



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**BOARD WORKSHOP  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024  
5:00 PM  
HS Conference Room**

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

Board Members Absent:

Superintendent: Peter Rosenkranz

Staff and Guests: Bryan Kast, Tony Cooper, Josh Soske

Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

- 1. Fourth and Ivy Intersection/Right of Way** - As part of the School Traffic Signal and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Widening Project, the City of La Center is requesting an in-kind donation of a portion of the property known as 62674000 for reworking the project to move the stormwater pond off of the softball field and using the existing pond.

Bryan Kast and Tony Cooper presented information to the board regarding the right of way and stormwater impacts. The original design for the stormwater pond was for it to be put in the in the upper left corner of the field near E 4<sup>th</sup> Street. This would make the field unusable for softball. To remedy this, the design was revised to be able to use the existing stormwater pond and release pipe that is currently on District elementary school property. The existing pond would be expanded toward Ivy Street to allow it to hold the extra water runoff from the widening of 4<sup>th</sup> street. This change would require a permanent easement for the city to take over maintenance of the pond. The city will cover the cost of the expansion and future maintenance (cleaning, mowing of grass). The current asphalt, bus area will remain as it is with no change.

In exchange for the city taking on the cost of the redesign, the district would donate the corner piece of property (right of way acquisition) for the signal project) on E 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Ivy Avenue and the stormwater easement area. During the installation, a portion of the fence will be removed, but would be put back once the work is completed allowing full use of the field.

It was discussed that the signal project is part of a safe routes to school grant that the city received. The signal will increase safety by adding cross walk signals and buses will have a green light during school release time.

The board will consider the adoption of an intergovernmental agreement at the May 28<sup>th</sup> Board

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Minutes are draft until approved by the board.

Meeting. The board asked that two things be added to the agreement; that the city would not do the maintenance during school hours when students are present because of possible liability issues and that any work on fourth street around the elementary electronic reader board preserves the reader board in its current state and that it remains district property. If the reader board needs to be moved, it would be at the city's expense.

Additional work would result in the elementary school exit driveway to have new ADA ramps installed, the width of the driveway will not change, but would potentially be raised at the bottom to meet the adjusted height on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The parking area would not be affected by the widening project. The work would be scheduled to take place over the summer to avoid school year traffic interruption.

The city added that the signal has a hard deadline and that that part of the project needs to be completed by 2026 because of the funding so the right of way needs to be approved as soon as possible. The other part of the project has a two year window. Eventually, flashing lights in the school zone will be added up Highland Avenue and a flashing crosswalk will be added at the paver parking lot near Holley Park.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

As this was a workshop of the board, no action was taken.

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Board Secretary- Peter Rosenkranz

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Board Chair – Craig Whited

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