

July 21, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes
Lostant Community Unit School District #425
Wednesday, July 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 6:00 p.m.

Present: Lawless, Wiesbrock, Kozak, Chambers, Ruff, Walder

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent: None

Recording Secretary: Sandra Malahy, Superintendent

Audience Members: Lisa Cooper, Mike Cooper, Amy Olson, Missy Einhaus, Amy Roach, Brianne Justice, Kayla Jones.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kayla Jones asked if the P.T.O. was allowed to fundraise during the 2021-2022 School Year.

Dr. Malahy stated that the school does not oversee P.T.O. fundraising.

Kayla Jones asked if Lostant School District could align the school calendar with other area school districts.

Dr. Malahy stated Lostant School has students attending six other school districts and it is impossible to align seven district calendars.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None

4. RECOGNITION

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Board Meeting from June 16, 2021.

5.2 Approve Treasurer's Report.

5.3 Approve Activity Account Report.

5.4 Approve July 2021 Disbursements in the Amount of \$42,961.00.

5.5 Approve June 2021 Payroll.

ACTION ITEM

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

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

Motion passes.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 Fund Activity

The district is 100% through the school year. Revenues are 104.54% and Expenditures are 92.25%.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
10	Education	103.36%	93.40%
20	Operation & Maintenance	103.47%	94.85%
30	Debt	101.64%	99.73%
40	Transportation	133.27%	96.85%
50	Social Security & IMRF	104.61%	100.09%
60	Capital Projects	0.00%	0.00%
70	Working Cash	102.15%	0.00%
80	Tort	102.24%	63.49%
90	Fire / Health Life Safety	101.96%	29.40%
	Total	104.54%	92.25%

6.2 Fund Transfers

No fund transfers this month.

7. REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Informational Items:

7.1 Principal's Report

No report submitted.

7.2 Employee Reports

Nothing this month.

7.3 PTO Report

Nothing this month.

7.4 LaSalle County COVID-19 Data

No discussion.

7.5 2021-2022 School Improvement Plan

No discussion.

7.6 School Shed

Dr. Malahy informed the Board that Jack Immel volunteered to have the front of the shed repainted and possibly the entire shed.

7.7 Resolution for Covid-19 Guidance

The Board viewed the Resolution to be signed and forwarded to the Governor's office.

No discussion.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Walder and seconded by Chambers to approve the Resolution for Covid-19 Guidance.

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

Motion passes.

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7.8 Back to School Plan

The Board discussed the Back to School Plan regarding Covid-19 and Delta Variant safeguards. Talking points included,

- Lisa Cooper asked that parents be able to decide if their child should wear a mask or not.
- Brianne Justice stated that her daughter had heat exhaustion when having to wear a mask outdoors last year. She would like to see no masks for outdoor play or recess.
- Amy Olson informed the Board the CDC stated teachers who are vaccinated do not have to wear masks. She asked that all school personnel and 12+ students who are vaccinated be allowed to be unmasked.
- Amy Roach and Missy Einhaus stated she would wear a mask when working with the younger students since those students do not have a vaccination option.
- Mr. Walder shared the Board decision from his school district.
- Mr. Lawless stated there is no easy answer and supports parents should have the option to have their children wear masks or not.
- Mrs. Wiesbrock agreed with Mr. Lawless.
- Mr. Skinner agreed with Mr. Lawless.
- Mr. Ruff agreed with Mr. Lawless but is concerned if Covid-19 or Delta Variant hits Lostant and roll things back.
- Mrs. Kozak leans toward masks optional but believes it is more important to have kids in school.
- Mrs. Chambers agreed with Mr. Lawless.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Kozak to make mask wearing optional for staff and students until local health conditions or agency directives dictate otherwise.

Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Lawless, Kozak, Chamber, Ruff, Skinner. Nay: Walder.

Motion passes.

7.9 Athletic Physicals

Dr. Malahy informed the Board of IESA's allowed 395 valid days for a sports physical.

No discussion.

7.10 Girl's Softball

Dr. Malahy informed the Board that Tonica was in receipt of 5 Lostant School girls' names and parent contact information. There is a July 26th meeting scheduled. Information is posted Tonica Facebook page. Students can join after practice begins.

7.11 PRESS Policy Issue 107

The Board discussed 2:240 regarding gender neutral/inclusive pronoun language.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Ruff and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve PRESS Policy Issue 107 as discussed. Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Lawless, Chambers, Ruff, Kozak, Skinner, Walder. Nay: None

Motion passes.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Finance

August 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Members include Greg R., Shayla, Nicole, and Kelly.

8.2 Negotiations

No meeting this month.

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8.3 Safety

August 2, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. Members include Jeff, Bob, Shayla, and Greg R.

8.4 Closed Session Minutes

No meeting this month.

9. Legislative Update:

Nothing this month.

10. Other:

10.1 Plumbing Leak:

There is a plumbing leak in the tunnel under the hallway going from the office to the back hallway. There must be asbestos abated prior to the plumbing being replaced. Dr. Malahy will contact IDEAL for abatement information and report back to the board.

There is a leak in the lower basement. The plumber will fix the leak in the next few days.

10.2 The boiler walls must be replaced. This will cost approximately \$5,500. Dr. Malahy is working with the repair company to complete the job prior to the onset of school.

10.3 Dr. Malahy informed the Board that there is a referee shortage and some of the scheduled conference games may have to be rescheduled.

10.4 The Board discussed holding tournaments this year.

11. Old Business:

Nothing this month.

12. New Business:

Nothing this month.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Date: July 21, 2021

Time: 7:44 p.m.

Location: Lostant CUSD 425 Board Room

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Kozak 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 Ruff to reconvene into open session at 7:46 p.m.

Roll call. 6-0

14. ACTION ITEMS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

15. DIRECT SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT TO BOARD

15.1 Confer with Mrs. Goddard and Mr. Weber regarding A.D. communication.

15.2 Update the school web page.

16. ADJOURN

A motion by Ruff and seconded by Walder to adjourn.

Ayes 7-0.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

BOE President

Date

BOE Secretary

Date