

Minutes  
Lostant Community Unit School District #425  
Wednesday, September 22, 2021  
6:00 p.m. Public Hearing

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – PUBLIC HEARING**

Quillard Skinner, B.O.E. President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Wiesbrock, Kozak, Chambers, Ruff, Walder

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent: Lawless

Recording Secretary: Sandra Malahy, Superintendent

Audience Members: Lisa Goddard, Jason Weber, Missy Einhaus, Amy Olson

**2. 2021-2022 ESTIMATED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**

No discussion.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**4. OTHER**

None

**5. ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Walder to approve the 2021-2022 Estimated School District Budget.

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

Motion passes.

**6. ADJOURN**

A motion by Ruff and seconded by Chambers to adjourn.

Ayes 6-0.

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes  
Lostant Community Unit School District #425  
Wednesday, September 22, 2021  
6:05 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

**7. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – REGULAR MEETING**

Quillard Skinner, B.O.E. President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present: Wiesbrock, Kozak, Chambers, Ruff, Walder

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent: Lawless

Recording Secretary: Sandra Malahy, Superintendent

Audience Members: Lisa Goddard, Jason Weber, Missy Einhaus, Amy Olson

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

8.1 Mrs. Olson, union co-president, addressed the Board regarding the SIP Goal of Parent/School Communication. The teachers would like the Action Plan to reflect a parent/teacher communication one time per semester instead of one time per quarter.

8.2 Mrs. Olson recognized Dr. Malahy and Mrs. Goddard as being supportive and thanked them for their service to the school.

The Board listened to Mrs. Olson and Mrs. Einhaus' comments supporting a change in the Action Plan. The teachers listened to the Board's comments and concerns.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**10. RECOGNITION**

None

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

11.1 Approve Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Board Meeting from August 18, 2021; and Minutes from the September 7, 2021 Safety Plan Committee Meeting.

11.2 Approve Treasurer's Report.

11.3 Approve Activity Account Report.

11.4 Approve Imprest Account Report

11.5 Approve September 2021 Disbursements in the Amount of \$48,928.56.

11.6 Approve August 2021 Payroll.

**ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Ruff to approve the consent agenda with one correction to the date on 11.5.

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

Motion passes.

## 12. FINANCIAL REPORT

### 6.1 Fund Activity

The Financial Report will be available by percentages after the estimated budget is passed in September.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
10	Education	0.00%	0.00%
20	Operation & Maintenance	0.00%	0.00%
30	Debt	0.00%	0.00%
40	Transportation	0.00%	0.00%
50	Social Security & IMRF	0.00%	0.00%
60	Capital Projects	0.00%	0.00%
70	Working Cash	0.00%	0.00%
80	Tort	0.00%	0.00%
90	Fire / Health Life Safety	0.00%	0.00%
	Total	0.00%	0.00%

### 12.2 Fund Transfers

No fund transfers this month.

### 12.3 Annual Audit Report

Dr. Malahy referred to Hopkins & Associates FY21 audit. There were no discrepancies in the budget. The District ended in the black with fund balances in all funds.

### ACTION ITEM

A motion by Walder and seconded by Wiesbrock to accept the FY21 audit from Hopkins & Associates. Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Walder, Kozak, Chamber, Ruff, Skinner. Nay: None. Motion passes.

## 13. REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### Informational Items:

#### 13.1 Principal's Report

No discussion.

#### 13.2 Employee Reports

Nothing this month.

#### 13.3 PTO Report

Mrs. Wiesbrock stated PTO is in the process of updating their Facebook page on the school webpage.

#### 13.4 LaSalle County COVID-19 Data

No discussion.

#### 13.5 Face Masks

No discussion.

#### 13.6 Hot/Cold Weather School Days and Face Masks

Mrs. Chambers led discussion regarding hot school days. The Board directive moving forward is,

- Mr. Ruff will research which weather authority will be used to determine the following,
  - Utilize the 3 air conditioned rooms throughout the entire day,

- Utilize homemade cooler air conditioners in each classroom,
  - If possible, utilize 2<sup>nd</sup> floor air conditioner in library.
- Parents have the ability to remove their child from school when they feel it is too hot to be in school. This language is already in the Parent/Student Handbook.

### 13.7 ISBE School Maintenance Grant

Dr. Malahy stated that the bids were opened in her office this afternoon with 3 bid submissions and 1 contractor in attendance. The lowest bid was submitted by DEM Services. The cost to abate the north/south tunnel is \$27,500. The cost to abate the gym area tunnel is \$39,700. Abatement to both areas total \$67,200. Dr. Malahy recommended adding a \$9,000 contingency for additional abatement if the lines are slightly longer in the tunnels than estimated. IDEAL's fee is \$23,000 for the north/south tunnel and \$12,000 for the gym area tunnel for a total of \$35,000. The matching school maintenance grant is \$50,000. Total cost for both projects is \$102,200. The schools portion will be \$52,200 plus any contingency needed. Reserve money in Fund 20 will have to be accessed to pay for this project.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Walder and seconded by Ruff to the approve the DEM bid to abate the north/south and gym area tunnels at a cost of \$67,200 with a fee of \$35,000 to IDEAL for oversight for a total of \$102,200.

