

MINUTES
LAMOTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT 43
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
October 24, 2012 4:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, LaMotte School District #43 was held on October 24, 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 4:06 p.m.

Trustees Present: Ken Miller, Stacey Etchart, Elisa Eshbaugh, Amy Allen, Karen Sipes-Schmidt

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

Public Present: Aimee Neva, Anne Reimer

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

September 19, 2012 Regular Meeting

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

Motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting September 19, 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:

- All fall benchmark tests for math (AIMs Web) and reading (DIBELS) have been completed. The goals for the DIBELS program have been adjusted and enhanced thus the scores and goals among the students tested have been shifted. The new higher goals enable students to become more proficient in reading. Students with test results below benchmark receive intervention in math and reading.
- Mrs. Vradenburg and Mrs. Burke are updating the gifted and talented plan and defining the approach to gifted testing and teaching. A plan will be implemented for students entering the high school.
- The internet is now working very well with the new service company. Mr. Greenwald has been very helpful as the Tech teacher; he is able to assist teachers and students with technology needs.
- A new copier/printer/fax will be delivered to the school soon. This copier will be more efficient and less costly than the older version.

- Staff has the opportunity to participate in a health screening next week through MUST insurance.
- RESA 4U may be able to offer a coop for our insurance group. More information will be made available to LaMotte in the future.
- Reduced rate ski tickets are available through the Bozeman School District for staff.
- A kindergarten student is battling cancer in Seattle. The school is sending school work, cards and gifts of support. A potluck will be held at the school by her friends to plan fundraising. Students are making and selling items to raise funds for the family.

Trustee Discussion and Reports

- **Parent Survey**

Board Discussion~ Principal Burke inquired if the survey questions should be updated.

Principal Burke shared that at the most recent staff meeting the teaching staff provided feedback and updated questions for the survey. Principal Burke, Trustee Eshbaugh and Chair Allen will form a committee to revise and improve the parent survey.

Trustee Eshbaugh noted that there are no questions regarding technology.

Trustee Miller suggested surveying parents to determine their priorities.

- **Goals**

Board Discussion~ The goals were updated at the end of the school year (2012) and needed no revision. Trustees reviewed the goals and did not make changes with the exception of minor punctuation. Trustee Miller inquired about Common Core training. Trustee Eshbaugh inquired about the Foundation and formation of the by-laws. She will move forward to structure the by-laws.

Discussion

- Chair Allen inquired about the need for gutter above the office door and the corner between the school and the annex. The gutter service was called immediately.

Financial Update

Approval of warrant report # 1875-1890, # 17549-17584 and ACH payments

Board Discussion: Business Manager Becker reported that the audit process was efficient and without difficulty. Chair Allen inquired about the internet service charges.

Motion to approve warrant report # 1875-1890, # 17549-17584 and ACH payments.

Motion: Trustee Sipes Schmidt

Second: Trustee Etchart

Public Comment: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Action Items

1. Approval of Additions to the Substitute List

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the substitute list.

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

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Etchart

Public Comment: none

Motion passed unanimously

2. Approval of Equipment Purchase

Board Discussion: Principal Burke offered a proposal for a 10 pack of iPads that will be portable from classroom to classroom as well as a Mac Book. This was proposed by the staff and will be funded by the bonus money given to LaMotte as the Academic Award. The iPads have endless reading and math apps for student learning and academic games. Chair Allen suggested a protective screen cover for the iPads. The iPads will be in protective cases. Motion to approve purchase of ten (10) iPads and accessories for classroom use.

Motion: Trustee Etchart

Second: Trustee Eshbaugh

Public Comment: none

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Snow Removal Contract

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the snow removal contract by Blanchford Landscaping. The contract has increased \$4 from last year.

Motion to approve the 2012/2013 Snow Removal Contract by Blanchford Landscaping.

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Etchart

Public Comment: none

Motion passed unanimously.

Policy

2000 Series review

Board Discussion: The trustees discussed and reviewed the series. Principal Burke offered suggestions and additions to policies 2000 2110, 2132, 2160, 2161P, 2310, 2320, 2335, 2421. She will be reviewing these policies and will bring the amended policies to the next meeting. The trustees will review the 2000 series again at the November meeting.

3141 Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Policy

Second Reading

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the revisions made at the first reading.

Motion to approve the revised policy 3141.

Motion: Trustee Eshbaugh

Second: Trustee Etchart

Public Comment: none

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Chair Allen

Motion passed unanimously

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is November 14, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Amy Allen, Board Chair

Sally Birkelo, District Clerk