

Minutes
Lostant Community Unit School District #425
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
6:00 p.m. Public Hearing

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent: None

Recording Secretary: Sandra Malahy, Superintendent

Audience Members: Lisa Goddard, Missy Einhaus

2. 2021 PROPOSED TAX LEVY

Dr. Malahy referred to the levy document in the Board Packet and asked if there were any questions.

No discussion.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. OTHER

None

5. A motion by Lawless and seconded by Chambers to approve the 2021 Proposed Tax Levy.

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

Motion passes.

6. ADJOURN

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Walder to adjourn.

Ayes 7-0.

The public hearing adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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6:05 p.m. Regular Meeting Minutes

7. 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: Wiesbrock, Kozak, Chambers, Ruff, Walder, Lawless

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent: None

Recording Secretary: Sandra Malahy, Superintendent

Audience Members: Lisa Goddard, Missy Einhaus

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing this month.

10. RECOGNITION

Nothing this month.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 Approve Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Board Meeting from November 17, 2021.

11.2 Approve Treasurer's Report.

11.3 Approve Activity Account Report.

11.4 Approve Imprest Account Report.

11.5 Approve December 2021 Disbursements in the Amount of \$ 30,921.57.

11.6 Approve November 2021 Payroll.

ACTION ITEM

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

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

Motion passes.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

12.1 Fund Activity

The district is 42% through the school year. Revenues are 78.48% and Expenditures are 45.25%.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
10	Education	75.73%	45.98%
20	Operation & Maintenance	56.39%	29.12%
30	Debt	97.98%	88.18%
40	Transportation	106.43%	24.49%
50	Social Security & IMRF	96.31%	22.31%
60	Capital Projects	0.00%	0.00%
70	Working Cash	98.05%	0.00%
80	Tort	97.63%	37.73%
90	Fire / Health Life Safety	97.68%	0.00%
	Total	78.48%	45.25%

12.2 Fund Transfers

No fund transfers this month.

13. REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Informational Items:

13.1 Principal's Report

Mrs. Wiesbrock asked if the students were going to complete their assessments online the remainder of the week since school has been closed due to mass quarantine. Mrs. Goddard replied assessment testing will be completed after winter break.

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Mrs. Kozak asked why the school engaged in a school closure the remainder of today, tomorrow, and Friday. Mrs. Goddard discussed the order of events regarding one positive Covid case and the fallout from that incident.

Mrs. Wiesbrock asked how many students were considered close contacts. Mrs. Goddard explained the situation and stated all students in the school are considered close contacts with the one positive child. Mrs. Goddard will send out a phone blast to notify parents that all students were close contacts and should be tested for Covid.

Mrs. Chambers asked why the regular santa was not available for the winter program. Dr. Malahy stated he had a prior engagement and could not attend but would be back next year.

Mrs. Novak asked if the teachers were teaching remotely from school the next two days. Mrs. Goddard responded that the teachers will be at the school both days.

13.2 Employee Reports

No report this month.

13.3 PTO Report

No report this month.

13.4 LaSalle County COVID-19 Data

No discussion.

13.5 School Improvement Plan

No discussion.

13.6 covidSHIELD

Mrs. Goddard explained the process and took questions from the Board regarding applying for and implementing covidSHIELD testing at Lostant School.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Kozak and seconded by Ruff to approve allowing covidSHIELD testing at school for staff and students.

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

Motion passes.

13.7 Snowflake Dance

Mrs. Goddard discussed the elements of the dance.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Walder and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve the Snowflake Dance.

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

Motion passes.

13.8 PRESS Plus Issue 108

Dr. Malahy and the Board discussed the policy changes in Issue 108.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Ruff and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve the policy changes in PRESS Policy Issue 108 as discussed.

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

Motion passes.

13.9 Leave of Absence

Dr. Malahy and the Board discussed health insurance premium responsibilities when an employee makes a request to take a leave of absence and is taking health insurance.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Walder and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve a resolution that the B.O.E. will pay it's portion of the premium for health care for all employees working a minimum 30-hour work week. If an employee goes on a Leave of Absence the employee will pay his or her weekly premium for the remainder of the month the leave begins and inclusive of the second month. After the second month the employee may take advantage of Cobra for the remainder of the leave.

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

Motion passes.

13.10 Curriculum for High School

Mr. Lawless stated that the Lostant Elementary curriculum may not be preparing students for high school. Mr. Lawless will find out additional information for Dr. Malahy and Mrs. Goddard to take under consideration.

13.11 Grading Scale

Mr. Lawless asked if we should consider aligning our grading scale to area high school grading scales.

13.12 A.R. Program

Mr. Lawless questioned the validity of the A. R. Program. Discussion centered on why reading is important, the point structure, and students who do not like reading.

13.13 Contaminated Soil Survey

Dr. Malahy explained the progress on the contract for soil sampling behind the school where the fuel tank was removed in 1996. A grant through the EPA is pending for this expenditure. Mankoff Industries is requesting to be reimbursed \$1,500 for their work on the project to date.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Walder to approve the payment of \$1,500 to Mankoff Industries.

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

Motion passes.

14. Committee Reports

14.1 Finance

No meeting this month.

14.2 Negotiations

No meeting this month.

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14.3 Safety

No meeting this month.

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: December 15, 2021

Time: 8:18 p.m.

Location: Lostant CUSD 425 Board Room

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Wiesbrock 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 Lawless to reconvene into open session at 9:12 p.m.

Roll call. 7-0

20. ACTION ITEMS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Ruff to accept the resignation of Connie Staley, Food Service Director.

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

Motion passes.

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Lawless to approve part-time employment for Teresa Beckett as Food Service Director and part-time paraprofessional.

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

Motion passes.

A motion by Walder and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve a contract change for RuthAnn Brizgis to remove substitute caller duties.

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

Motion passes.

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A motion by Walder and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve a salary freeze for Dr. Malahy for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school years.

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

Motion passes.

21. DIRECT SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT TO BOARD

21.1 Inquire as to why Fieldcrest School District discontinued the A.R. Program.

21.2 Ask the Lostant IT consultant about allowing outside emails to the students enrolled in IVS coursework.

22. ADJOURN

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Ruff to adjourn.

Ayes 7-0.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

BOE President

Date

BOE Secretary

Date