



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**BUDGET HEARING
AND
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023
7:00 PM
HS Commons**

Board Members Present: Eric Lindberg, Win Muffett, Craig Whited, Dorri Oldham, Amanda Miller
Board Members Absent:
Superintendent: Peter Rosenkranz
Administrators: Nancy Carner, Michelle O’Neil
Staff and Guests: Ryan Davis, Erin Smelser, Gail Wolz, Nancy Grout, Terresa Holmes, Eunice Ingermanson, Melissa Flatt, Kaitlyn Woodfin, Stephen Croskrey, Cecilia Franks, Emily Hancock, Malerie Plaughter
Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

Mr. Muffett opened the meeting with the flag salute at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN BUDGET HEARING – Mr. Muffet then opened the budget hearing to discuss the 2023/2024 school year budget.

[F195 Budget Document linked here](#)

[Four Year Forecast linked here](#)

[Board Presentation linked here](#)

Nancy Carner gave a brief overview of the budget to the board and audience. Mr. Muffett then asked if there were any questions. One audience member asked if there was a detail of the budget. Mrs. Carner said that the F195 linked above has all of the details. Mr. Muffett noted that the documents had been posted on the website for the past 2 weeks as well.

CLOSE BUDGET HEARING- As there were no further questions or comments from the audience or the board, Mr. Muffett closed the budget hearing at 7:07 p.m.

PART 1.0 – CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Mr. Muffett called the regular meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- 1.2 Welcomed guests
- 1.3 Corrections and Changes to the Agenda - None
- 1.4 Audience and Board Communication

A. Say Something Positive

Mrs. Miller commented that the football and volleyball camps are great for the kids. She also said that the links to the school reports contain some cool stuff. She pointed out that the high school students helped at the scholastic book fair. It was an opportunity for those students to show their commitment to the community and also to help the crazy younger kids. She also said that she loved the summer break countdown on the reader board of days left until school starts again. She said kudos to whoever came up with that idea. Mrs. Oldham said that she is excited for summer time. She also commented that the volleyball camp is a positive thing. The younger students definitely enjoyed their first day. Mr. Whited offered congratulations to Pete and all of the administrators, staff and students for an excellent year. He added that the focus on improving ways to “grow brain cells” shows the district’s commitment to learning. He also pointed out in the MS board report that Mrs. Austad’s lessons regarding personal finance are fantastic. It will help prepare kids for Mr. Lambert’s high school personal finance class. These lessons are ones that kids will use in life. Mr. Rosenkranz commented that he had actually received complaints about the countdown on the ES reader board. He said it now just says, “Have a nice summer!” He then said that next year, Stephanie Holmes would be taking on the role of Instructional Specialist. This will help provide instructional support and coaching to teachers to familiarize them with current curriculum to best meet the needs of students. He added that there are 3 new CTE construction classes added at the high school and that there are 9 A/P course offerings next year. He added that kids are not just being prepped for college, but also for careers. He added that communication and transparency are also important and the district has a lot of information available on the website. One final note is that the high school reader board should be installed by the first week of July. Mr. Lindberg said that he was impressed with the Bobcat Walk-Run. His kids were excited. He noted the two large donations as well as the pledges that the students brought in. (Mr. Nolan offered that the total raised was over \$18,000!) Mr. Lindberg then thanked everyone that helped with graduation. He said that he thoroughly enjoyed it. He added a final note that the large PD list this summer will help grow and improve teachers and it is encouraging. Mr. Muffett echoed all of the positive comments. He added that it was nice to see the thousands of dollars in scholarships offered to graduating students. He also said that he personally knows of a couple of students that went right to work after graduation. This graduating class is ready to go. It is a testament to their pursuit for their future and the district helped in that effort. He added that the professional development list in Michelle O’Neil’s board report shows that we are “teaching the teachers.” The list is long and shows that the district has a growth mindset and are steadfast in their mission to educate students. He added that people are attracted to, and are applying for, jobs in La Center. We deliver the best education that we can.

