

March 17, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes
Lostant Community Unit School District #425
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – REGULAR MEETING

Quillard Skinner, B.O.E. President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Lawless, Ioerger, Miller, Wiesbrock, Walder

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent: Shawback

Recording Secretary: Sandra Malahy, Superintendent

Audience Members: Lisa Goddard, Carol Stoens entered at 6:20 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None

4. RECOGNITION

4.1 Geography Bee Winners: 1st Place, Sarah Wiesbrock; 2nd Place, Ian Walder; 3rd Place, Logan Mertel.

4.2 Spelling Bee Winners: 1st Place, Sarah Wiesbrock; 2nd Place, Jaden Busch.

The donations listed below are from friends of our art instructor, Mary Janusick. She asked for supply donations; however, some people are giving cash donations.

4.3 Donation from Reanna Pelszynski for the Art Garden project.

4.4 Donation from Susan Zimmer for the Art Garden project.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Board Meeting from February 17, 2021; and Notes from the Negotiations Committee Meeting from March 8, 2021.

5.2 Approve Treasurer's Report.

5.3 Approve Activity Account Report.

5.4 Approve March 2021 Disbursements in the Amount of \$28,612.46.

5.5 Approve February 2020 Payroll.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Ioerger and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve the consent agenda with the following edits: 1) 5:30 p.m. is the start time for the March 8th Negotiations Meeting; and 2) remove Greg Walder and Amy Shawback from the action items regarding transportation and TRS SSP.

Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Miller, Ioerger, Lawless, Walder, Skinner. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 Fund Activity

The district is 67% through the school year. Revenues are 94.67% and Expenditures are 68.38%.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
10	Education	92.22%	71.85%
20	Operation and Maintenance	101.78%	56.80%
30	Debt	101.15%	86.70%
40	Transportation	96.68%	55.04%
50	Social Security & IMRF	101.53%	63.00%
60	Capital Projects	0.00%	0.00%
70	Working Cash	101.69%	0.00%
80	Tort	101.60%	27.03%
90	Fire / Health Life Safety	101.28%	29.40%
	Total	94.67%	68.38%

6.2 Fund Transfers

Dr. Malahy explained as a result of adopting a new financial software program a few accounting codes have to be updated and there were a few bookkeeping errors. The Board must approve all transfers of funds.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Walder to approve the transfer of funds to the appropriate accounts as presented.

Roll call: Yea: Walder, Wiesbrock, Miller, Ioerger, Lawless, Skinner. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

7. REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Informational Items:

7.1 Principal's Report

The Board viewed Mrs. Goddard's report.

No discussion.

7.2 Employee Reports

Nothing this month.

7.3 PTO Report

Nothing this month.

7.4 LaSalle County COVID-19 Data

The Board viewed the March 12th LaSalle County COVID-19 bulletin.

No discussion.

7.5 Lostant Youth Baseball Association

The Board viewed a written request from Carol Stoens to use the school baseball fields for the 2021 season. Carol Stoens informed the Board that the Lostant Village will mow the fields.

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A motion by Walder and seconded by Miller to approve the Lostant Youth Baseball Association to use the school baseball fields pending receipt of the insurance liability document.

Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Miller, Ioerger, Walder, Lawless, Skinner. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

7.6 Baseball Field Shelters

Carol Stoens asked the Board for permission to put shelters over the dug-outs. All labor and expenses will be provided by the Lostant Youth Baseball Association.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Ioerger and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve the Lostant Youth Baseball Association to build shelters over the baseball field dug-outs.

Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Walder, Miller, Ioerger, Lawless, Skinner. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

7.7 2020-2021 School Improvement Plan

The Board viewed the SIP activities through February 2021. Dr. Malahy informed the Board at the February in-service the teachers worked on revising the writing rubrics.

No discussion.

7.8 2021-2022 School District Calendar

The Board viewed the parent surveys regarding early dismissal days and the proposed calendar for next school year. Mrs. Wiesbrock asked that if possible in the future to align the Lostant spring break to Putnam County spring break.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Ioerger and seconded by Lawless to approve the 2021-2022 School District Calendar.

Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Walder, Miller, Ioerger, Lawless, Skinner. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

7.9 Eighth Grade Class Trip

The Board viewed Mrs. Einhaus's field trip proposal.

The Board inquired about last year's 8th grade fundraising money. Dr. Malahy stated the money is still in the 8th grade account and purchasing pedestals and artificial floral arrangements for future graduation is being considered. The Board asked to use some of last year's funds to purchase this year's balloon arch and flowers.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Miller to approve the 8th grade class trip as presented.

Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Miller, Ioerger, Walder, Lawless, Skinner. Nay: None.

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7.10 Mandated Units of Study

Mr. Lawless led discussion regarding topics required by I.S.B.E. that must be taught. The Board viewed the August 28, 2020 I.S.B.E. requirements.

Mr. Lawless stated he viewed a Tucker Carlson video that reports some school districts in the nation are teaching subject matter that may instigate racial wars, and that Google can access children's Internet searches. Mr. Walder informed the Board that Google and other large companies have contracted agreements with school districts to protect students. Lostant School as well as most, or all schools, have security systems tied to all school devices. Mr. Walder stated if students access home devices then they may not be protected unless parents are supervising their children's Internet searches.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Finance

No meeting this month.

8.2 Negotiations

Mr. Skinner stated negotiations are on-going.

The next committee meetings with the Union are March 23rd and March 29th at 5:30.

8.3 Safety

No meeting this month.

8.4 Closed Session Minutes

No meeting this month.

9. Legislative Update:

Nothing this month.

10. Other:

10.1 Dr. Malahy informed the Board there are some plumbing repairs needed in the tunnels. One area will be repaired this week. The water main line will be replaced over the summer.

10.2 Mrs. Goddard shared the Parent/Teacher attendance results from February 17, 2021.

10.3 Mr. Walder stated teacher to home communication has dropped off and would like to see improved communication. Personal emails, not general emails about the entire class, are expected by the Board.

11. Old Business:

Nothing this month.

12. New Business:

Nothing this month.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Date: March 17, 2021
Time: 7:22 p.m.
Location: Lostant CUSD 425 Board Room

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Miller to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss:
The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

A motion by Ioerger and seconded by Lawless to reconvene into open session at 7:32 p.m.
Roll call. 6-0

14. ACTION ITEMS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Ioerger and seconded by Miller to accept with regret and much gratitude for years of service the resignation of Bill Weistart as custodian.

Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Lawless, Skinner, Ioerger, Miller, Walder. Nay: None. Motion passes.

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Walder to accept with regret and much gratitude for years of service the resignation of Deb Wiesbrock as paraprofessional.

Roll call: Yea: Walder, Wiesbrock, Lawless, Skinner, Ioerger, Miller. Nay: None. Motion passes.

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Weisbrock to employ Cindy Burcar as a District bus driver for the routes that require the school van services.

Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Lawless, Skinner, Ioerger, Walder, Miller. Nay: None. Motion passes.

15. DIRECT SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT TO BOARD

Nothing this month.

16. ADJOURN

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Walder to adjourn.

Ayes 6-0.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

BOE President

Date

BOE Secretary

Date