



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

7:00 PM

HS Library

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

Board Members Absent: Win Muffett

Superintendent: Peter Rosenkranz

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

Staff and Guests: Nicole Andrell, Eunice Ingermanson, Melissa Flatt, Nathan Wilfong, Gail Wolz, Jenny Boyle, Heather Moeller, Alex Combs, Erin Smelser, John Koshi, Morgan Frazier

Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

PART 1.0 – CALL TO ORDER

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

1.2 Welcomed guests

1.3 Corrections and Changes to the Agenda – None

1.4 Audience and Board Communication

Say Something Positive –

Mrs. Miller commented that the girls' soccer team went to state! This is phenomenal and neat to see. She also commented from the HS board report that 188 students (now 233) have signed up to take A/P tests to qualify for A/P classes. This is also great to see and will save on college costs for those students. She also said that she appreciates how La Center schools represent Veterans at the games and at the school assemblies. She and her husband (a Veteran) were impressed by the band, choir and boy scouts. It is very honorable and makes her proud to be part of the district. Mrs. Oldham echoed the comments made about girls' soccer. She said that she is also excited for the upcoming bazaar and added that the elementary students will be singing there.

Mr. Whited commented that it was good to get together with fellow board members to attend and learn from the recent WSSDA General Conference. Mr. Lindberg commented that the number of students taking A/P tests also stood out to him. He then commented about the recent career fair and the excitement behind that. He is looking forward to talking to the business leaders that participated in the fair. Mr. Rosenkranz commented that the ES leadership (Bobcat Ambassadors) did a great job at the recent Veterans Day assembly. He also said that the A/P exam numbers are huge. He added that there are scholarship options for college and the trades to

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help kids be career ready by grade 13. He also said that he is excited for the bazaar and the community tree lighting this weekend. Mr. Hall added that he was at a recent IEP meeting and was excited that the student was able to exit the program! This is a testament to the teachers. He also noted that being in special education does not have to be a permanent thing. Gail Wolz added that she is impressed with the positive articles that she has seen in *The Columbian* regarding the school district, the most recent being “Stuff the Bus.”

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

Erin Smelser, Topic: Fiscal responsibility
Gail Wolz, Topic: Communication/Student support
Eunice Ingermanson, Topic: Student voice at board meetings
LCES PTO (Alex Combs), Topic: Safety measures at the ES
Melissa Flatt, Topic: Narcan training

PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA –

Motion 23/24-20 made by Mr. Whited, seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve the consent agenda as follows:

2.1 Approval of Minutes

- A. [Minutes of Board Meeting October 24, 2023](#)
- B. [Minutes of Board Workshop, November 14, 2023](#)

2.2 Vouchers

- A. [Payroll for this month not to exceed \\$1,900,000.00](#)
- B. [GF warrants #101580-101627 in the amt. of \\$147,170.73](#)
- C. [ASB warrants #11204-11210 in the amt. of \\$8,213.52](#)
- D. [CF warrants #2138-2139 in the amt. of \\$4,633.75](#)
- E. [GF ACH warrants #232400068-232400078 in the amt. of \\$31,980.35](#)
- F. [ASB ACH warrants #232400066-232400067 \\$402.63](#)
- G. [GF warrants #101628-101667 in the amt. of \\$99,523.53](#)
- H. [ASB warrants #11211-11220 in the amt. of \\$20,032.60](#)
- I. [CF warrant #2140 in the amt. of \\$156.00](#)
- J. [GF ACH warrants #232400081-232400094 in the amt. of \\$10,373.96](#)
- K. [ASB ACH warrants #232400079-232400080 in the amt. of \\$342.59](#)
- L. [BMO GF warrants #101668-101670 in the amt. of \\$6,774.69](#)
- M. [BMO ASB warrants 11221-11222 in the amt. of \\$2,235.50](#)

2.3 Personnel

- A. Certified
 1. Sarah Cottle, HS Special Education Teacher non-continuing effective 12/4/23
 2. Derek Bain, 4th Grade Long-term Substitute Teacher effective 12/11/23
 3. Kelli Paterson, 4th Grade Long-term Substitute Teacher effective 1/26/24
- B. Classified
 1. Janeen Vazquez, Playground Monitor Support Aide hours reduced from full day to 20 minutes per day to accept ES Para I position effective 10/23/23
 2. Shannon Neiling, Temporary MS Asst. Cook effective 10/25/23
 3. Savannah Kendall, ES General Office Aide in the Health Room effective 11/13/23