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

Eunice Ingermanson, Topic: LGBTQ support

Emily Hancock, Topic: student mental health

Erin Smelser, Topic: hate groups in our community and the threat to our students
Gail Wolz, Topic: offering parent resources
Malerie Plaughter, Topic: thanking educators and asking for transparency
Stephen Croskrey, Topic: recent board actions interfering with teachers' ability to help students learn

PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA –

Motion 22/23-45

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

2.1 Approval of Minutes

- A. [Minutes of Board Meeting held May 23, 2023](#)

2.2 Vouchers

- A. Payroll for this month not to exceed \$1,900,000.00
- B. [GF warrants #101100-101143 in the amt. of \\$100,788.04](#)
- C. [ASB warrants #11129-11147 in the amt. of \\$12,536.75](#)
- D. [CF warrants #2108-2109 in the amt. of \\$2,947.86](#)
- E. [GF ACH warrants #222300372-222300390 in the amt. of \\$21,995.80](#)
- F. [ASB ACH warrants #222300369-222300371 in the amt. of \\$366.00](#)
- G. [GF warrants #101144-101193 in the amt. of \\$143,794.22](#)
- H. [ASB warrants #11148-11156 in the amt. of \\$10,440.05](#)
- I. [CF warrants #2110-2113 in the amt. of \\$53,774.15](#)
- J. [GF ACH warrants #222300396-222300428 in the amt. of \\$117,684.20](#)
- K. [ASB ACH warrants #222300391-222300395 in the amt. of \\$749.01](#)
- L. [BMO GEN warrants #101194-101199 in the amt. of 14,629.91](#)
- M. [BMO ASB warrants #11157-11160 in the amt. of \\$7,063.89](#)

2.3 Personnel

A. Certified

- 1. Jim Neiman, retirement HS CTE Teacher effective 8/31/23
- 2. Meghan Bridger, 2nd Grade Teacher effective 8/25/23
- 3. Kristen Emerick, Kindergarten Teacher effective 8/23/23
- 4. Erin Mangold, Kindergarten Teacher effective 8/23/23
- 5. Kathy Griffith, ES Library/Media Teacher, increase from .5 to .6 FTE effective 23/24 school year
- 6. Tara Eilts, 3rd Grade Teacher effective 8/23/23
- 7. Kristen Emerick and Erin Mangold, Kindy Smart Start Teacher effective 8/21/23
- 8. Sierra Thomas, PK-2 School Counselor effective 8/21/23
- 9. Sheena Davies, Transitional Kindergarten Teacher Non-Continuing, effective 8/23/23
- 10. Bob Hill, Summer School, HS APEX Credit Recovery effective 6/22/23
- 11. Stephanie Holmes, resignation from MS Math/STEM Teacher effective 8/22/23 to accept Instructional Specialist effective 8/23/23
- 12. Saige Lyons, HS Health/PE effective 8/23/23
- 13. Molly Lopez, MS Health/PE effective 8/23/23
- 14. Valerie Luiz, resignation HS Counselor effective 8/31/23
- 15. Jack Leedom, HS CTE teacher effective 8/23/23

B. Classified

- 1. Melissa Lile, Bobcat Walk/Run Coordinator effective 5/21/23

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2. Nikola Lepley, resignation ES Para I effective 6/20/23
 3. April Fivecoats, resignation HS Dishwasher/Server effective 6/15/23
 4. Shari Latham, retirement HS Para I effective 8/31/23
 5. Erin Smelser, Temporary Para I Summer Recovery Service Program effective 8/1/23
 6. Alexandra Combs, Transfer from Preschool Para I to ELL Para I effective 8/25/23
 7. Cassyandra Goesch, resignation HS Para I (shop) effective 8/31/23
- C. Athletics, Extracurricular
1. Sanjay Prasad, resignation HS Boys' Head Soccer Coach effective 5/23/23
 2. William Blue, transfer to Girls' Golf Assistant Coach from Head Coach effective 6/5/23
 3. Tom Martinko, transfer to Girls' Golf Head Coach from Asst. Coach effective 6/5/23
 4. Mike Hill, HS JV Girls' Soccer Coach effective 8/21/23
 5. Keri Skinner, resignation Interim HS Volleyball Asst. Coach effective 6/12/23
 6. Jody Martin, resignation HS Wrestling Asst. Coach effective 6/13/23
 7. Amber Langliers HS JV Volleyball Coach (interim 1 season) effective 8/21/23
 8. Wayne Kurtz MS Volleyball Asst. Coach effective 8/28/23
- D. Non-Represented

2.4 Donations

1. Frank Hoetker, set of TaylorMade golf clubs and 2 dozen golf balls to HS Boys' Golf Team
2. C&J Farms, LLC, \$3,298.00 to the Elementary Bobcat Walk/Run
3. TPAC Supply, \$600.00 to the Elementary Bobcat Walk/Run

