discussed at a future board meeting and also asked if a student representative of the board could be discussed to get students more involved.

6.5 **Board Schedule**

Board Workshop, 9/13/22, 7:00 p.m., HS Library

Board Meeting 9/27/22, 7:00 p.m., HS Library

PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 7.1 None this month

PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT - The board meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

8.1 Signing of Board Documents

Board Secretary- Peter Rosenkranz

Board Chair – Todd Jones

Board Member- Wendy Chord

Board Member- Eric Lindberg

Board Member – Win Muffett

Board Member- Craig Whited