



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 28, 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, Matt Johnson, Steve Avery, Lauri Landerholm, Dave McIntosh

Staff and Guests: Gail Wolz, Erin Smelser, Josh Soske, Kris Soske, Melissa Flatt, Katie Moore, Joni Hancock, Emily Hancock, Nicole Tsugawa, Tonya McCord, Teresa Warnke, Shannon Cluphf, Betsy Hoppe, Sheena Davies, Melinda Stevens, Kelsi Boespflug, Emily Bevard, Bryan Kast, Ian Sullivan, Jennifer Scanlan, Pete Sloniker, Kristen Petersen, Joe Black, Bethany Thomas, Terresa Holmes

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: None

1.4 Audience and Board Communication

A. Say Something Positive – Mrs. Miller commented that there are so many good things happening in the district as reflected in the board reports. She added that the professional development session that the board attended was eye opening and it was cool to see teachers learning together. Mr. Lindberg said that he is excited for graduation and offered congratulations to the students in advance. He also commented that it is awesome that there were 108 volunteer hours spent helping out Mr. Sloniker’s PE class with bike lessons. Mrs. Oldham commented that the professional development session the board viewed on enhanced student engagement was good. She added that the high school ceramics class built figures from drawings submitted by first grade students. This was so adorable. Mr. Glackler also said that viewing the professional development session was amazing. It is cool to see the teachers involved and going on to use the strategies they learn. Mr. Whited said that it is good to see a lot of kids helping out with the youth camps for the younger kids. These are excellent learning opportunities as the older kids get to experience giving back to their community. He also commented that Mr. Sloniker’s PE bike lesson was really cool. It is also great to see community members giving their time. Mr. Rosenkranz commented that 2 volunteers received recognition for their contributions to the

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school. Kris Soske and Jon Girod were honored at a meeting at ESD 112. Kris does amazing work mentoring students at the elementary school. Jon Girod has been key in promoting work in the trades for students after high school.

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

Gail Wolz – Community Relations

Sheena Davies – Transitional Kindergarten

Shannon Cluphf – Music room moving to portable

Joe Black – Transitional Kindergarten

Kirsten Petersen – Moving the ES music room

Nicole Tsugawa – Transitional Kindergarten

Tonya McCord – Repurposing of ES music room and its impact on the music program

Teresa Warnke – Early Childhood Education

Bethany Thomas – Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten

Jennifer Scanlan – Transitional Kindergarten

## **PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA –**

**Motion 23/24-55** made by Mrs. Oldham, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve the consent agenda as follows:

### 2.1 Approval of Minutes

A. [Minutes of Board Meeting April 23, 2024](#)

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

C. [Minutes of Board Workshop May 21, 2024](#)

### 2.2 Vouchers

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

B. [GF warrants #102124-102163 in the amt. of \\$111,131.84](#)

C. [ASB warrants #11292-11299 in the amt. of \\$5,608.09](#)

D. [CF warrants #2157-2160 in the amt. of \\$2,942.10](#)

E. [GF ACH warrants #232400266-232400277 in the amt. of \\$39,041.30](#)

F. [ASB ACH warrants #232400263-232400264 in the amt. of \\$398.88](#)

G. [CF ACH warrant #232400265 in the amt. of \\$1,153.85](#)

H. [GF warrants #102164-102202 in the amt. of \\$127,918.16](#)

I. [ASB warrants #11300-11301 in the amt. of \\$1,370.00](#)

J. [CF warrants #2161-2164 in the amt. of \\$18,839.09](#)

K. [GF ACH warrants #232400278-232400294 in the amt. of \\$13,649.30](#)

L. [GF BMO warrants #102203-102206 in the amt. of \\$3,885.11](#)

M. [ASB BMO warrants #11302-11304 in the amt. of \\$8,633.24](#)

### 2.3 Personnel

#### A. New Hires

1. Elijah Casteel, MS Math/History Teacher effective 8/21/24

2. Dana Caro MS Head Volleyball Coach effective 8/28/24

3. Saige Lyons, HS Asst. Girls' Soccer Coach effective 8/26/24

4. Angela Ossenkop, ES Asst. Secretary effective 8/12/24

5. Nicole Cofield, ES First Grade Teacher effective 8/21/24

6. Kimberly Hollopeter, ELA Instructional Specialist effective 8/21/24

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B. Resignations/Retirements

1. Susan Cushwa, retirement ES Library Media Tech., effective 6/20/24
2. Alexandra Combs, resignation ELL Para I effective 6/18/24
3. Joyce Hantho, retirement ES Assistant Secretary effective 8/1/24
4. Trinitie (Greyson) Sullivan, separation under probation clause ES Para I effective 4/30/24
5. Mike Hill, resignation HS Asst. Girls' Soccer Coach effective 5/13/24
6. Angela Ossenkop, resignation from ES Office Aide effective 8/11/24
7. Kimberly Hollopeter, resignation from MS ELA Teacher effective 8/23/24

2.4 Donations

1. Kris and Josh Soske, \$500.00 to MS Debate Club
2. La Center United Loft, foosball table for the middle school
3. Doug and Teresa Maynard, Educational Math Games to the Teaching and Learning Department: 728 Number Zones, 828 All-Star Math Games, 628 Expansion Pack – Fractions, Decimals, Percents Edition, 628 Expansion Pack – Order of Operations Edition
4. Eulalia Soto, PLLC, \$1,750.00 to the HS Boys' Soccer Team

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. IMC Supplementary Material Adoptions

1. [HS Accounting/Intro to Business iCEV](#)
2. [6<sup>th</sup> Grade English \*Ocean Storm Alert\*](#)
3. [MS Outdoor PE \*Cast a Lure – Catch a Student\*](#)

C. [Approval of Certificated Staff Contracts for 24/25 School Year](#)

D. [Meal Price Increases 24/25 School Year](#)

E. [Intergovernmental Purchasing Agreement with Evergreen Public Schools](#)

F. [ES Family Handbook 24-25](#)

G. [LCSD Substitute Handbook](#)

The board asked if the meal price increase covers the actual cost of the meal. Mrs. Carner replied that it does not, but the state only allows the district to increase charges by 10 cents per year. The board asked for the actual costs of meals compared to what is charged. Mrs. Carner will provide that information to the board.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**PART 3.0 – LINKAGE**

None this month.

