

**MINUTES
LAMOTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT 43
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2013 4:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, LaMotte School District #43 was held on November 20, 2013 for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees. Chair Allen presided and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Amy Allen, Ken Miller, Stacey Etchart, Karen Sipes Schmidt, Elisa Eshbaugh
Staff Present: LeeAnn Burke, Principal, Michelle Clark, 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 23, 2013 Regular Meeting

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 23, 2013.

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Etchart

Public Comment: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Discussion & Reports

Business Manager Becker provided a copy of the Ophir School bylaws from their non-profit entity for the Board to review.

Principal's Report

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

- Montana was the first state to receive a waiver from the Department of Education for the new testing; the Spring 2012 AYP determination will carry over to 2014
- The testing window will be from March 18th until May 14th with 3-4 hours of testing for each English and Math
- Principal Burke will be attending the annual Assessment Conference in Helena on January 15 through January 17
- There have been a few applicants for the Physical Education teaching position .2 FTE interviews will begin December 2nd.

Trustee Discussion and Reports

Principal Burke explained that our insurance agent from Western States notified the School that the current recommendation for material under playground equipment is nine inches of material.

The current estimate is \$4,000 to remove the current fill and haul in seven loads of pea gravel. We are still getting estimates from parents who are contractors. The Trustees had discussion regarding the recommendation and possible outcomes if the School did not install more fall zone material.

Principal Burke discussed the need to update the LaMotte Goals and Objectives this year. An exercise was completed with the Trustees to come up with words that are meaningful to their student's experiences at LaMotte. After hearing everyone's responses Principal Burke explained the same exercise was completed with the staff this week. The responses were very uniform. She would like to have a work session at an upcoming Board Meeting with the Staff and Trustees to update the mission and vision statement.

Financial Update

Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants and ACH payments.

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the warrants and ACH payments.
Motion to approve the accounts payable, payroll warrants and ACH payments.
Motion: Trustee Eshbaugh
Second: Trustee Miller
Public Comment: None
Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Action Items

1. Approval of Additions to the Substitute List

Principal Burke stated the list has been provided to the Board. There have been a few additions since last approved.
Motion to approve the Substitute List as presented.
Motion: Trustee Miller
Second: Trustee Eshbaugh
Public Comment: None
Motion passed unanimously

2. Teacher Resignation

Principal Burke stated the PE Teacher has given notice his last day will be at the end of November.
Motion to accept the resignation and wished Mr. McDonough good luck in the future. Trustee Miller motioned to not charge the penalty as stated in the contract with the approval of his resignation by the Board.
Motion: Trustee Miller
Second: Trustee Etchart
Public Comment: None
Motion passed unanimously

3. Approval of Parent Survey

Motion to approve the Parent Survey as presented.
Motion: Trustee Sipes Schmidt
Second: Trustee Eshbaugh
Public Comment: None
Motion passed unanimously

Policy

3000 Students Series Review

Principal Burke stated this series was updated in February and a number of changes were made in May.

2332 Religion and Religious Activities – First Reading

Principal Burke explained the word graduation has been changed to promotion in this policy.

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed Policy 2332 Religion and Religious Activities

2413 Grade Acceleration and Assessment for Placement – First Reading

Principal Burke explained that she has changed some wording in this policy so that it will be more in line with our “gifted plan” that has been created. For a student to be considered for grade acceleration they would need to be identified by the gifted plan prior to consideration. The decision has to be made by the team.

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed Policy 2413 Grade Acceleration and Assessment for Placement.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Trustee Sipes Schmidt.

Second: Trustee Etchart.

Public Comment: None

Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is January 22, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Amy Allen, Board Chair

Michelle Clark, District Clerk