

Minutes  
Lostant Community Unit School District #425  
Wednesday,  
April 19, 2023  
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 6:00 p.m.

Present: Ruff, Chambers, Cooper, Kozak

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent: Wiesbrock, Skinner

Recording Secretary: Sandra Malahy, Superintendent

Audience Members: Courtney Klobucher, Missy Einhaus, Carol Stoens, Bob Ketcham, Holli Rapp

**ACTION ITEM**

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

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Kozak, Ruff, Cooper. Nay: None. Abstain: Lawless

Motion passes.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**5. RECOGNITION**

**5.1 Donation**

- Thank you to Lynda Hitchins for the donation of \$25 toward the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**6.1** Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting from March 22, 2023 and the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting from March 30, 2023.

**6.2** Approve Treasurer's Report.

**6.3** Approve Activity Account Report.

**6.4** Approve Imprest Account Report.

**6.5** Approve \$69,778.49 for April Disbursements.

**6.6** Approve March 2023 Payroll.

**ACTION ITEM**

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

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Kozak, Ruff, Cooper, Lawless. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

## 7. FINANCIAL REPORT

### 7.1 Fund Activity

The district is 75% through the school year. Revenues are 96.30% and Expenditures are 67.12%.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
10	Education	95.68%	63.35%
20	Operation & Maintenance	89.15%	75.17%
30	Debt	100.89%	89.69%
40	Transportation	98.42%	75.80%
50	Social Security & IMRF	100.31%	98.44%
60	Capital Projects	0.00%	0.00%
70	Working Cash	100.93%	0.00%
80	Tort	103.07%	55.16%
90	Fire / Health Life Safety	100.77%	0.00%
	Total	96.30%	67.12%

No discussion.

### 7.2 Fund Transfers

Items 13, 15, 16 are transfers from District money to grant money. Item 14 is a grant to grant transfer.

### ACTION ITEM

A motion by Kozak and seconded by Cooper to approve the fund transfers as presented.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Kozak, Ruff, Cooper, Lawless. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

## 8. REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### 8.1 Principal's Report

Mrs. Chambers asked if the bundt cake sale covered the cost of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. Dr. Malahy and Mrs. Klobucher stated not all of the trip was covered by the fundraiser.

### 8.2 Employee Reports

Nothing this month.

### 8.3 PTO Report

Nothing this month.

### 8.4 School Improvement Plan

No discussion.

### 8.5 Use of Ball Field

The Board discussed the softball league's request to use the ball field this summer and read an email from Carol Stoens regarding the upkeep of the field. Mr. Ruff stated that by time the field was prepared for use, there may only be one practice left. Mrs. Stoens stated that she would like to see some games played at Lostant. Dr. Malahy stated since Lostant and Tonica were co-oping all school activities, it would be nice to see the summer league share time at both communities like the school activities.

**ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Chambers and seconded by Cooper to approve the Bi-County Little League District 20 to use the Lostant School ball field pending Insurance of Liability with Carol Stones and the coaches maintaining the field.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Kozak, Ruff, Cooper, Lawless. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

**8.6 Lostant/Tonica Sports Team Agreement for Boys Baseball**

Dr. Malahy informed the Board that an IESA Agreement for boys baseball must be approved.

**ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Chambers and seconded by Ruff to approve the Lostant/Tonica Sports Team Agreement for Boys Baseball.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Kozak, Ruff, Cooper, Lawless. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

**8.7 Lostant/Tonica Joint Athletic Director Agreement**

Dr. Malahy informed the Board that Tonica would like to have an agreement to share an athletic director and pay one-half of the stipend to Lostant School. Lostant School will double this position with the P.E. job.

**ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Cooper and seconded by Chambers to approve the Lostant/Tonica Joint Athletic Director Agreement.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Kozak, Ruff, Cooper, Lawless. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

**8.8 Revised 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip**

Dr. Malahy informed the Board that the waterpark that had been approved for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip does not open until June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Board discussed the new trip agenda.

**ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Ruff and seconded by Kozak to approve the Revised 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Kozak, Ruff, Cooper, Lawless. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

**8.9 Classroom Floors Abatement and Refinishing**

Dr. Malahy informed the Board that the cost to abate and refinish five classroom floors will be \$58,000. Dr. Malahy recommended sending Mr. Fox to IDEAL's Floor Abatement training class for \$800 and having Mr. Fox replace the tile in the area in the one classroom that needed replacement. Dr. Malahy also recommended waiting for another matching State Maintenance Grant or the 10-Year HLS Audit to abate and refinish all first floor rooms.

**8.10 Property Closing Date**

Dr. Malahy informed the Board that she would be attending the property closing at Zukowski Law Firm on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

**8.11 2023-2024 Student/Parent High School Handbook**

The Board viewed the proposed 2023-2024 Student/Parent High School Handbook. This document is specific to high school students.

**ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Chambers and seconded by Ruff to approve the 2023-2024 Student/Parent High School Handbook.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Kozak, Ruff, Cooper, Lawless. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

**8.12 2023-2024 Student/Parent Handbook**

The Board viewed the first reading of the proposed 2023-2024 Student/Parent Handbook. Dr. Malahy requested suggestions for any changes be emailed to her prior to May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**8.13 Special Board Meeting Date**

The Board choose two dates for a special meeting to seat the new Board.

**9. Committee Reports**

**9.1 Finance**

No meeting this month.

**9.2 Negotiations**

No meeting this month.

**9.3 Safety**

No meeting this month.

**9.4 Closed Session Minutes**

No meeting this month.

**10. Legislative Update:**

- Dr. Malahy reported that there is a bill in discussion that will only allow school districts to reserve 2.5 years of funds.

**11. Other:**

- Graduation is May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**12. Old Business:**

Nothing this month.

**13. New Business:**

Nothing this month.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion by Chambers and seconded by Ruff to adjourn to closed meeting at 7:02 p.m. 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 Kozak and seconded by Chambers to reconvene into open session at 7:13 p.m.

Roll call. 5-0

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

A motion by Chambers and seconded by Cooper to employ Holli Rapp as P.E./Health Teacher and Athletic Director effective the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Kozak, Ruff, Cooper, Lawless. Nay: None.

Motion passes.

**15. DIRECT SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT TO BOARD**

Nothing this month.

**16. ADJOURN**

A motion by Chambers and seconded by Ruff to adjourn.

Ayes 5-0.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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