



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

7:00 PM

HS Library

Board Members Present: Eric Lindberg, Win Muffett, Craig Whited, Dorri Oldham, Amanda Miller

Board Members Absent:

Superintendent: Peter Rosenkranz

Administrators: Matt Johnson, Greg Hall, Nancy Carner, Lauri Landerholm, Gary McGarvie, Michelle O'Neil

Staff and Guests: Eunice Ingermanson, Cecilia Franks, Justine Stimmel, Myrna Leija, Teresa Holmes, Dave Holmes, Nicole Andrell, Liz Crandall, Kris Sawyer, Carrie Cablay, Jennifer Matanich, Joni Hancock, Gail Wolz, Brianna Dose, Katie Jensen, Kristin Burgess, Rebecca Morris, Samantha Springs-LeCain, Camille Shelton, Haley Paisley, Brittini Lasseigne, Odelia Zuckerman, Beth Landry, Laurie Schacht, Melissa Flatt, Emily Hancock, Buffy Spargur, Jessie Spinney, Tanika Sisco, Mandipa Masike; Shannon Clumpf, Josh Soske, Sage Rose, Deborah Cochran, Dawn Seaver, Odelia Zuckerman, Gary Wilson, Erin Smelser, Andrea Lewis, Randy Schmidt, Dawn Land

Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

PART 1.0 – CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Mr. Muffett called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., with the flag salute.
- 1.2 Welcomed guests
- 1.3 **Swearing in of newly appointed District Director for Area 2 - Amanda Miller-** Peter Rosenkranz issued the oath of office to Amanda Miller. She took her place on the board after being sworn in.
- 1.4 Corrections and Changes to the Agenda- Mr. Rosenkranz pulled item 2.5D – MS Student Handbook 23/24 School Year from the consent agenda pending further review. Mr. Muffett moved item 3.1 Linkage with La Center Academy to occur prior to Public input on non-agenda items.
- 1.5 Audience and Board Communication

A. Say Something Positive/

Presentation from Clark County Green Schools to EAT – 2023 High School Green Team

Award- Samantha Springs-LeCain presented the Green Team, led by Rebecca Morris, the 2023 High School Green Team Award. The award presentation was preceded by a video that detailed what the La Center High School Green Team does for our school and community.

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Mrs. Miller began SSP by thanking and giving a huge shout out to Tonya McCord and Emily Bevard for the awesome concert at the elementary school. She also acknowledged Kristy Schneider for her program working with students turning thrifted stuffed animals into robots. Mrs. Oldham shared that the HS inducted 36 new students into the National Honor Society last month! Mr. Lindberg also commented about the National Honor Society inductees and shared that this is an exciting time of year. He is looking forward to graduation and he encouraged students to keep it up for the last few weeks of school. Mr. Whited commented on the donations received by the district, not only this month, but all throughout the year. He offered a special thank you for all donations as they are used to help kids in this community. Mr. Rosenkranz gave a shout out to several award winners. WASA awards went to Sherry Johnson, the president of the Booster Club. She helped get the boosters going again after Covid. WASA recognized Ross Higgins for his work as the chair of the levy campaign. He also is responsible for the "I Love LaCenter" campaign that promotes civic pride in the community. He then recognized Matt Cooke for his award as Athletic Director of the Year for Area 4. Finally, he recognized Michelle O'Neil who was nominated for a WASA Award by Mike Nerland from ESD112 for her work and leadership in organizing professional development around the region. Mr. Muffett recognized that graduation is coming up, it's just 18 days away. He recognized that the reading program at the ES, inductees to the honor society and the EAT award (including their national award received last year) are all things that contribute to learning and to the culmination of graduating another class of students from the district. It takes a lot of work from teachers, administrators and families. We keep turning out great kids from LC which is something kids can be proud of.

The board then heard from Ruth Schrock and some parents and students that attend LC Academy for agenda item 3.1 Linkage. Notes are in section 3.0 below.

The board then accepted public comment from the following people with their topic of discussion noted:

Gail Wolz , Topic: peace and building bridges

Eunice Ingermanson, Topic: 3211P

Emily Hancock Topic: student mental health

Erin Smelser Topic: staff and student safety

Shannon Cluphf Topic: student and teacher focus

Charlote Royal Topic: Policy re: trans. kids/personal experience

Brittini Lasseigne Topic: student and staff safety

Sage Rose Topic policy and procedure 3211/3211P

Josh Soske Topic: teachers

Joni Hanock Topic: solution focus on navigating use of pronouns

Deboarah Cochran Topic: 3211P

Kate Houston Topic: student and school safety

Andrea Lewis Topic: policy 3211

Dawn Seaver Topic: pronoun policy

Justine Stimmel Topic: give credit where it is due

Odelia Zuckerman Topic: student and staff safety in LC

Laurie Schacht Topic: student and staff safety in LC

Gary Wilson Topic: support for superintendent

Randy Schmidt Topic: parent's rights/district transgender policy

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Hailey Paisley Topic: student and staff safety in LC
Dawn Land Topic: support for 3211P Procedure
Kristin Burgess Topic: parent's rights
Jordan Tolbert Topic: student and staff safety in LC
Beth Landry Topic: student and staff safety in LC
Buffy Spargur Topic: Support for superintendent and board

PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA –

Motion 22/23-39

made by Mr. Whited, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item 2.5D MS Student Handbook 23/24 School Year pending further review:

2.1 Approval of Minutes

- A. [Minutes of Board Meeting April 25, 2023](#)
- B. [Minutes of Board Workshop May 9, 2023](#)

2.2 Vouchers

- A. Payroll for this month not to exceed \$1,850,000.00
- B. [GF warrants #100957-100996 in the amt. of \\$156,121.44](#)
- C. [ASB warrants #11115-11124 in the amt. of \\$11,799.61](#)
- D. [CF warrants #2105-2106 in the amt. of \\$37,554.63](#)
- E. [GF ACH warrants #222300324-222300340 in the amt. of \\$25,824.72](#)
- F. [ASB ACH warrants #222300322-222300323 in the amt. of \\$254.92](#)
- G. [GF warrants #100997-101042 in the amt. of 185,232.16](#)
- H. [ASB warrants #11125-11126 in the amt. of \\$215.38](#)
- I. [CF warrant #2107 in the amt. of \\$165.00](#)
- J. [GF ACH warrants #222300343-222300368 in the amt. of \\$18,681.99](#)
- K. [ASB ACH warrants #222300341-222300342 in the amt. of \\$385.62](#)
- L. [BMO GF warrants #101043-101045 in the amt. of \\$7,021.07](#)
- M. [BMO ASB warrants #11127-11128 in the amt. of \\$3,398.08](#)

2.3 Personnel

A. Certified

1. Jennifer Blankenship, Emily Parman, Laura Tomberlin, Lynette Lindblom, Rochelle Stinson, "Smart Start" Kindy Summer Program effective 8/21/23
2. Jessica Wanke, resignation ES Teacher effective 6/20/23
3. Julia Bronson, HS Counselor effective 8/16/23
4. Kristian Robles, Long-term Sub for HS Environmental Studies/Social Studies effective 5/9/23
5. Mackenzie Moran, Long-term Sub for HS Social Studies effective 5/10/23

B. Classified

1. Jennifer Nolan, resignation ES Para I effective 6/16/23
2. Hayden Williamson, Temporary Maintenance/Grounds effective 5/15/23

C. Athletics, Extracurricular

1. Tom Rice, resignation MS Head Boys' Basketball Coach effective 5/12/23
2. Nichole Fenimore, resignation HS Asst. Volleyball Coach effective 5/10/23
3. Horst-Hermann Malunat, HS Head Girls' Soccer Coach effective 8/21/23

D. Non-Represented

2.4 Donations

1. McDonald Excavating, Inc., 1 used iPad to Boys' Soccer team to record away games.
2. Richard and Rebecca Boyle, \$200 to HS Football Program
3. Richard and Rebecca Boyle, \$200 to HS Softball Program
4. Evergreen School District, [Surplus Radio Equipment](#)

2.5 Other Items for Board Review

- A. Reports
 1. [Superintendent](#)
 2. [Elementary School](#)
 3. [Middle School](#)
 4. [High School](#)
 5. [Academy](#)
 6. [Director of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, Participation Numbers Memo](#)
 7. [Director of Student Services](#)
 8. [Director of Teaching and Learning](#)
 9. Library- None this month
 10. Enrollment Reports- [Head Count](#), [FTE](#)
 11. Monthly Financial Reports – [Budget Status](#), [Forecast 5](#)
- B. [Request for increased Cispus Fees 23/24 School Year](#)
- C. [ES Family Handbook 23/24 School Year](#)
- D. [MS Student Handbook 23/24 School Year](#)
- E. [Approval of Certificated Staff Contracts for 23/24 School Year](#)
- F. [Approval of ASK Program Price Increase 23/24 School Year](#)

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 3.0 – LINKAGE

- 3.1 La Center Academy Linkage- Ruth Schrock, and some parents and students presented to the board some of the benefits of attending La Center Academy. Ruth thanked the board for offering an alternative learning classroom as learning in a general education classroom isn't for every kid. Ximena Page said that the home school has been a blessing for her. Her son was in kindergarten when covid started. They decided to search for an alternative program and found LC Academy. She and her husband were initially concerned that he would not develop social skills, but by putting him in sports, he has done fine. Another parent, Ruthie Shirley, said that LC Academy offers the flexibility needed for their family. Both parents work full time and she also put her kids in the academy when covid hit. She added that the support system in LC Academy is awesome. Grace, a sophomore, said that the academy allows her to spend more time with her animals and also allowed her to step back from the drama that can happen in school. Chance, a 6th grader, said that he has attended LC Academy since 4th grade, and he plans to stay with it as it gives him time to do more community activities. Finally Jessica Wirkkala said that her son thrives academically in the academy. Without Ruth and the academy, he would struggle every day.

