

Regular Meeting
January 19, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine CSD met in regular session on Monday, January 19, 2015 at the Administration Office located at 14478 170th St, Letts IA. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with Directors Angie Kemp, Scott Wilson, Bob Nowak and Eric Schlutz present as well as Pam Lee attending via Skype. Supt. Mike Van Sickle and administrators Amy Lantigua, Chris Parkhurst and Doug McBride were also in attendance.

Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

President Kemp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Nowak moved, and Wilson seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

Community Forum

There was no one present to speak during community forum.

Consent Agenda

Lee moved, and Wilson seconded, to approve the consent agenda that consisted of the minutes of the December 15th and 29th board meetings, the claims for payment in the amount of \$180,800.16 (activity fund \$5719.29) and the December financial reports. Motion carried, 5-0.

Reports

Reports were given by the building administrators, curriculum director and the athletic director.

ABM Report and Review

Supt. Van Sickle reported that he had conducted a mid-year review with ABM Janitorial Services, the vendor providing cleaning services for the district. He reported that the consensus is that the buildings are consistently cleaner but that employee turn-over remains a problem. ABM was receptive to changes proposed by the district.

First Reading of Policies

Lee moved, and Wilson seconded, to approve the first reading of Board Policy #104 "Anti-Bullying/Harassment", #403.13 Electronic Device Policy, and Series 500. Motion carried, 5-0.

Architect Update

Supt. Van Sickle reported that he had selected six architectural firms for consideration for the roofing project. He will send RFPs to the firms, select four or fewer for the board's review at the February meeting.

Buildings & Grounds Needs List

Supt. Van Sickle listed the maintenance projects, capital projects and equipment needs of the district for the board's review. He noted that these projects could be paid for from PPEL or SAVE funds. Wilson suggested the list be prioritized and used as basis for long range planning. Lee suggested that it be more comprehensive and a timeline for completion added for planning purposes.

Legal Issues with the 2005/2006 Roof

Schlutz moved, and Nowak seconded, to contract with Simmons Perrine Moyer Berman PLC to provide legal services and direction in proceeding with the roofing failure issues. Motion carried, 5-0.

Special Meeting for Series 600 Board Review

The Board set January 26th at 5:00 p.m. as the date/time for review of Board Policies Series 600.

2015-16 Calendar Discussion & Review

Supt. Van Sickle presented two school calendar options for the 2015-2016 year. The “no waiver” version would begin school for students on August 31st and end on May 27th. The “waiver” version would begin school for students on August 26th and end on May 27th. He reported that the change from counting days to counting hours would provide flexibility that would allow for full day in-services once a month in place of the early out time on every Monday.

Personnel

- Resignations
Schlutz moved, and Wilson seconded, to accept the resignations of Sue Miller, Central Office Administrative Assistant effective June 30, 2015 and Amy Gregory-Crocker, foodservice, effective January 16, 2015. Motion carried, 5-0.
- Hiring
Nowak moved, and Wilson seconded, to approve the hiring of Jennifer Gibbs as head volleyball coach at 14%. Motion carried, 5-0.
- Current job openings were reviewed.

Closed Session / Supt Evaluation

At 7:13 p.m. Wilson moved to enter closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a) for the purpose of conducting the superintendent’s mid-year self- evaluation. Nowak seconded, and the roll was called. Ayes, all.

The board returned to open session at 8:37 p.m.

Adjournment

Schlutz moved, and Wilson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Angie Kemp, President

Karron Stineman, Secretary

