

**MINUTES  
LAMOTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT 43  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
October 20, 2021 5:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, LaMotte School District #43 was held on October 20, 2021 for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees. Board Chair Knoff called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Trustees Present:** Birgen Knoff, Ken Miller, Katie Ivester

**Staff Present:** LeeAnn Burke-Superintendent, Sue Becker-District Clerk/Business Manager,

**Public Present:** Morgan Potter

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presiding Trustees Explanation of Procedures**

*The LaMotte Board of Trustees welcomes public comment on issues and concerns. Members of the community are given an opportunity to make brief comments to the board on any matter not included in the agenda. Comments on agenda items will be accepted when that item comes up during the meeting. Interested persons may also submit views in written form to the Clerk prior to the meeting, and those comments will be brought to the attention of the Board during the meeting.*

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

September 21, 2021 Regular Meeting

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the minutes of the September 21, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion: Trustee Ivester

Second: Trustee Miller

Public Comment: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Staff Discussion & Reports**

- Superintendent's Report
  - Superintendent Burke discussed the Town Hall meeting. She was encouraged by the number of people at the meeting and the interest shown in the building project.
  - Enrollment is currently at 67.
  - Superintendent Burke discussed the Star testing results.
  - Parent-Teacher conferences will be held Nov. 18-23.
  - At this time, there will be no Holiday program due to COVID. There may be a parent music presentation by class. Since this is such a tradition, the Board discussed other ideas. Superintendent Burke will talk with the music teacher to see what can be arranged.
  - Superintendent Burke will coordinate the Santa's Workshop with parents.
  - Superintendent Burke is hesitant to purchase an online Spanish program due to expensive software. The District will not receive an accreditation deviation. The school year 2021 accreditation will be extended to school year 2022. Superintendent Burke's main concern is learning loss. Mr. Watton will be offering coding for 7th/8th grades. Ms. Spyke will start

coding with 6th graders after January 1, 2022. Coding fits in with accreditation and is a replacement for Spanish this school year.

### **Trustee Discussion and Reports**

None.

### **Public Input on Non-Agenda Items**

None.

### **Financial Update**

- Approval of Accounts payable and Payroll warrants report and ACH payments  
Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the warrants and ACH payments.  
Motion to approve the accounts payable, payroll warrants and ACH payments as presented.  
Motion: Trustee Ivester  
Second: Trustee Miller  
Public Comment: None.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **Agenda Action/Discussion Items**

#### **1. Safe Return to School Plan 2021-2022**

Board Discussion: Superintendent Burke recommended that no changes be made to the “Safe Return to School Plan 2021-2022” that was approved on 8/31/21. The Board discussed Gallatin County COVID trends, the need to keep assessing the trends, the need to keep the mask mandate question in the forefront and agreed with her recommendation.  
Public Comment:  
Morgan Potter

#### **2. Personnel Action**

##### **a. County Superintendent Substitute List Updated 10-14-21**

Board Discussion: The County Superintendent’s office provides the substitute list and Does background checks for those employees on the list. Superintendent Burke recommended approving the updated list as presented.  
Motion to approve the County Superintendent 2021-2022 substitute list updated 10-14-21.  
Motion: Trustee Ivester  
Second: Trustee Miller  
Public Comment: None  
Motion passed unanimously.

##### **b. Counselor Hire**

Superintendent Burke recommended hiring Kaitlen Carter as the Counselor. She discussed her background and qualifications. The Board would like to thank and formally recognize Sue Sailer for her work in this position from the beginning of the school year.

Motion to approve hiring Kaitlen Carter as a .20 FTE Counselor 10/6/21-12/31/21 and increasing to a .40 FTE 1/1/22-6/10/22 (MA/Step 0) for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion: Trustee Ivester

Second: Trustee Miller

Public Comment: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

### Policy

2332 Religion and Religious Activities	First Reading
3121 Enrollment and Attendance Records	First Reading
3150 Part-Time Attendance	First Reading
3233 Student Use of Buildings-Equal Access	First Reading
3311 Firearms and Weapons	First Reading
3413 Student Immunization	First Reading
3510 School Sponsored Student Activities	First Reading
3550F Student Club or Group Form	First Reading
3550 Student Clubs	First Reading
4211 School Name Imagery and Colors	First Reading
4331 Use of School Property for Posting Notices	First Reading

Board Discussion: Policy 3550 page 3 of 3 line 5-choose administration.

### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 6:09 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Ivester

Second: Chair Knoff

Public Comment: None.

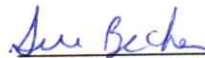
Motion passed unanimously.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for  
Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**



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Birgen Knoff, Board Chair



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Sue Becker, District Clerk/Business Manager