

Regular Meeting
May 15, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine CSD met in regular session on Monday, May 15, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Board members present included Scott Wilson, Bryce Hoben and Jeff Riggan. Barbara Thompson arrived at 6:04p.m and Carol Whittaker at 6:07p.m. Also present were Supt. Mike Van Sickle, Chris Parkhurst, Amy Lantigua, Ken Spielbauer and Aimee Wedeking.

Call to Order/Approval of the Agenda

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Hoben moved and Riggan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Barbara Thompson arrived at 6:04p.m.

Community Forum

No one was present to speak at community forum.

Consent Agenda

Hoben moved and Riggan seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the April 17, 2023 regular meeting, the April 26, 2023 special meeting, the bills for approval, the March Financial reports and the April financial reports. Motion carried 4-0.

Carol Whittaker arrived at 6:07p.m.

Reports

Blaine Doppler with Spectra Build provided a project update for the Transportation and Maintenance Building with timelines. Reports were given by Elementary Principal Aimee Wedeking, JH/HS Principal Chris Parkhurst, Director of Student Success & Curriculum Amy Lantigua and Activities Director Ken Spielbauer. Director Thompson previously met with student council and relayed they would like to have an outside speaker brought in about bullying. Supt. Van Sickle reviewed the progress towards the 2022-2023 board goals.

Approval of FY24 Bus Driver Recommendations

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded a motion to approve the following bus driver recommendations for 2023-2024: 1) Increase pay to \$47.50 per Route (\$95.00 Daily). Continue a \$100 upfront bonus per driver. Paid on November check. Add a \$400 year-end bonus based on attendance (Calculated: # days Driven / # days of school * \$400). Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of FY24 Classified Wage Increases & Assignments

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded a motion to approve the FY24 Classified Staff wage increases and Assignments as follows: 1) Increase associate pay \$0.38/hour. Capped at \$20/hour. 2) Increase building clerical pay \$.038/hour. Capped at \$23/hour. 3) Increase paraeducator and foodservice pay \$.038/hour for 2023-2024. Capped at \$20/hour. 4) Admin clerical and mechanic would receive a \$0.54 increase. 5) Salaried would receive a 2.5% increase individualized. 7) The district will contribute \$448 towards the cost of insurance for paraeducators, building clerical, foodservice and head cooks. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of FY24 Coaching /Sponsor Positions

Whittaker moved and Thompson seconded to approve the FY24 Coaching and Sponsor Assignments as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of FY24 Activities/Athletic Director Wage Increase

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded to approve the FY24 Activities/Athletic Director Wage Increase as presented Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of 28E Agreement-Transportation

Thompson moved and Hoben seconded a motion to approve the sharing agreement for the Transportation Director with Columbus CSD. Motion carried 5-0.

Purchase of Chromebooks

Hoben moved and Whittaker seconded to approve the purchase of 190 Asus CX1 14" Chromebooks and Google Mgmt Licenses from Questivity Inc. at a total cost of \$69,160.00 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Fine Arts Wall of Fame Approval

Thompson moved and Riggan seconded to approve the updated Fine Arts and Academics Wall of Fame criteria as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Athletic Team Wall of Fame

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded to approve the Athletic Team Wall of fame is to be teams that place 1st or 2nd at the State Tournament as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Purchase of Staff Computers

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded to approve the purchase of Twenty 13 Inch MacBook Airs from Apple Inc. at a total cost of \$21,180.00 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel

Hires: Thompson moved and Hoben seconded to approve the following hires: Melissa Hill: Bus Driver, Brooke Isaia: 5th Grade Classroom Teacher pending licensure and Kelley Rosenboom: High School Special Education Teacher pending endorsement. Motion carried 5-0.

Voluntary Transfers: Hoben moved and Thompson seconded to approve the following voluntary transfer: Alex Schumacher from 1st Grade Classroom Teacher to 3rd Grade Classroom Teacher pending suitable replacement. Motion carried 5-0.

Volunteers: Thompson moved and Hoben seconded to approve the following volunteer: Donyell Archer: Softball pending background check. Motion carried 5-0.

Extended Leave of Absence: Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded to approve the following extended leave of absence: Kathryn Parkhurst: Per Article VII of the LMEA Master Contract without pay, for Kathryn Parkhurst for the first semester of the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Informational

The LMEA thanked the board for all they do for School Board Recognition Month. IASB sent board certificates in appreciation. Supt Van Sickle thanked the board for all they do. Supt Van Sickle reviewed library book ordering procedures and the new property tax reform guidelines.

Future Agenda Items

A Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. to award transportation building bids was added.

Adjournment

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Scott Wilson, President

Charles Domer, Secretary