



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 12, 2023  
7:00 PM  
HS Library**

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

Board Members Absent:

Superintendent: Peter Rosenkranz

Administrators: Nancy Carner, Michelle O'Neil, Lauri Landerholm, Matt Johnson, Steve Avery, Dave McIntosh, Carrie Lindsey, Greg Hall

Staff and Guests: Melissa Flatt, Erin Smelser

Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

Mr. Muffett called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

1. Q&A and Review of District Improvement and School Improvement Plans.

School Improvement plans align closely with the District Improvement Plan. Goals for the year are listed on each one that highlight the strategies they will use to achieve the goal.

Steve Avery and Greg Hall gave an overview of the Elementary School Improvement Plan. Discussions included teachers talking about what they've learned in their Professional Development, and the mentor program to help new teachers.

Lauri Landerholm and Dave McIntosh gave an overview of the Middle School Improvement Plan. Discussions included building relationships with students and strategies that other schools use to help students be more engaged.

Matt Johnson gave an overview of the High School Improvement Plan. Discussions included access for all students to CTE and A/P classes in grades 9-12 to opportunities that will help them succeed. He added that the high school's one goal is to serve all kids. The board was also interested in the measures of success from the state report card and look forward to seeing the actual percentages from 22/23 in relation to the goals discussed.

Peter Rosenkranz gave an overview of the District Improvement Plan. Mr. Muffett commented that he appreciates all of the energy and work that went into preparing the plans. He is hearing from the community that the school year is off to a great start and the district is focused on moving forward. He also noted that district enrollment is up this year in our district where other districts are noticing a decline in enrollment.

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Minutes are draft until signed by the board.

2. Discussion of Legislative voice – Mr. Rosenkranz discussed that larger districts in the state have lobbyists that give them a voice in Olympia. We live in a region that has very little voice in Olympia and legislative priorities rarely reflect the needs of smaller districts. He talked with a lobbyist that works for the City of La Center and he believes that lobbyists could work on behalf of the district to help with legislative issues facing the District. He would work with other small districts in the area to try to offset the cost of the lobbyist. He believes that the return on investment would be good if the state recognizes the needs of smaller districts relating to fully funding education. It may be that he and Mr. Whited work together to have more discussions with our local representatives. Mrs. Miller said that she would have a hard time paying for a lobbyist. The board has to be fiscally responsible to taxpayers in the area and noted that some are on fixed incomes. The District would have to discuss funding and share issues with families and community members before this option could be considered. Mr. Rosenkranz will let the board know how the discussions go with potential lobbyists and nearby small district to build options for the district.

**Motion 23/24-1**

made by Mrs. Oldham seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve Craig Whited as official delegate to vote on behalf of the board at the WSSDA General Assembly:

3. WSSDA General Assembly Delegate Direction – Craig Whited.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The Special Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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Board Secretary- Peter Rosenkranz

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Board Chair – Win Muffett

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Board Member-Eric Lindberg

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Board Member-Dorri Oldham

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Board Member – Craig Whited

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Board Member- Amanda Miller