



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 24, 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: Michelle O'Neil, Gary McGarvie, Lindsey Hathaway, Matt Johnson, Greg Hall, Lauri Landerholm, Steve Avery, Carrie Lindsey,

Staff and Guests: Gail Wolz, Nicole Andrell, Eunice Ingermanson, Connie Majors, Becky Rembisz, Michelle Cuthbert, Andrea Austad, Muranda Ancheta, Josh Soske, Brian Clegg, Sara Clegg, Erin Smelser, Sarah Halling, Joseph Plaughter, Krisen Caillier, Al Filla, Janelle Chamberlin, Lauri Frieberg

Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

**PART 1.0 – CALL TO ORDER**

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

1.2 Welcomed guests

1.3 Corrections and Changes to the agenda: none

1.4 Public Notice

1.5 Public Input: The board then accepted public comment from the following speakers with their topic of discussion noted:

Gail Wolz – Training and Resources

Eunice Ingermanson – Gender Inclusive Schools

Joseph Plaughter – The Arts in the District

1.6 Response to Prior Month's Public Comments-Mr. Whited responded to past comments about the transitional kindergarten program. The funding from OSPI was unstable and the board took Pete's advice to not offer the program this school year. OSPI has announced to districts that it does not have enough in their budget to cover the cost of the TK programs for schools this year. This confirmed that the decision to not offer the program was a smart choice in terms of the budget. The District is offering other ways to reach out to more students than a TK program would have. The kindergarten readiness series is another way that the district can help educate the community members, daycares and preschools in the area on what students need to be ready for kindergarten.

1.7 Say Something Positive – Mr. Glackler enjoyed the staff linkage and the small group conversations. People brought solutions, not just problems. It was a great opportunity to learn from staff. Mrs. Miller appreciated the staff taking the time to come to the board/staff linkage. She

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appreciated getting to see the MS WIN time in action. She also commented that the principal letter that went out regarding offensive language offered a chance to bring up the conversation with her own kids. She appreciated the information. Mrs. Oldham gave a shout out to Craig for the new board meeting format. She also enjoyed viewing the MS WIN time. It is a nice incentive to offer for kids to get caught up on their work. Mr. Lindberg also enjoyed seeing the WIN time. He also commented that the graduation rate from last school year is one of the highest we have had in a while. He thanked everyone who had a hand in that. Mr. Whited thanked Matt Johnson and his team for correctly accounting for the 4 year graduation rate. It's important to correctly represent the efforts. He thanked Pete and his staff for the parent email regarding respectful language that went out as it is a genuine concern. Mr. Rosenkranz appreciates the comments as we have a great team. He addressed the comment about arts as we had a segment of the district that thought we had too many art offerings. The request to add home ec. was accomplished somewhat by offering the culinary prep class. Home ec. does not offer work preparedness, where a culinary class would. He said that there will always be some pushback and offering more CTE and A/P classes offer more options for a broader set of students. He added that the preschool night was great and the number of attendees he thinks will grow over the year as other sessions are offered. He added that the MS Leadership class recently hosted ASB kids from all over the region. Mrs. Andrell thanked Evergreen School District for a recent monitor donation. Mr. Hall said that the October 11 Professional Development Day was great. It was good to see the instructional coaches in a leadership role.

## **PART 2.0 – CONSENT AGENDA –**

**Motion 24/25-10** made by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Mrs. Oldham to approve the consent agenda as follows:

### 2.1 Approval of Minutes

- A. [Minutes of Board Meeting September 24, 2024](#)
- B. [Minutes of Board/Staff Linkage October 8, 2024](#)

### 2.2 Vouchers

- A. Payroll for this month not to exceed \$2,020,000.00
- B. [GF warrants #102544-102586 in the amt. of \\$500,672.13](#)
- C. [ASB warrants #11357-11364 in the amt. of \\$8,146.57](#)
- D. [CF warrant #2197 in the amt. of \\$48,092.63](#)
- E. [GF ACH warrants #242500124-242500137 in the amt. of \\$26,891.12](#)
- F. [ASB ACH warrant #242500122 in the amt. of \\$197.30](#)
- G. [CF ACH warrant #242500123 in the amt. of \\$1,153.85](#)
- H. [GF warrants #102591-102649 in the amt. of \\$219,075.94](#)
- I. [ASB warrants #11368-11372 in the amt. of \\$6,051.10](#)
- J. [CF warrant #2198 in the amt. of \\$34,963.19](#)
- K. [GF ACH warrants #242500141-242500158 in the amt. of \\$61,404.52](#)
- L. [ASB ACH warrant #242500138 in the amt. of \\$192.03](#)
- M. [CF ACH warrants #242500139-242500140 in the amt. of \\$9,794.84](#)
- N. [BMO GF warrants #102587-102590 in the amt. of \\$12,243.35](#)
- O. [BMO ASB warrants #11365-11367 in the amt. of \\$5,355.60](#)

### 2.3 Personnel

- A. New Hires
  - 1. Michelle Annett, HS ELA/Social Studies Long-Term Substitute effective 11/18/24