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](#)
 7. [Director of Student Services](#)
 8. [Director of Teaching and Learning](#)
 9. [Library](#)
 10. Enrollment Reports- [Head Count](#), [FTE](#)
 11. Monthly Financial Reports – [Budget Status](#), [Forecast 5](#)
- B. [List of Extra Duty Contracts and Activities for 23/24 School Year](#)
- C. [Minimum Basic Education Requirement Information 2023-2024](#)
- D. [Board Meeting and Workshop/Linkage Schedule 23/24 School Year](#)
- E. [AP US History Curriculum- Give Me Liberty!](#)
- F. [Supplemental Instructional Materials for MS SEL- Signs of Suicide \(SOS\)](#)
- G. [Weight Training/PE Core Curriculum-TeamBuildr](#)
- H. [Memo: MS Student Planner Fee](#)
- I. [LCSD/SEIU Letter of Agreement, wages 23/24 and 24/25 school years](#)
- J. [MS Student Handbook 23/24 School Year](#)
- K. [HS Student Handbook 23/24 School Year](#)

Motion Carried Unanimously

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PART 3.0 – LINKAGE

None this month.

PART 4.0 – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE (Monitoring Reports)

Motion 22/23-46 made by Mrs. Oldham, seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve EL-6 Monitoring Report as written:

4.1 [EL-6](#) Staff Evaluations

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY

Motion 22/23-47 made by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Mr. Whited to approve first reading of policy 4040 and procedure 4040P as written:

5.1 First reading of Policy [4040](#) and Procedure [4040P](#) Public Access to District Records (New)

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 22/23-48 made by Mr. Whited seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve first reading of policy 5404 as written

5.2 First reading of Policy [5404](#) Family, Medical, and Maternity Leave (New)

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 22/23-49 made by Mr. Whited seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve first reading of policy 5404 as written after some discussion regarding staff students attending K-12 on a choice transfer:

5.3 First reading of Policy [3141](#) Nonresident Students

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

Motion 22/23-50 made by Mr. Lindberg seconded by Mrs. Oldham to approve Resolution 2022/2023-5:

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6.1 [Resolution 2022/2023-5 Public Access to District Records](#)

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 22/23-51

made by Mr. Whited seconded by Mr. Muffett who called to approve Resolution 2022/2023-5 by roll call vote:

6.2 [Resolution 2022/2023-6 Adoption of the 23/24 School Year Budget](#)

Lindberg – Aye
Muffett – Aye
Whited – Aye
Oldham – Aye
Miller - Aye

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 22/23-52

made by Mr. Whited seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve La Center School District Assurance Program as follows:

6.3 [La Center School District Assurance Program \(LCAP\)](#) - This is an optional program being offered to families as an insurance plan in case a student breaks or damages a Chromebook.

It was discussed that the fee would initially be \$15.00 instead of the \$20.00 as noted on the form. Also, if any money were left in the fund at the end of the year, it would stay in the fund and would not be used for anything else. The goal of the program is to break even and not have a surplus at the end of the year. If there is a large surplus or a negative amount at the end of the year, the fee would be adjusted for the next school year. Any increase in fee would need board approval.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 22/23-53

made by Mr. Lindberg seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve Mr. Rosenkranz moving forward with the Ivy Street easement as follows:

6.4 Kahn Family Ivy Street Easement Approval – The board discussed that the approval was being given with the stipulation that the easement would cost nothing for the district. It was noted that the district would still have access to the property. The board would also like to receive the final documents when they are available.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6.5 Future Agenda Items - After the executive session, Mr. Muffett commented that he would like to have an item on the August or September Agenda that would offer the CTE partners of the district the opportunity to present as they are companies that support our school and community.

6.6 **Board Schedule**

Board Meeting July 25, 2023, 7:00 PM, HS Library (instead of the commons)

PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

7.1 At 8:00 p.m., Mr. Muffet announced that the board would be adjourning to executive session in the high school conference room under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss the Superintendent’s informal evaluation. He said that the executive session would last 15 minutes and that the board would return at 8:15 p.m. The board returned at 8:15 and re-convened the meeting.

PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT – After thanking the remaining attendees and the addition of a future agenda item, Mr. Muffet adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

8.1 Signing of Board Documents

8.2 Quarterly Board Self-Assessment

Board Secretary- Peter Rosenkranz

Board Chair – Win Muffett

Board Member-Eric Lindberg

Board Member-Dorri Oldham

Board Member – Craig Whited

Board Member- Amanda Miller