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

Motion passes.

### 13.8 K-2 Chromebooks

Mrs. Goddard approached the Board with a request to revisit an earlier Board decision regarding K-2 chromebooks. She stated the cost for chromebooks, cases, and licenses would be \$8,876.40. The Board discussed,

- Replacement costs,
- Students traveling within and out of school with the devices,
- Digital curriculum,
- Chromebooks vs. laptops,
- Purchase vs. leasing,

#### **ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Walder and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve the purchase of K-2 chromebooks, cases, and licenses for K-2 students.

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

Motion passes.

### 13.9 Grandfriend Day

The Board viewed the Grandfriend Day flyer. Mrs. Goddard stated the day was well attended and everyone enjoyed the outdoor activity. Board members stated their children and grandparents had a great time.

### 13.10 Determination of Serious Safety Hazard

No discussion.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Ruff and seconded by Kozak to approve the Serious Safety Hazard.

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

Motion passes.

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### 13.11 ISBE Food Waiver

No discussion.

### 13.12 Boys Basketball

Mr. Weber was in attendance to address our boys basketball season and answer questions. Mr. Weber stated we have a B team and all of our students will be able to play.

### 13.13 Girls Basketball

Mr. Weber was in attendance to address our girls basketball season and answer questions. Mr. Weber stated the four students willing to play did not want to coop with another school.

### 13.14 Volleyball

Mr. Weber was in attendance to address our volleyball season and answer questions. Mr. Weber stated we have enough girls interested in playing volleyball to form two teams.

### 13.15 Scholastic Bowl

Mr. Weber was in attendance to address our scholastic bowl season and answer questions. Mr. Weber stated we may coop with Tonica. Lostant will be the host team.

Mrs. Wiesbrock asked if we had a cheerleading coach. Mr. Weber stated Teresa Beckett agreed to coach the cheerleaders.

### 13.16 Asphalt Driveway

Dr. Malahy stated the custodian repaired the garage drive area. No discussion.

### 13.17 Illinois and US Constitutions

Dr. Malahy stated even though it is a mandate, school boards must approve the teaching and testing of the Illinois and US Constitutions.

## **ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Chambers to approve the teaching and testing of the Illinois and US Constitutions.

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

Motion passes.

### 13.18 Underground Fuel Storage Tank

No discussion.

### 13.19 ESSER III Application

Dr. Malahy discussed expenditures for ESSER III funds. Funds will be expended through September 30, 2024.

- ✓ Summer School \$29,152
- ✓ Teacher salary and benefits for RtI \$75,000
- ✓ Chromebooks and licenses for K-2, new students, and annual inventory \$25,000
- ✓ ELA and math supplies and materials \$6,478
- ✓ Plumbing project \$61,200
- ✓ PPE (extra masks and water fountains) \$3,048
- ✓ Artist in Residence \$5,000

Total \$204,878

**ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Walder and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve the ESSER III expenditure items.  
Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Lawless, Walder, Kozak, Chamber, Ruff, Skinner. Nay: None.  
Motion passes.

13.20 Fire Alarms

Dr. Malahy informed the Board several fire sensors have been replaced and no additional false alarms have occurred. No discussion.

13.21 Plumbing Project

Dr. Malahy stated the estimate for new water lines through the north/south tunnel is \$21,700. The estimate for new water lines through the gym area tunnel is \$39,500. Estimate for new water lines in both area is \$61,200. ESSER III funds may pay for the new lines.

**ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Ruff and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve the plumbing project to include both tunnels with the use of ESSER III funds. If ESSER III money is not approved by the ISBE, this item will return to the Board for discussion.  
Roll call: Yea: Wiesbrock, Walder, Kozak, Chamber, Ruff, Skinner. Nay: None.  
Motion passes.

**14. Committee Reports**

14.1 Finance

No meeting this month.

14.2 Negotiations

No meeting this month.

14.3 Safety

Mrs. Goddard reported on the FY22 Safety Meeting activities from August 2<sup>nd</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>.

14.4 Closed Session Minutes

No meeting this month.

**15. Legislative Update:**

Nothing this month.

**16. Other:**

Nothing this month.

**17. Old Business:**

Nothing this month.

**18. New Business:**

Nothing this month.

**19. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Date: September 22, 2021  
Time: 8:54 p.m.  
Location: Lostant CUSD 425 Board Room

A motion by Chambers 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 Walder and seconded by Ruff to reconvene into open session at 8:58 p.m.  
Roll call. 6-0

**20. ACTION ITEMS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion by Chambers and seconded by Ruff to include paraprofessional and cheerleading coach on Teresa Beckett's contract.

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

**21. DIRECT SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT TO BOARD**

21.1 SIP Action Plan for Parent/Teacher communication should be changed from quarterly communication to one time per semester.

**22. ADJOURN**

A motion by Walder and seconded by Weisbrock to adjourn.

Ayes 6-0.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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BOE President

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Date

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BOE Secretary

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