4. Arminda Grove, MS Dishwasher/Server and Temporary MS Asst. Cook effective 11/14/23
 5. Molly Edwards, ES Playground Monitor/Support Aide effective 11/8/23
 6. Shannon Neiling, resignation MS Dishwasher/Server and Temporary MS Asst. Cook effective 10/31/23
- C. Athletics, Extracurricular
1. Kyler Burris, HS Boys' Head Soccer Coach effective 2/24/24
- D. Non-Represented

2.4 Donations

1. Knights of Columbus #12899; 48 winter coats to the elementary school.

2.5 Other Items for Board Review

A. Reports

1. [Superintendent](#)
2. [Director of Teaching and Learning](#)
3. [Elementary School](#)
4. [Middle School](#)
5. [High School](#)
6. [Academy](#)
7. [Director of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities](#)
8. [Director of Student Services](#)
9. Enrollment Reports- [Head Count](#), [FTE](#)
10. Monthly Financial Reports – [Budget Status](#), [Forecast 5](#)
11. [Message from the Fiscal Department](#)

B. [LCES 2023-2024 Highly Capable Program Guidelines](#)

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 3.0 – LINKAGE

None this month.

PART 4.0 – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE (Monitoring Reports)

Motion 23/24-21

made by Mr. Whited, seconded by Mrs. Oldham to approve EL-5 as follows:

4.1 [EL-5 Educational Leadership](#)

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY

Motion 23/24-22

made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Oldham to approve second reading of policy 3231 as written:

5.1 Second reading of policy [3231](#) Student Records

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 23/24-23 made by Mr. Whited seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve second reading of policy 3520 and procedure 3520P as written:

5.2 Second reading of policy [3520](#) and procedure [3520P](#) Student Fees, Fines, or Charges

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 23/24-24 made by Mrs. Oldham seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve second reading of policy 6217 and procedure 6217P as written:

5.3 Second reading of Policy [6217](#) and procedure [6217P](#) Electronic Funds Transfer (New)

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

Motion 23/24-25 made by Mr. Whited seconded by Mrs. Oldham to approve the first calendar option to update May 24, 2024 as a non-school day and removing the possibility of it being a snow make up day:

6.1 Tabled item from October 24 Meeting - School Year Calendar -Possible update to May 24 – Removal as possible snow make up day due to self-imposed substitute challenges.

[May 24 non-school day](#)

[May 24 regular school day](#)—

After discussion by the board, it was recommended that the Friday before Memorial Day be a regular school day and not a possible snow make up day on future calendars to alleviate this issue.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion 23/24-26 made by Mr. Whited seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve the conditional certificate application in Special Education for Sarah Cottle:

6.2 [Conditional Certification Application in Special Education for Sarah Cottle.](#)

Motion Carried Unanimously

6.3 Student Voice Discussion – The board discussed whether a student representative should be on the board and the reasoning behind having a student representative. The district holds a linkage with students to hear concerns and positive comments from students each year. Students are also

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welcome to come to a board meeting any time. A student representative on the board would be able to give input on board decisions and share their opinion, but they would not be able to vote on agenda items since they are not elected by the community to serve as a board member. Some questions and discussion items were:

What guidelines would we use to seek input from students?

How would we include all students, (not just leadership groups)?

Would not want a “token student” on the board, would rather they focus on being a kid.

Student surveys could be sent out when seeking the opinion of all students.

More discussion on this subject is needed before a decision can be made by the board.

6.4 Student Civics/Volunteering Discussion – Volunteering used to be a graduation requirement. The requirement was removed in approximately 2010 as it was challenging to monitor and track student volunteer hours. Districts also questioned whether it is actually volunteering if you are forcing someone to volunteer as a graduation requirement. It also can create unforeseen barriers to graduation if it is a requirement. It was added that volunteering looks good on college applications or resumes and students could be given the opportunity, rather than requiring them to do it. What opportunities could be offered locally for those students that might have a transportation barrier? There needs to be more discussion on this item as well since monitoring it would require someone from the district to keep track of volunteer hours.

6.5 Future Agenda Items

None.

6.6 **Board Schedule**

No December Board Workshop

Board Meeting December 19, 2023, 7:00 p.m., HS Library

PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

None this month.

PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT –Mr. Lindberg called the meeting adjourned at 8:20 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