

Minutes
Lostant Community Unit School District #425
Wednesday,
May 24, 2023
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – REGULAR MEETING

Greg Ruff, B.O.E. President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Ruff, Chambers, Forrest, Wiesbrock, Lawless

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent: Kozak, Cooper

Recording Secretary: Sandra Malahy, Superintendent

Audience Members: Bob Ketcham, Courtney Klobucher, Holli Rapp, Gary Chrisman, Missy Einhaus

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Lisa Cooper entered at 6:02 p.m.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. RECOGNITION

5.1 Donation

- Thank you to P.T.O. for the donation of \$200 toward the 8th grade class trip.

5.2 Student Athletes

- Congratulations to Paige Kammer, Claire Walder, and Cadence Breckenridge who qualified for the state track meet in the 4 x 100 relay and shot put.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session from April 19, 2023 and the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting and Executive Session from April 27, 2023.

6.2 Approve Treasurer's Report.

6.3 Approve Activity Account Report.

6.4 Approve Imprest Account Report.

6.5 Approve \$102,441.50 for May Disbursements.

6.6 Approve April 2023 Payroll.

ACTION ITEM

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

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

Motion passes.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

7.1 Fund Activity

The district is 83% through the school year. Revenues are 98.57% and Expenditures are 72.44%.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
10	Education	98.39%	68.48%
20	Operation & Maintenance	89.15%	83.26%
30	Debt	100.89%	89.69%
40	Transportation	107.50%	87.97%
50	Social Security & IMRF	101.54%	105.14%
60	Capital Projects	0.00%	0.00%
70	Working Cash	100.93%	0.00%
80	Tort	103.07%	59.69%
90	Fire / Health Life Safety	100.77%	0.00%
	Total	98.57%	72.44%

Mrs. Chambers inquired about the expenditures in Fund 50. Dr. Malahy stated it was due to a payment to IMRF for an unexpected retirement in August.

7.2 Fund Transfers

Numbers 17 and 18 are grant transfers. Numbers 19-23 relate to benefits that were charged to an ESSER grant that must be district paid.

ACTION ITEM

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

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

Motion passes.

8. REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8.1 Principal's Report

Mrs. Klobucher informed the Board that she sent Board members a link to school photos.

Mrs. Chambers asked if a student was lost on the school trip. Mrs. Klobucher said no, a student was in the wrong parking lot.

8.2 Employee Reports

Nothing this month.

8.3 PTO Report

Nothing this month.

8.4 School Improvement Plan

No discussion.

8.5 End of the Year Trip

Dr. Malahy informed the Board that additional Title funds were awarded and approved for fine arts activities. Therefore, students will attend an end of the school year event to see Bluey's Big Play at the Adler Theatre in Davenport on June 14th. Tickets and transportation are covered by the grant.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Chambers to approve the field trip to Davenport, Iowa on June 14th.

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

Motion passes.

8.6 Summer School Trip

Dr. Malahy informed the Board that additional Title funds were awarded and approved for fine arts activities. Therefore, students who attend summer school will attend an event to see the Wizard of Oz at Stage 212 in LaSalle on July 27th. Tickets and transportation are covered by the grant.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Chambers and seconded by Lawless to approve the field trip to LaSalle, IL on July 27th.

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

Motion passes.

8.7 Bleacher and Basketball Backstop Repairs

The Board viewed a quote from E.T. Paddock Enterprises for repairs to the gym bleachers and six basketball backstops. The Board discussed the expense of the cost of repairs.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Forrest and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve the quote from E.T. Paddock Enterprises for repairs to the gym bleachers in the amount of \$3,860 and six basketball backstops in the amount of \$4,230.

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

Motion passes.

8.8 2023-2024 Student/Parent Handbook

The Board discussed changes to the Handbook.

- Erin's Law
- Faith's Law
- Meal Fees
- Registration Fees
- Student Supplies

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Cooper to approve the 2023-2024 Student/Parent Handbook.

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

Motion passes.

8.9 Board Committees

Board members volunteered for the following committees:

Finance

Chambers, Wiesbrock, Forrest

Negotiations

Ruff, Wiesbrock, Cooper

Safety

Lawless, Forrest, Chambers

Closed Session Minutes

Ruff, Lawless, Cooper

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Finance

The committee will meet on June 21st at 5:00 p.m.

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:

Nothing this month.

11. Other:

- Graduation is May 31st at 6:30 p.m.

12. Old Business:

Nothing this month.

13. New Business:

Nothing this month.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Cooper and seconded by Lawless to adjourn to closed meeting at 6:44 p.m. to discuss:

X 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).

- Employment of Angela Hank

X Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

- Student Expulsion

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Forrest to reconvene into open session at 7:28 p.m.

Roll call. 6-0

ACTION ITEMS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Cooper to employ Angela Hank as the part-time summer custodian, substitute cook, and full-time paraprofessional.

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

Motion passes.

ACTION ITEMS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Forrest and seconded by Lawless to expel student #964098440 from Lostant Community Unit School District No. 425 from May 26, 2023 to May 26, 2025 for breaking into the District building and hacking into the District computer system on or about May 9, 2023. Both such actions constitute Gross Disobedience under Board Policy 7:190. Student #964098440 shall also be barred from being present on school property, attending District events, and using District busses for the duration of the expulsion period. In support of this decision the Board finds as follows:

- The student’s behavior at issue indicates that he poses a threat to the safety of other students, staff, and members of the District community, District property, to the educational process, and to the operation of the school as a secure environment.
- The behavior at issue this evening has disrupted the learning environment. The egregiousness of the breaking and entering and the hacking-into of the District computer system warrants the removal of this student from the school building for a period of not less than two (2) calendar years. A shorter duration of expulsion would not be sufficiently responsive to the egregiousness of the misconduct.
- Based upon communication with the Administration, the Board determines that no other appropriate and available disciplinary interventions exist since all such interventions have been exhausted.

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

Motion passes.

15. DIRECT SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT TO BOARD

Nothing this month.

16. ADJOURN

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Chambers to adjourn.

Ayes 6-0.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

BOE President (Greg Ruff)

Date

BOE Secretary (Shayla Chambers)

Date