#### **PART 4.0 – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE (Monitoring Reports)**

**Motion 23/24-56** made by Mr. Glackler, seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve EL-4 Monitoring report as written:

4.1 [Monitoring Report EL-4 Business and Finance](#)

Motion Carried Unanimously

#### **PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY**

**Motion 23/24-57** made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Glackler to approve the second reading of procedure 2161P as written:

5.1 Second 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

**Motion 23/24-58** made by Mr. Glackler, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve the first reading of policies 6700, 6701, 6702, 2124 and procedures 6700P, 6701P, 6702P and 2124P as written:

5.2 First reading of:  
policy [6700](#) and procedure [6700P](#) Nutrition  
policy [6701](#) and procedure [6701P](#) Recess and Physical Activity  
policy [6702](#) and procedure [6702P](#) Wellness  
policy [2124](#) and procedure [2124P](#) Physical Education and Health Class

Original policy and procedure 6700/6700P Nutrition, Health and Physical Fitness have been divided into 4 separate policies and procedures by WSSDA.

Motion Carried Unanimously

5.3 Reviewed [GP 9 Code of Conduct](#) and [GP 10 Covenants](#) – 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 with information from the linked presentation. MSOCs costs have risen considerably over the past year. Insurance has gone up \$100,000, natural gas costs have risen \$43,000, and electricity costs have risen \$49,00. There is also an additional \$84,000 that is paid out due to the Climate Care Act. The state is offsetting those costs by \$21 per student (\$37,800) to try to offset the rising costs. MSOCs increases have been unpredictable. Other districts have been cutting positions because

of their budgets. As the district needs to be good stewards of taxpayer funds, the budget needs to allow for the additional costs.

The board was concerned that the 4 year projection forecast only has 1% growth for each of the 4 years which doesn't seem right. In the last 3 years we have seen growth of 25%. Mrs. Carner said that the 4 year projection is not looked at by the state as solid numbers. They are only informational and will change in the following year's budgets. The budget hearing on the 24/25 school year budget will be held at 7:00 p.m., prior to the June board meeting.

- 6.2 Volunteer Committee Update - Mr. Rosenkranz gave an update on the volunteer committee's work on student volunteerism. The committee discussed students choosing to participate instead requiring it for graduation. They have also discussed adding volunteering as an assignment as part of civics class. The board said they would like to see students encouraged to volunteer. They suggested that students could earn a cord for volunteer service to wear at graduation. Students already volunteer with athletic summer camps and as part of the Leos club, so they may not know that they are already volunteering. The committee will meet one more time and report their recommendations to the board.
- 6.3 [Fourth and Ivy Intersection/Right of Way](#) and [Intergovernmental Agreement](#) for Street and Stormwater System Improvements- As part of the Breeze Creek Culvert Replacement and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Widening Project, the City of La Center is requesting Right of Way, and Temporary and Permanent Easements from the La Center School District for a portion of the property known as 62674000 as described in Exhibits "[A](#)" and "[B](#)" to the City of La Center.

Bryan Kast spoke to the board about the project. In 2022, the design included a stormwater pond that would have been located on the upper left corner of the elementary softball field. At that time, the former superintendent agreed to the design. Now, the city and district agree that that is not the best location for the pond and came up with the plan to modify the existing pond that is currently on district property to accommodate the additional runoff. This would preserve the function of the field as it is now. The redesign work and the construction have additional costs involved for the city and with the permanent easement, the city would take on the cost of construction, maintenance and operation of the pond in perpetuity.

The city received the additional funding for the traffic signal and crosswalk enhancements and will do the project in phases. Phase one is the signal project and phase 2 is the rest of the project which includes the Breeze Creek culvert replacement and 4<sup>th</sup> Street widening. The board discussed the first draft of the agreement at a work session and based on the feedback, the city added language that the city would only complete maintenance on the easement during non-school hours and the district reader board would be protected in its current state. Any damages to the reader board or district property would be paid for by the city. The city discussed that the value of the property included in the permanent easement is approximately \$100-110K. The cost for the city to do the redesign was \$20,000 and additional construction costs will be approximately \$80,000.

The board is concerned about possible liability issues with the city stormwater easement.

This item was tabled pending further information from the district attorney regarding liability.

**Motion 23/24-59** made by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Mr. Glackler to approve resolution 2023/2024-1:

6.4 [Resolution 2023/2024-1 Delegating Authority to WIAA](#)  
The board asked what the district pays each year to be a part of WIAA. The amount is \$4,200.00.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6.5 Future Agenda Items: None

6.6 **Board Schedule**  
Graduation, June 7, 2024, HS Stadium, 7:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting June 25, 2024, HS Library, 7:00 p.m. or immediately following the Budget Hearing for the 24/25 School Year

**PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None this month.

**PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT** -- The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

8.1 Signing of Board Documents

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Board Secretary- Peter Rosenkranz

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Board Chair – Craig Whited

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Board Member-Eric Lindberg

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Board Member-Dorri Oldham

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Board Member – Samuel Glackler