

**MINUTES
LAMOTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT 43
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2012
6:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, LaMotte School District #43 was held on February 22, 2012 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, Elisa Eshbaugh, Ken Miller

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

Public Present: Mary Ellen Fitzgerald, County Superintendent of Schools; Stacey Etchart

Pledge of Allegiance

Presiding Trustees Explanation of Procedures

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Agenda Action Items

1. Appoint new trustee Stacey Etchart

Board Discussion: Chair Allen thanked Superintendent Fitzgerald for attending and swearing in new trustee Etchart.

Motion to approve appointment of Stacey Etchart

Motion: Trustee Elisa Eshbaugh

Second: Trustee Miller

Public comment: None

Motion passed unanimously

2. Trustees call for election

Board Discussion: Clerk Birkelo explained the trustee election procedure to the Board. The 2012 election will not have a levy.

Motion to approve election May 8, 2012 for the purpose of electing trustees.

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Eshbaugh

Public comment: None

Motion passed unanimously

Board Discussion: Trustees agreed that the Clerk will cancel the election due to trustee acclamation if appropriate.

Motion to authorize election administrator Clerk Birkelo to cancel any portion of the election.

Motion to approve election May 8, 2012

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Eshbaugh

Public comment: None

Motion passed unanimously

Minutes of Previous Meeting

January 18, 2012 Regular Meeting

Board Discussion: Trustees did not request changes in the draft version of the minutes.

Motion to approve minutes of January 18, 2012 Regular Meeting

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Chair Allen

Public Comment: None

Motion passed unanimously

Staff Discussion & Reports

Principal's Report

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

- Teachers found the Anita Archer conference on February 15th PIR day to be enriching and inspiring. Principal Burke thanked the Board for supporting the training and she shared information from the training.
- Principal Burke distributed a draft version of the LaMotte 2012-2013 calendar. LaMotte will coordinate with the Bozeman district calendar.
- She is working on the budgeting process should have preliminary sheets next meeting. The 2012-13 budget will be similar to the current year.
- She is considering ways to reconfigure grades and instruction options in grades 4-8 next year due to student enrollment numbers and class combinations.
- The formal teacher evaluations will be available at the March meeting.
- Mrs. Burke is awaiting more information for internet and phone services for the school with the goal to provide better and more economical service.
- Teachers have been trained to administer CRT tests. The testing is March 5-8.
- LaMotte has a band concert at Anderson School on April 2nd.
- The LaMotte graduation will feature MSU President Cruzado as the graduation speaker. The LaMotte Children's Choir will perform.

Financial Update

Approval of warrant report and ACH payments.

Board Discussion: Trustees requested additional information for several warrant charges.

Motion to approve warrant report # 1784-1797 and ACH payments and warrant # 17252-17291

Motion: Trustee Eshbaugh

Second: Trustee Miller

Public Comment: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Discussion and Reports.

Trustees discussed contacting Little Apple Technology to see if a tower could be installed to enable service to the school.

- **School Election**

Trustees reviewed the LaMotte election history since 2006. The trustees are considering running a technology levy next year.

- **Administrator Evaluation**

Trustees reviewed the evaluation document. Chair Allen requested the trustees complete the evaluation and send to Trustee Etchart for compilation. At the March 21 meeting the trustees will have Executive Session to conduct the evaluation with Principal Burke.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

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Public Comment: None

Policy

5460 Electronic Resources and Social Networking

Board Discussion: Trustees discussed the revisions added after the first reading. The teaching staff provided input for the revisions to the policy after the first reading.

Motion to approve policy 5460 with revisions

Motion: Trustee Eshbaugh

Second: Trustee Miller

Public Comment: None

Motion passed unanimously

5221 Work Day

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the changes to the policy from the first reading.

Motion to approve policy 5221 with revisions

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Eshbaugh

Public Comment: None

Motion passed unanimously

1400 Board Meeting

Board Discussion: Trustees discussed the recommended revision.

Motion to approve policy 1400 as revised by MTSBA

Motion: Trustee Eshbaugh

Second: Trustee Etchart

Public Comment:

Motion passed unanimously

2510 School Wellness

Board Discussion: Trustees discussed the policy content.

Motion to approve policy 2510 as revised by MTSBA

Motion: Trustee Eshbaugh

Second: Chair Allen

Public Comment: None

Motion passed unanimously

3612P Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks

Board Discussion: Trustees would like to have curriculum for students regarding cyber bullying and appropriate internet conduct.

Motion to approve policy 3612P as revised by MTSBA

Motion: Trustee Eshbaugh

Second: Trustee Miller

Public Comment: None

Motion passed unanimously

The next regular meeting is March 21 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Eshbaugh

Second: Trustee Etchart

Motion passed unanimously

Amy Allen, Board Chair

Sally Birkelo, District Clerk