

**MINUTES**  
**LAMOTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT 43**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 14, 2012 4:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, LaMotte School District #43 was held on November 14, 2012 for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees. Chair Amy Allen presided. Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Trustees Present:** Ken Miller, Stacey Etchart, Elisa Eshbaugh, Amy Allen,

**Staff Present:** LeeAnn Burke, Principal; Sue Becker, Business Manager; Sally Birkelo, District Clerk

**Public Present: None**

**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 24, 2012 Regular Meeting**

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the minutes, finding neither changes nor revisions.

Motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting October 24, 2012.

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Eshbaugh

Public Comment: None

Motion passed unanimously.

**Principal's Report**

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

- The Parent Survey is ready to be sent to parents on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. Trustees responded that the survey has been greatly improved. The class with the most surveys returned will be rewarded with a cookie and hot chocolate party.
- The Annex mural will be almost finished this week. The students are engaged in the art project and have contributed to the design and finished mural.
- Art Mobile of Montana will be traveling to LaMotte. A gallery walk will be set up for students to view and students will have an art lesson. Indian Education for All funds will be used to pay for the Art Mobile.
- The Parent Group will sponsor an artist in resident to create student projects which will be sold at the spring auction.
- The Parent Group matched funds to purchase a Promethian Board for the Library.
- A STEM grant is available through the Physics and Education Dept at MSU. LaMotte has been invited to participate in Grant application.
- The Gifted and Talented draft plan was sent to trustees. A finalized copy will be on the December Board agenda for trustee approval.

- The new iPads are here and the staff will be learning to use them for classroom application.

### **Trustee Discussion and Reports**

- Chair Allen inquired about the tuition policy for non district students who start school after the beginning of the school year. She inquired if the tuition should be prorated or paid in full. Trustees and Mrs. Burke discussed options for tuition policy clarification. Mrs. Burke will check with other districts policies for tuition.
- Trustees discussed continuing staff bonuses at Christmas. This will be the same as past years and has been accounted in the budget.

### **Financial Update**

#### **Approval of warrant report # 1891-1902, # 17585-17609 and ACH payments**

Board Discussion: Trustees inquired about several warrant payments.

Motion to approve warrant report # 1891-1902, # 17585-17609 and ACH payments.

Motion: Trustee Eshbaugh

Second: Trustee Etchart

Public Comment: None

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Agenda Action Items**

#### **1. Approval of Additions to the Substitute List**

Board Discussion: Clerk Birkelo informed the board of a new substitute teacher on the LaMotte list.

Motion to approve additions to the substitute list as prepared by the County Superintendent of Schools.

Motion: Trustee Etchart

Second: Trustee Miller

Public Comment: none

Motion passed unanimously

#### **2. Approval of Nonresident Student**

Board Discussion: Trustees were informed that a seventh grade student is applying for admission. Principal Burke recommended approval of nonresident student.

Motion to approve nonresident student application.

Motion: Trustee Eshbaugh

Second: Trustee Etchart

Public Comment: none

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. Approval of Parent Survey**

Board Discussion: Trustees did not add any changes or revisions to the updated Parent Survey.

Motion to approve the updated Parent Survey.

Motion: Trustee Etchart

Second: Trustee Eshbaugh

Public Comment: none

Motion passed unanimously.

**Policy**

**2000 Series Instruction**

**Series Review**

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the changes to the policies. Since the last meeting where policies were reviewed, action has been taken on policies which required action, such as posting the policy to the website. Revisions were made to policies which required updated language insertions.

Motion to approve revisions to policies within the 2000 series.

Motion: Trustee Eshbaugh

Second: Trustee Etchart

Public Comment: none

Motion passed unanimously.

**2166 Gifted and Talented**

**Adoption of New Policy**

Board Discussion: Trustees agreed that the Gifted and Talented model policy needs to be adopted into LaMotte's policy manual.

Motion to adopt policy 2166.

Motion: Trustee Etchart

Second: Chair Allen

Public Comment: none

Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 4:42: p.m.

Motion: Trustee Eshbaugh

Second: Trustee Miller

Motion passed unanimously

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is December 12, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**

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Elisa Eshbaugh, Vice Board Chair

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Sally Birkelo, District Clerk