2. Varun Parthasarathy, HS Boys' Basketball C Team Coach effective 11/18/24
3. Tom Connolly, MS Boys' Asst. Basketball Coach effective 10/24/24
4. Dana Caro, MS Girls' Asst. Basketball Coach effective 1/27/25
5. Jennifer Stephens, HS Asst. Secretary effective 9/26/24
6. Emily Perez, ES Para II effective 8/28/24
7. Julia Wilson, HS Interim Asst. Volleyball Coach effective 10/1/24
8. Alejandra Lopez, Temporary ES Custodian effective 10/17/24

**B. Resignations/Retirements**

1. Jennifer Stephens, resignation HS General Office Aide effective 9/25/24
2. Samantha Crockett, resignation HS Volleyball C Team Coach effective 10/1/24
3. Tom Connolly, resignation MS Boys Asst. Basketball Coach effective 10/4/24
4. Emily Perez, Resignation from ES Para I effective 8/27/24

**2.4 Donations**

1. Knights of Columbus Council #12899, 36 winter coats to the elementary school.
2. Bounce N Battle, MS Boo Bash Game Donation: Snatch It, Cone Challenge, Giant Connect 4 and Strike-A-Light
3. Matthew Donaghue, 2001 Toyota Corolla Sedan to the HS Shop Class

**2.5 Other Items for Board Review**

**A. Reports**

1. Superintendent (State of the District Address)
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- None this month
9. Enrollment Reports- [Head Count](#), [FTE](#)
10. Monthly Financial Reports – [Budget Status](#), [Forecast 5](#)
11. [Surplus list October 2024](#)

Motion Carried Unanimously

**PART 3.0 – LINKAGE**

The board met on October 8, 2024 for the annual Board/Staff Linkage.

The board's linkage with the community was the State of the District Meeting held October 22, 2024.

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

**Motion 24/25-11**

made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Glackler to approve EL-7 Monitoring Report as written:

- 4.1 [EL-7 Monitoring Report](#) District Improvement Plans

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Motion 24/25-12**

made by Mr. Glackler, seconded by Mr. Lindberg to approve Ends Report 1-4 as written:

4.2 [Ends Report 1-4](#)

- E-1 District Mission
- E-2 Academic Achievement
- E-3 Personal Skills Development
- E-4 Social Skills Development

Motion Carried Unanimously

**PART 5.0 – WRITTEN POLICY**

**Motion 24/25-13**

made by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Mrs. Oldham to table until the next board meeting the second reading of 3246P to the next board meeting pending language update regarding notifying parents within 24 hours:

5.1 Second reading of procedure [3246P](#) –Restraint, Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force

Motion to Table Carried Unanimously

**Motion 24/25-14**

made by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Mrs. Oldham to table until the next board meeting the second reading of policy 5005 pending more information on periodic background checks for staff:

5.2 Second reading of Policy [5005](#) Employees and Volunteers: Disclosures, Certification Requirements, Assurances and Approval (with update from 9/24/24 Board meeting)

Motion to Table Carried Unanimously

5.3 Review [GP 11](#)- Board Members Conflict of Interest – No updates needed at this time.

**PART 6.0 – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION**

6.1 EP & O Levy – the board discussed the upcoming levy that will be run in February. Preliminary numbers discussed was 27% levy growth year over year. The board wants to be able to tell constituents why the amount needs to increase and where the funds are going. The estimated needs of the district are \$4.1M for the first year of the levy. The current levy’s remaining year is at a \$3M collection level. The Board doesn’t agree that the growth would need to be 27% year over year. The board asked Mr. Rosenkranz to bring back data that shows the increase in costs and the demographic changes so that they can make an informed decision about the levy amount. Mr. Rosenkranz said he will provide that information. He added that there are a significant number of districts around the state that are in financial distress. He hopes that the state will come through with additional funding for schools.

- 6.2 Staff Linkage Follow-up – The board appreciates the staff that took the time to meet with them. They like the small group setting of the meeting, but noted that there was some redundancy in the comments made. The board suggested letting staff generate topics beforehand and also alternating locations of the secondary meeting between the MS and HS or offering a separate meeting for each school at a reduced meeting time (45 minutes per school was suggested).
- 6.3 State of the District Follow-up –The board appreciates the time that Mr. Rosenkranz spent on putting together the State of the District Meeting. The information provided is informative. They would like to try to figure out how to get more community members to attend the meeting as attendance has dwindled over time.
- 6.4 Future Agenda Items - None
- 6.5 **Board Schedule**  
 Board Meeting, HS Library, 11/19/24 7:00 PM  
 Board Walk-Through, HS, 11/21/24, 9:00 AM  
 Board Training HS Library 11/25/24 5:30 PM

**PART 7.0 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None this month.

**PART 8.0 – ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Whited adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

- 8.1 Signing of Board Documents
- 8.2 [Review Quarterly Board Self-Assessment](#)

Board Secretary- Peter Rosenkranz	Board Chair – Craig Whited
Board Member-Eric Lindberg	Board Member-Dorri Oldham
Board Member Amanda Miller	Board Member – Samuel Glackler