

Minutes
Lostant Community Unit School District #425
Wednesday, April 21, 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 6:05 p.m.

Present: Lawless, Ioerger, Wiesbrock, Walder, Shawback

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent: Miller

Recording Secretary: Sandra Malahy, Superintendent

Audience Members: Lisa Goddard, Amy Olson

A motion by Skinner and seconded by Lawless to approve Greg Walder as secretary pro tempore.

Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Lawless, Skinner, Ioerger, Shawback. Nay: None. Abstain: Greg Walder.

Motions passes.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None

4. RECOGNITION

4.1 Sumdog Winners: Grades 1st through 4th won the Region 35 Sumdog math contest. Students from Lostant who placed in the top ten are Lovelyn Beck, 2nd place; Blake Chambers, 3rd place; and Journey Melvin, 8th place.

4.2 Student of the 3rd Quarter Awards: Lily Mertel, K-2; Boston Zachary, 3rd-5th; and Mariska Beck, 6th-8th.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes of the Handbook Committee Meeting from March 15, 2021; Regular and Executive Session Board Meeting from March 17, 2021; and Notes from the Negotiations Committee Meetings from March 16, 23, and 29, 2021.

5.2 Approve Treasurer's Report.

5.3 Approve Activity Account Report.

5.4 Approve April 2021 Disbursements in the Amount of \$61,181.67.

5.5 Approve March 2021 Payroll.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Walder and seconded by Lawless to approve the consent agenda.

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

Motion passes.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 Fund Activity

The district is 75% through the school year. Revenues are 96.22% and Expenditures are 72.57%.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
10	Education	0.00%	75.86%
20	Operation and Maintenance	0.00%	64.94%
30	Debt	0.00%	86.70%
40	Transportation	0.00%	65.36%
50	Social Security & IMRF	0.00%	71.63%
60	Capital Projects	0.00%	0.00%
70	Working Cash	0.00%	0.00%
80	Tort	0.00%	30.09%
90	Fire / Health Life Safety	0.00%	29.40%
	Total	96.22%	72.57%

6.2 Fund Transfers

Dr. Malahy explained two account coding errors were found in revenues, two miscoded expenses, and there was a two-cent error in the IMRF Liabilities when the new financial software was implemented. Due to the revenue errors, correct fund accounts will be accurate after tonight's board approval of fund transfers and will be reflected on the May agenda.

No discussion.

ACTION ITEM

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

Roll call: Yea: Walder, Wiesbrock, Shawback, 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

Mrs. Wiesbrock stated Dave Holmes donated funds to the PTO to pay for the purchase of student t-shirts.

7.4 LaSalle County COVID-19 Data

The Board viewed the April 16th LaSalle County COVID-19 bulletin.

No discussion.

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7.5 2020-2021 School Improvement Plan

The Board viewed the SIP activities through March 2021. Dr. Malahy stated Mrs. Goddard and the teachers are revising the student writing rubrics.

Mrs. Ioerger asked how the RtI program in the afternoon was working. Mrs. Goddard stated all students were improving. Teachers had stated that they are noticing an improvement in the students' math and reading skills.

7.6 Economic Interest Statements

Dr. Malahy reminded the Board to submit their Economic Interest Statements to the county.

7.7 Financial Profile Designation

The Board viewed the I.S.B.E. report that reflects Lostant CUSD 425 once again receiving the highest financial designation. Lostant District has either received a 3.9 or 4.0 rating out of a possible 4.0 for the past ten years. A rating of 3.9 out of 4.0 is a result of the outstanding Health/Life Safety Bond that will be paid off in six years.

7.8 ESSER II Funds

Dr. Malahy informed the Board that ESSER II funds may be used to improve instruction for students and professional development for teachers. Mrs. Goddard and teachers are looking at digital social studies, science, and reading series.

7.9 R.O.E. ESSER Funds Allocation

Dr. Malahy informed the Board that the R.O.E. is asking all districts to share a small portion of their ESSER funds for the support of re-engagement and outreach (75%); summer/extended learning opportunities (20%); and mental health services (5%). Because the high school drop-out rate is so high (Lostant had 3 seniors drop out in December), and many students may require summer school due to failing remote classes, Malahy recommended Lostant District support this request. The total amount requested is \$4,559.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Shawback and seconded by Walder to approve allocating \$4,599 of Lostant District's ESSER funds to the R.O.E.35 for support of re-engagement and outreach; summer/extended learning opportunities; and mental health services.

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

Motion passes.

7.10 2021-2022 Proposed School Board Meeting Schedule

The Board viewed the proposed meeting schedule.

No discussion.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Ioerger and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve 2021-2022 Proposed School Board Meeting Schedule.

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

Motion passes.

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7.11 2020-2021 Auditors Contract

Dr. Malahy informed the Board the auditor's fee for this year is \$6,000.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Walder to approve annual auditing contract from Hopkins and Associates.

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

Motion passes.

7.12 Three Year Transportation Contract

Dr. Malahy informed the Board that she and Jason Johannes from Johannes Bus Services discussed the details of the three-year transportation contract, and viewed the legal agreement from Zukowski Law Firm.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Ioerger to approve a three-year transportation contract with Johannes Bus Service.

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

Motion passes.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Finance

No meeting this month.

8.2 Negotiations

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

8.3 Safety

No meeting this month.

8.4 Closed Session Minutes

No meeting this month.

9. Legislative Update:

HB7 is a bill that creates a School District Efficiency Commission charged with consolidating school districts. On April 8th it went into its second reading. The bill is currently on the House floor for amendments.

10. Other:

Dianna Ioerger informed the Board that Margaret Puetz recently passed away. Mrs. Puetz served on the Lostant Board of Education for 22 years.

11. Old Business:

Nothing this month.

12. New Business:

Nothing this month.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Date: April 21, 2021
Time: 6:46 p.m.
Location: Lostant CUSD 425 Board Room

A motion by Ioerger and seconded by Shawback 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 Weisbrock and seconded by Shawback to reconvene into open session at 6:55 p.m.
Roll call. 6-0

14. ACTION ITEMS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Weisbrock to employ Cyleste Montgomery as the school custodian.
Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Lawless, Skinner, Ioerger, Walder, Shawback. Nay: None. Motion passes.

15. DIRECT SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT TO BOARD

Nothing this month.

16. ADJOURN

A motion by Walder and seconded by Lawless to adjourn.
Ayes 6-0.
The regular meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

BOE President

Date

BOE Secretary

Date