

**MINUTES**  
**LAMOTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT 43**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING**  
**December 18, 2020 1:00 p.m.**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees, LaMotte School District #43 was held on December 18, 2020 for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees. Chair Ivester called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

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

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

**Public Present:** Mark Aamot

**Pledge of Allegiance**-Electronic Zoom meeting, no flag available-forgo 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.*

**Trustee Discussion and Reports**

The Board would like to discuss the quarantine time period in the Reopening Plan at the January 2021 Board meeting.

Allied Engineering came to the school to mark the land boundaries. Superintendent Burke talked with the adjacent property owner about the family's concerns and gave her the official site plan that Allie Engineering prepared. The Board discussed fencing the southwest square corner where snow is being plowed into.

**Agenda Action/Discussion Items**

**1. Resignation-PE Teacher**

Board Discussion: Superintendent Burke presented Mark Aamot's resignation effective December 18, 2020.

Motion to approve Mark Aamot's resignation (last day December 18, 2020).

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Duneman

Public Comment: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the hardship created on the District following a mid-year resignation and agreed to prorate the \$1000.00 liquidated damages sustained for this type of breach of contract.

Motion to prorate the \$1000 liquated damages sustained for this type of breach of contract due from Mark Aamot (prorated based on FTE \$1000 x .20 FTE = \$200.00).

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Vice Chair Knoff

Public Comment: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Boys' Basketball Season**

Board Discussion: Superintendent Burke presented the Boys' Basketball Season information/guidelines provided by the Mount Ellis Athletic Director. She is not in favor of having a boys' basketball season. LaMotte has been working hard to keep students in cohorts and she is concerned with the exposure of traveling to other schools for games. The Board discussed: 1) Schools have adopted guidelines regarding decreasing potential exposure that are in line with MHSA/NFHS; 2) Positive social and competitive aspect of season; 3) Season is a partnership with Mount Ellis; 5) Game schedule has been set; 5) Could be last chance for some students to play organized sports; 6) Establish strong communication with Mount Ellis regarding any positive cases/quarantining those students; and 6) Other private activities are not regulated so why deny these students the opportunity to play.

Motion to approve the Bears Boys' Basketball program for January – March 2021 and to amend *The LaMotte Reopening Plan* to include this approval.

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Duneman

Public Comment: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn 1:51 p.m.

Motion: Vice Chair Knoff

Second: Chair Ivester

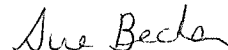
Public Comment: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is schedules for Wednesday, January 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**



Katie Ivester, Board Chair



Sue Becker, District Clerk/Business Manager