

**MINUTES
LAMOTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT 43
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
January 18 2012
6:30 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, LaMotte School District #43 was held on January 18, 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 6:30 p.m.

Trustees Present: Amy Allen, Mike Hedegaard, Ken Miller

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

Public Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Presiding Trustees Explanation of Procedures

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Minutes of Previous Meeting

December 14, 2011 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of December 14, 2011 Regular Meeting

Motion: Trustee Hedegaard

Second: Chair Allen

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:

- Information regarding finalizing the construction project to the damage from the vehicle crash to the building. At this point there are no problems with insurance reimbursement, the insurance adjuster is in contact with an architect to assure the building will be at code. The architect will be continuing to work on this project.
- Concrete barriers will be placed in front of the doors for protection during student entry and dismissal. A temporary barrier will be placed until permanent barriers can be installed after the ground thaws.
- Dismissal procedures continue from the playground, bringing students forward to the vehicle. During this discussion, Trustee Hedegaard suggested moving the gate closer to the entry doors for dismissal time. Trustees and Principal Burke were in favor of this idea.

- Due to water damage, the office floor will be replaced with marmoleum during spring break. An asbestos mitigation is part of this process and will precede installation.
- The community school calendar task force is using the consensus process, involving discussion, clarification, rephrasing which is a very thorough process. Principal Burke is on this task force and shared information from the recent meeting.
- Thursday afternoons the middle school students have math remediation and enrichment. Mrs. Burke, Mr. Drake and Mrs. Babcock are teaching three groups of students.
- Regarding a school election this year, Principal Burke will not recommend a general fund levy, but presented information in favor of a technology levy in the future years. Next year the loan on the annex will be paid off.

Financial Update

Approval of warrant report and ACH payments.

Motion to approve warrant report # 1769-1783 and ACH payments and warrant # 17205-17251

Motion: Trustee Hedegaard

Second: Trustee Miller

Board Discussion: Trustees discussed the telephone and internet charges. Chair Allen suggested Voice- over IP. Principal Burke will investigate price and feature options to get a better priced package. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Discussion and Reports.

Trustee Miller expressed gratitude and thanks to Principal Burke for all her work on the construction project.

- Trustee Election
Trustees discussed the upcoming expiration of trustee terms. Trustee Hansen has submitted a letter of immediate resignation and the Board will appoint a replacement. Trustee Hedegaard will not pursue candidacy for another term. These regular terms expire in May; these are both three year terms.
- Certified and Classified contract language-breach of contract
Information was gathered from other school districts regarding contract language for breach on a certified teaching contract. This will become an agenda item in the future; currently more information will be researched about contract pay out and license revocation due to breach of contract.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

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Public Comment: None

Action Items

1. Trustee resignation

Motion to approve resignation of trustee Chris Hansen

Motion: Trustee Hedegaard

Second: Trustee Miller

Board Action: Trustees expressed gratitude to Chris Hansen for his Board service.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. RESA 4 U Co-Operative membership

Principal Burke presented information about the CoOP. Districts would be able to take advantage of bulk purchasing, technology purchases and training, and staff development.

Motion to approve membership in the RESA 4U CoOp

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Hedegaard

Board Action: Trustees discussed the benefits of joining the CoOp

Motion passed unanimously.

3. FY 11 Financial Report

Motion to approve the FY11 Financial Report

Motion Trustee Hedegaard

Second: Trustee Miller

Board Action: Trustees discussed the audit and expressed gratitude to Business Manger Sue Becker for a clean audit.

Motion passed unanimously.

Policy

5000 series

Motion to adopt policies 5010, 5328, 5440, 5500 as per recommendation by MTSBA.

Policy 5221 and 5460 will come back as a second reading.

Motion: Trustee Hedegaard

Second: Chair Allen

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the 5000 series and discussed potential revisions to policies 5222 and 5460.

Motion passed unanimously

5333 Holiday

Motion to approve policy 5333 with revisions

Motion: Trustee Hedegaard

Second: Chair Allen

Board Discussion: Trustees discussed the addition of President's Day to the staff holiday policy.

Motion passed unanimously

The next regular meeting is February, 22 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Hedegaard

Motion passed unanimously

Amy Allen, Board Chair

Sally Birkelo, District Clerk