Mr. Lindberg asked Mrs. Schrock about the numbers of enrolled students now versus the number of

students during covid. Ruth said that during covid the number of enrolled students was around 175, now the number is in the 60's range which is a perfect number for the 2 teachers.

PART 4.0 – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE (Monitoring Reports)

Motion 22/23-40 made by Mrs. Oldham, seconded by Mr. Whited to approve EL-4 Monitoring Report as written:

- 4.1 [EL-4 Business and Finance](#) Mr. Rosenkranz offered an explanation for item 3 for moderate compliance. The district will be receiving a finding from the auditor for Food Services. The Food Services Department could not find a vendor in SW WA for certain deliveries. They found a Portland, OR vendor instead. The finding relates to the district going outside of the state for certain food service items.

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY

Motion 22/23-41 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve Second reading of policy 4200 and procedure 4200P with minor punctuation corrections as follows:

- 5.1 Second Reading Policy [4200](#) Parent Access and Safe and Orderly Learning Environment. ([4200P](#) – Procedure name update only) with minor board corrections to policy

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 22/23-42 made by Mr. Whited seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve second reading of policy 3116 and procedure 3116P with minor corrections as follows:

- 5.2 Second Reading Policy [3116](#) and Procedure [3116P](#) Students in Foster Care with minor corrections to procedure.

Motion Carried Unanimously

- 5.3 Review [GP 9 Code of Conduct](#) and [GP 10 Covenants](#) – No changes are needed at this time.

PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

- 6.1 Budget Update for the 23/24 School Year- Nancy Carner updated the board on the progress regarding the budget. Budget numbers were still estimates as the state still has not opened the calculation worksheets. Mr. Lindberg asked if we are forecasting for inflation and asked what we are doing to offset the increase. Nancy said that the state has its own tool to calculate numbers and that utilities and other things are up and that is a concern. She noted that budgeting

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is more difficult without the larger ending fund balance the district has had in the past. She added that staffing is also more expensive. This budget is also closer to the district's actual FTE. Mr. Whited asked if there a delay from the state, what do we do? Nancy reported that they have to open it up this week so that she can get the numbers plugged in and get it to the board for review prior to the June board hearing. She has to have it uploaded into the ESD by July 10. She said that it should be open tomorrow morning so that she can start plugging numbers in. The budget hearing will be held at the June board meeting.

Motion 22/23-43

made by Mrs. Miller seconded by Mrs. Oldham to approve administration of the Healthy Youth Survey 2023:

6.2 Healthy Youth Survey 2023 – Board approval of administration in fall 2023 for grades 6-12.

[Healthy Youth Survey Information Page](#)

This item had been tabled at the April Meeting pending information on gender/pronoun questions being asked of students in grades 8-12 as part of the main survey. The board discussed this item at their May 9 Workshop and requested information on the number of grants that are affected by the HYS. Information was emailed to the board from Michelle O'Neil. She reported that there were 3 grants that the district applied for where participation assurance that the district participate in the HYS (or something similar) was required. The district received one of those grants in the amount of \$35,000. The other 2 were not received because free/reduced numbers are too low. La Center United relies on the HYS for grants as well.

Mr. Muffett said that the board has discussed the questions that cause concern and that he recognizes the value of the survey. He added that parents can opt their kids out of taking the survey in full or that kids can skip any question that they feel uncomfortable with answering. Teachers have a script that is read to students before they take the survey. The results allow the district to compare our students to other students in the area or in the state. It has good information that comes from it.

Motion Carried 4 Yeas -1 Nay (Whited)

Motion 22/23-44

made by Mrs. Miller seconded by Mr. Whited to approve Resolution 2022/2023-4 as follows:

6.3 [Resolution 2022/2023-4 Delegating Authority to WIAA](#)

Motion Carried Unanimously

6.4 Transportation/split busing schedule - Mr. Rosenkranz discussed the need for split bussing schedule next school year. He thanked the teachers and community for their input which was split on the decision mostly with parents not wanting elementary to start before secondary. He said that ASK could be an option for the first hour after school if parents normally have MS or HS

students watch their younger siblings. More information will be provided to families on start/end times and busing schedules. Mr. Whited asked if Pete talked to other districts regarding their schedules. He also would like to reach out to families to offer solutions to those that the schedule will not work for.

6.5 Future Agenda Items - None suggested.

6.6 **Board Schedule**

Graduation, June 10, 2023, HS Stadium, 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting, June 27, HS Commons, immediately following Budget Hearing for the 23/24 School Year at 7:00 p.m.

PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

None this month.

PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT - Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

8.1 Signing of Board Documents

Board Secretary- Peter Rosenkranz

Board Chair – Win Muffett

Board Member-Eric Lindberg

Board Member-Dorri Oldham

Board Member – Craig Whited

Board Member- Amanda Miller