

**MINUTES
LAMOTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT 43
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
December 9, 2020 5:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, LaMotte School District #43 was held on December 9, 2020 for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees. Vice Chair Knoff called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

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

Staff Present: LeeAnn Burke-Superintendent, Sue Becker-District Clerk/Business Manager, Michelle Clark-Administrative Assistant, Nicole Huntsinger-Custodian

Public Present: Jennifer Duneman

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.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting

November 21, 2020 Emergency Meeting

November 27, 2020 Special Meeting

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the minutes of the October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting, the November 21, 2020 Emergency Meeting and the November 27, 2020 Special Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting, the November 21, 2020 Emergency Meeting and the November 27, Special Meeting as presented.

Motion: Vice Chair Knoff

Second: Trustee Miller

Public Comment: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Discussion & Reports

- Superintendent Report
 - Enrollment is 69.
 - Superintendent Burke reported on the current COVID quarantine status.
 - Concerns over property line/land use by adjacent land owners were discussed.
- Superintendent Burke researched and determined that the District owns the property where the snow is being plowed into. This area was staked when the Annex was being constructed. Trustee Duneman will try to locate the stakes. He will contact Allied Engineering who surveyed the property during the Annex construction if the stakes cannot be located. The

Board discussed erecting a fence so the gate can be left open when plowing. Superintendent Burke will reach out to the property owners in January to discuss their specific concerns.

-The District received a \$25,000 insurance payment for hail damage to the school roof.

Superintendent Burke got a bid on a full roof replacement but since there is no evidence of holes or dripping, she is recommending that we do not replace the roof at this time. The Board would like to get another bid on the school roof replacement for comparison.

-The District received an additional \$5,720 from the Governor's COVID Relief Fund.

-Staff will meet to discuss plans for the week before winter break.

- Chair Ivester asked what the policy was about using the ice rink after hours or weekends.

Superintendent Burke said "Use at Your Own Risk" signs were posted. Students cannot be on the rink unless they have an adult with them. Superintendent Burke will check with MTSBA to see if the District can restrict rink/property use to only those who attend LaMotte due to COVID concerns.

Trustee Discussion and Reports

Vice Chair Knoff wanted to make sure Superintendent Burke was aware of COVID vaccine distributions (including phase 1B which includes teachers).

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: Vice Chair Knoff
Second: Trustee Duneman
Public Comment: None.
Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Agenda Action/Discussion Items

1. Review Reopening Plan

Board discussion: Superintendent Burke reviewed the few changes that had been made to the Reopening Plan since it was last discussed. "Arrival-Temperatures will only be taken if a student is showing any symptoms of COVID." The Board discussed the section "Don't kids get sick all the time?" and determined to use the wording "In keeping with safest practices and in an order to keep everyone healthy, if a household member is ill, please keep your children home." The Board determined the District would maintain the 14-day quarantine period even though the newest guidelines from CDC indicated a shorter quarantine period.

Motion to approve The *LaMotte Reopening Plan* with the changes presented.

Motion: Vice Chair Knoff

Second: Chair Ivester

Public Comment on motion: Jennifer Duneman added that she feels kids are safer in school than in quarantine and emphasized the need to keep sick students at home so the rest of the students can keep going to the school.
Motion passed unanimously.

2. Building Discussion

Board Discussion-Superintendent Burke presented the LaMotte Sample Bond Information provided by Bridget Ekstrom from D.A. Davidson in order to start an ongoing discussion for a future building project. Superintendent Burke, with help from Trustee Kronfuss, will contact several architectural firms to ask about the building process procedures/timelines. The Board brainstormed different building visions/property use.

3. FY20 Financial Report-This item was tabled.

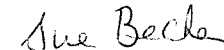
4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 6:46 p.m.
Motion: Vice Chair Knoff
Second: Trustee Miller
Public Comment: None.
Motion passed unanimously.

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



Katie Ivester, Board Chair



Sue Becker, District Clerk/Business Manager