

Minutes
Lostant Community Unit School District #425
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – REGULAR MEETING

Bob Lawless, B.O.E. Vice-President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Wiesbrock, Kozak, Chambers, Ruff

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent: Quillard Skinner, Greg Walder

Recording Secretary: Sandra Malahy, Superintendent

Audience Members: Lisa Goddard

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Ruff to appoint Bob Lawless as President Pro Tempore.

Roll call. 5-0

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Chambers to appoint Greg Ruff as Secretary Pro Tempore.

Roll call. 5-0

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing this month.

4. RECOGNITION

Student of the Quarter:

K-2: Tyler Richard

3-5: Ziva Zachary

6-8: Avery Mertes

Mr. Lawless recognized Dr. Malahy, Mrs. Goddard, and staff for the excellent financial rating of an A+ from S&P Global Ratings.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes of the Public Hearing, Regular and Executive Session Board Meeting from December 15, 2021.

5.2 Approve Treasurer's Report.

5.3 Approve Activity Account Report.

5.4 Approve Imprest Account Report.

5.5 Approve January 2022 Disbursements in the Amount of \$59,271.78.

5.6 Approve December 2021 Payroll.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Ruff to approve the consent agenda.

Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Kozak, Chamber, Ruff, Lawless. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 Fund Activity

The district is 50% through the school year. Revenues are 80.93% and Expenditures are 48.98%.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
10	Education	78.49%	49.70%
20	Operation & Maintenance	57.91%	31.55%
30	Debt	100.66%	88.18%
40	Transportation	106.84%	33.56%
50	Social Security & IMRF	103.50%	26.65%
60	Capital Projects	0.00%	0.00%
70	Working Cash	103.41%	0.00%
80	Tort	98.13%	46.87%
90	Fire / Health Life Safety	98.82%	0.00%
	Total	80.93%	48.98%

6.2 Fund Transfers

No fund transfers this month.

7. REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Informational Items:

7.1 Principal's Report

No discussion.

7.2 Employee Reports

No report this month.

7.3 PTO Report

Mrs. Kozak reported PTO may conduct a flower fundraiser.

7.4 LaSalle County COVID-19 Data

No discussion.

7.5 School Improvement Plan

Mrs. Goddard informed the Board of two changes on the SIP spreadsheet associated with ixl data.

7.6 S&P Global Rating

Dr. Malahy and the Board discussed the recent audit by S&P Global Ratings and the upgrade to the District's financial status from A to A+.

7.7 Steam Pipe

Dr. Malahy informed the Board the asbestos abatement and plumbing repairs could be under financed through Health/ Life Safety Funds.

7.8 IVS Replacement

Dr. Malahy stated that she will have a full report at the February Board meeting on replacement programs for IVS.

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7.9 Parent Letter – Covid Procedures

The Board asked Mrs. Goddard for clarification on the Covid letter that was sent home last week. Mrs. Goddard stated while the child is in quarantine, the school does not know if the child shows symptoms during the quarantine period which then may extend the quarantine period. Therefore, the school must be notified of a change of return date. The responsibility of contacting the bus company has always been a parent responsibility. The daily attendance call by parents is needed for meals, remote learning, and whether the absence is Covid related.

7.10 covidSHIELD - Update

Mrs. Goddard gave the Board a status update on the Covid testing kits and process at school.

7.11 Snowflake Dance – Update

Mrs. Goddard stated the dance has been postponed due to current Covid numbers. The dance may commence at the end of March.

7.12 Curriculum for High School – Update

Mr. Lawless tabled this conversation for another date.

7.13 A.R. Program – Update

Dr. Malahy explained the Fieldcrest superintendent and elementary secretary could not recall why the A.R. Program was discontinued several years ago. The Board discussed there are advantages and disadvantages of the program. It was decided there were more advantages than disadvantages to the A.R. program.

7.14 IVS E-mail Issue - Update

Mrs. Weisbrock stated the students are not able to send attachments. This will be looked into when the school partners with the new online program next school year.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Finance

No meeting this month.

8.2 Negotiations

No meeting this month.

8.3 Safety

No meeting this month.

8.4 Closed Session Minutes

No meeting this month.

9. Legislative Update:

Dr. Malahy informed the Board that 146 school districts in Illinois are being sued for following the Executive Order regarding Covid mandates. Attorney Thomas DeVore represents parents of these school districts and argues students are not being allowed due process. The case is currently being heard in court.

10. Other:

Dr. Malahy stated the Economic Interest Statements have changed. Clarification from the county is pending. Question 1 is now asking for personal assets over \$10,000 to be disclosed.

11. Old Business:

Nothing this month.

12. New Business:

Nothing this month.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Date: January 19, 2022

Time: 7:09 p.m.

Location: Lostant CUSD 425 Board Room

A motion by Ruff and seconded by Chambers 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 Wiesbrock and seconded by Kozak to reconvene into open session at 7:12 p.m.

Roll call. 5-0

14. ACTION ITEMS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Kozak and seconded by Chambers to accept the resignation with regrets of Holli Rapp, Volleyball Coach.

Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Kozak, Chamber, Lawless, Ruff. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

A motion by Kozak and seconded by Chambers to approve employment for Niki Rauba as Volleyball Coach.

Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Kozak, Chamber, Lawless, Ruff. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

15. DIRECT SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT TO BOARD

Nothing this month.

16. ADJOURN

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Chambers to adjourn.

Ayes 5-0.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

BOE President

Date

BOE Secretary

Date