

**MINUTES**  
**LAMOTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT 43**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 22, 2021 5:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, LaMotte School District #43 was held on July 22, 2021 for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees. Board Chair Knoff called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**Trustees Present:** Birgen Knoff, Collin Duneman, Ken Miller, Edward Kronfuss, Katie Ivester  
**Staff Present:** LeeAnn Burke-Supt./Principal, Sue Becker-District Clerk/Business Manager,  
**Public Present:** Scott Hedglin

**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*

**Agenda Action/Discussion Items**

**1. Building Discussion**

**a. Architect Presentation**

Board Discussion: Scott Hedglin, Architecture 118, presented two design team options:

1) advertise and select the design team as soon as possible so the design team can help with community education on the project/bond election; or 2) wait until the bond passes to select the design team. The Board discussed each option and decided to go with option 1. Mr. Hedglin will provide a Request for Qualifications to the Board.

**b. Resolution Calling for a Bond Election**

Board Discussion: The Board reviewed the draft Resolution Calling for a Bond Election provided by Dorsey Whitney.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

June 24, 2021 Regular Meeting

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the minutes of the June 24, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion: Vice Chair Duneman

Second: Trustee Miller

Public Comment: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Staff Discussion & Reports**

• Superintendent's Report

-Enrollment for the next school year is currently at 69.

-Bridger Drilling installed a new well pump. The water pressure has improved immensely.

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- Due to the basketball court work and some breaks, HydroLogistics reworked and fixed the irrigation system.
- The new math materials have been delivered. Half day staff trainings are scheduled for August 2 and 3.
- Superintendent Burke spoke with several janitorial service companies. They do not want to take on seasonal work. She will begin advertising for a half time janitor.
- Superintendent Burke discussed masking options and current COVID conditions with the Board. Protocols for the new school year will be discussed at the August meeting.
- Superintendent goals to focus on for the next school year include: 1) organizing a group of parents and one teacher to help educate stakeholders on the building project; and 2) School 2020-2021 was very isolating for students. To help in this area, she will distribute as much information as she can get on any area activity opportunities for students, focusing on middle school students to start with.

### **Trustee Discussion and Reports**

District Clerk/Business Manager Becker discussed electronic board packet options.

The Board discussed the idea of approaching Headwaters Academy to work with them to provide hot lunches to LaMotte. Superintendent Burke will follow up with the Headwaters Director.

### **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 (continued)**

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

##### **After-School Program Director; Middle School Teacher**

Board Discussion: Superintendent Burke recommended hiring Mary Cota as the After School Director. She will be available to substitute. Superintendent Burke recommended hiring Clinton Watton as the Middle School teacher. She discussed his qualifications/background.

Motion to approve hiring Clinton Watton as the full-time Middle school teacher (MA/Step 3) for the 2021-2022 school year and Mary Cota as the After School Director for the 2021-2022 school year at \$15.80 per hour.

Motion: Trustee Ivester

Second: Vice Chair Duneman

Public Comment: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. Transportation Committee Member**

Board Discussion: None.

Motion to approve District Clerk/Business Manager Becker as the voting member for the County Transportation Committee.

Motion: Trustee Ivester  
Second: Trustee Miller  
Public Comment: None.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Petition to Transfer School District Territory Gallatin County**

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the Petition to Transfer School District Territory Gallatin County submitted by property owners Amy and Peter Carse. Superintendent Burke explained that the land had, at one point, been broken into three parcels but is now owned by one family. The main house is in the Bozeman District but part of the property is in the LaMotte District. If the Bozeman School District land is transferred, the property owner will pay K-8 LaMotte School District property taxes and 9-12 Bozeman School District property taxes.

Motion to approve the Petition to Transfer School District Territory Gallatin County as presented.

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

**Policy**

3310	Student Discipline	First Reading
3311	Firearms and Weapons	First Reading
3416	Administering Medicines to Students	First Reading
3417	Communicable Diseases	First Reading
4315	Visitor and Spectator Conduct	First Reading
4332	Conduct on School Property	First Reading
5223	Personal Conduct	First Reading
5230	Prevention of Disease Transmission	First Reading
5325	Breastfeeding Workplace	First Reading
8129	Chemical Safety (New)	First Reading
8130	Air Quality Restrictions on Outdoor Activities, Practice and Competition (New)	First Reading
8131	Indoor Air Quality (New)	First Reading
8301	District Safety	First Reading
8302	Noxious Plant and Animal Control (New)	First Reading
8303	Cleaning and Disinfecting (New)	First Reading
8410	Operation and Maintenance of District Facilities	First Reading
8411	Water Supply Systems (New)	First Reading
8421	Lead Renovation (New)	First Reading
8502	Construction and Repairs (New)	First Reading

Board Discussion: Superintendent Burke indicated that in Policy 3311, option 3 should be selected.

**5. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Ivester

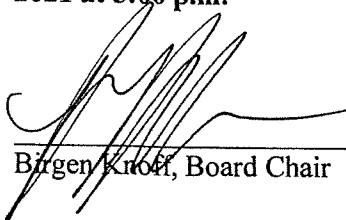
Second: Vice Chair Duneman

Public Comment: None.

Motion passed unanimously.


**A special meeting (Zoom) is scheduled for Thursday July 29, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday August 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