

MINUTES
LAMOTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT 43
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2011
6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, LaMotte School District #43 was held on December 14, 2011 for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees. Chairperson Amy Allen presided.

Chairperson Allen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Amy Allen, Mike Hedegaard, Elisa Eshbaugh,

Staff Present: LeeAnn Burke, Principal; Sally Birkelo, District Clerk

Public Present: Tad Drake

Pledge of Allegiance

Presiding Trustees Explanation of Procedures

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Minutes of Previous Meeting

November 16, 2011 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of November 16, 2011 Regular Meeting

Motion: Trustee Hedegaard

Second: Trustee Eshbaugh

Board Action: Trustees discussed details of the minutes.

Motion passed unanimously

Staff Discussion & Reports

Principal's Report

In her report to the trustees Principal Burke informed the Board:

- The promethean board in the 7/8 grade room is not functioning; a request for a new bulb has been processed.
- The Promethean Company matched the \$1800 of money LaMotte raised through the last fund raiser sales; the school will purchase additional promethean technology equipment with this grant.
- A contractor is assessing the damage to the building from the car crash; the bid is expected at the end of this week. The heat and electricity is expected to be restored soon so students can use the classroom.

- A portable storage unit was delivered today; it will hold PE equipment during construction.
- Mrs. Burke will contact an architect to inspect the damage to the school and consult on the construction project.
- The holiday program is at 6:30 on Tuesday December 20th at Mt. Ellis chapel.

Financial Update

Approval of warrant report and ACH payments.

Motion to approve warrant report # 1753-1768 and ACH payments and warrant # 17182-17204.

Motion: Trustee Eshbaugh

Second: Trustee Hedegaard

Board Discussion: Trustees are in favor of the format of the warrant report.

Motion passed unanimously

Trustee Discussion and Reports.

- Parent Surveys
Trustees reviewed the results from the parent survey. Overall the survey responses were positive.
- National Board Certification
Trustees discussed the information from Nikki Vradenburg regarding the National Board Certification process.
- Trustees discussed the pick -up procedure after school in regard to the damage to the building. Parents are encouraged to pull up to the front of the school to pick up students.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

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Public Comment: None

Agenda Items

1. Middle School Science Trip approval

Tad Drake presented the middle school itinerary and information for the May science trip. The purpose of the trip is to study the ecosystem and earth sciences.

Motion to approve middle school science trip

Trustee Hedegaard

Second: Chair Allen

Board Action: Trustees expressed positive feedback for the trip.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Procurement card approval

Principal Burke recommended approval of a procurement card for use by LaMotte administration and staff.

Motion to approve procurement card for LaMotte staff.

Motion: Trustee Hedegaard

Second: Trustee Ehbaugh

Board Action: Trustees discussed the benefits of a procurement credit card for school use.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Personnel action-hiring of instructional aide

Principal Burke recommended hiring of instructional aide Katie O'Hara to start in January 2012.

She will be a one-on-one aide for a special needs student.

Motion to hire Katie O'Hara

Motion: Trustee Hedegaard

Second: Trustee Eshbaugh

Board Action: Trustees inquired about aides with special needs students. The CoOp will pay for the aide for the remainder of the year as this was an unexpected expense.

Motion passed unanimously

Policy

5333 Holiday

Changes were made to the policy, it will return as a second reading.

The next regular meeting is January 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Hedegaard

Second: Trustee Eshbaugh

Motion passed unanimously

Amy Allen, Board Chair

Sally Birkelo, District Clerk