



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

7:00 PM

HS Library

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

Board Members Absent:

Superintendent: Peter Rosenkranz

Administrators: Nancy Carner, Greg Hall, Michelle O’Neil, Gary McGarvie, Matt Johnson, Steve Avery, Lauri Landerholm, Carrie Lindsey

Staff and Guests: Gail Wolz, Eunice Ingermanson, Erin Smelser, Josh Soske, Kris Soske, Melissa Flatt, Nathan Wilfong, Diane Suomi

Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

PART 1.0 – CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Mr. Whited 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: Under 6.5, Board Schedule, the Board Workshop scheduled for May 14 is moved to May 9 at 3:30 PM at the middle school for the board to watch a professional development session.
- 1.4 Audience and Board Communication
 - A. Say Something Positive – Mr. Glackler said that he learned a lot about the CTE and La Center Academy programs at his first board workshop this month. Mrs. Miller commented that at the last board walk-through they saw very different teaching styles that engaged students. She also said that the Shared Hope meeting was good and offered important information for everyone. Mrs. Oldham said that she is excited for the end of the year and noted upcoming district activities. Mr. Lindberg commented about the recent workshop where the board discussed opportunities for kids. He liked the discussion about keeping LC kids here in the district specifically homeschool kids at the LC Academy. Mr. Whited gave a shout out to the kids inducted into the National Honor Society last night. He also commented that he likes seeing teachers engage with students during the board walk-throughs. Mr. Rosenkranz commented that since tomorrow is secretary’s day, he wanted to honor the amazing secretaries that work in the District Office and in the school offices. They keep the district running smoothly. He also commented that the board walk-throughs allow the board to see the work of the teachers in action. He then talked about some of the activities coming up in the district and pointed out the District Capacity Assessment information in the Teaching and Learning board report. Josh Soske

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commented that he is proud of the district and the unions for working together on the contracts we have now. It shows that they work together for the success of the district. Matt Johnson introduced Lindsey Hathaway, the new associate principal at the high school. She will begin work at the end of July. Steve Avery commented that thanks to the work of Stephanie Holmes, the instruction at the elementary school is stronger.

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

Erin Smelser – The importance of librarians

Gail Wolz – Family Support

Nathan Wilfong – Praise for the board

Eunice Ingermanson – Healthy Youth Survey 2023 results

PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA –

Motion 23/24-52 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Glackler to approve the consent agenda as follows:

2.1 Approval of Minutes

A. [Minutes of Board Meeting March 26, 2024](#)

B. [Minutes of Board Workshop April 9, 2024](#)

2.2 Vouchers

A. Payroll for this month not to exceed \$1,900,000.00

B. [GF warrants #102046-102085 in the amt. of \\$135,854.46](#)

C. [ASB warrants #11278-11284 in the amt. of \\$9,384.08](#)

D. [CF warrants #2152-2156 in the amt. of \\$27,037.93](#)

E. [GF ACH warrants #232400218-232400238 in the amt. of \\$59,621.45](#)

F. [CF ACH warrant #232400217 in the amt. of \\$1,153.85](#)

G. [GF warrants #102086-102118 in the amt. of \\$94,824.14](#)

H. [ASB warrants #11285-11289 in the amt. of \\$4,116.12](#)

I. [GF ACH warrants #232400239-232400261 in the amt. of \\$48,799.15](#)

J. [ASB ACH warrant #232400262 in the amt. of \\$290.00](#)

K. [GF BMO warrants 102119-102123 in the amt. of \\$5,647.71](#)

L. [ASB BMO warrants 11290-11291 in the amt. of \\$5,258.90](#)

2.3 Personnel

A. New Hires

1. Sydney Rohner, 4th Grade Long-term Substitute effective 3/25/24
2. Andy Davis MS Science/STEM teacher effective 8/21/24
3. Amanda Cramer, MS Dishwasher/Food Server effective 4/9/24
4. Matt Cone, HS Head Girls' Soccer Coach effective 8/26/24
5. Lindsey Hathaway, HS Associate Principal effective 7/1/24

B. Resignations/Retirements

1. Donna McBride, retirement MS Special Ed. Teacher effective 8/31/24
2. Liz Crandall, retirement 3rd Grade Teacher effective 8/31/24
3. Kevin Doyle, resignation CTE Program Director effective 6/30/24
4. Katie Smith, resignation HS Asst. Track Coach effective 4/26/24

2.4 Donations

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
- B. La Center Academy 6-12 Handbook 24/25 (minor changes)
- C. La Center Academy K-5 Handbook 24/25 (minor changes)

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 3.0 – LINKAGE

None this month.

PART 4.0 – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE (Monitoring Reports)

Motion 23/24-53 made by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Mrs. Oldham to approve EL-2 Monitoring report as written:

- 4.1 Monitoring Report EL-2 Community Relations

Motion Carried Unanimously

PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY

Motion 23/24-54 made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve the first reading of procedure 2161P as written:

- 5.1 First reading of procedure 2161P Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students (updates are from RCW 28A.155.060 on P. 17, 24-26)

Motion Carried Unanimously

- 5.2 Review GP12 Reimbursement of Expenses- no updates needed at this time.

PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

- 6.1 Budget Update – Nancy Carner gave a budget update for the 24/25 school year. The estimated revenue and expenditures for next year are around \$30 million. Salaries and benefits are about 76% of the budget and MSOCS are about 24%. MSOCS are going up because of rising costs of

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electricity and other utilities. A good guiding tool for school districts is to keep salaries and benefits at around 80 % and MSOCS at 20 %. The state opened the F195 budget system last week, so Nancy is able to begin plugging in the numbers.

The district is working on calculating impact fees for the next Capital Facilities Plan. The district is working with a demographer to project the growth in the area and will eventually work with the city and the county to determine the fee amounts. More impact fees are expected to come in next year with the addition of 2 new developments near the middle school.

- 6.2 Land Use, City of La Center Temporary Easement – Mr. Rosenkranz and the board discussed the temporary easement with the city and the district will move forward with it. The temporary easement grants the city access to the 4th and Ivy Street corner of the ES Softball field until the September 30, 2027 for the school traffic signal project.
- 6.3 Early Childhood Education – Mr. Rosenkranz and the board discussed the transitional kindergarten and preschool programs. Since the transitional kindergarten program is not fully funded by the state, the district is unable to offer it next year. The program causes a loss to the district of \$75,000 per year. The district cannot charge a tuition for the program because of rules from the state.

Mr. Rosenkranz then discussed that he would like to increase tuition for general education preschool students from \$180.00 per month to \$380.00 per month. The preschool classroom also is not fully funded by the state, so the tuition would offset the cost for the district to operate it. Other preschools in the area range from \$600.00 to \$1,000.00 per month. The district’s preschool program is a half-day program that runs Monday through Thursday.

- 6.4 Future Agenda Items – None.

6.5 **Board Schedule**

Board Workshop ~~May 14, 2024, 7:00 p.m., HS Library~~ May 9, 2024, 3:30 PM, MS
Board Walk-Through May 23, 2024, Time TBD/ HS CWP class visit
Board Meeting May 28, 2024, 7:00 p.m., HS Library

PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

None this month.

PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT -- The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

8.1 Signing of Board Documents

Board Secretary- Peter Rosenkranz

Board Chair – Craig Whited

Board Member-Eric Lindberg

Board Member-Dorri Oldham

Board Member Amanda Miller

Board Member – Samuel Glackler