

Regular Meeting
March 16, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine CSD met in regular session on Monday, March 16th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the LM Admin Office, 14478 170th Street, Letts IA. Directors present included Scott Wilson, Angie Kemp, Bob Nowak and Eric Schlutz. Pam Lee arrived at 6:05 p.m. Also present was Supt. Mike Van Sickle, administrators Doug McBride and Amy Lantigua as well as teachers Vicki Shady and Amy Underbakke.

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, 4-0.

There was no one present to speak in community forum.

Nowak moved, and Wilson seconded, to approve the consent agenda that consisted of the minutes of the Feb 16 and 26 meetings, the claims for payment in the amount of \$ 87,168.06 (activity fund \$15,169.43), the February financial reports and the transfer of \$250 in the activity fund from concessions to NHS for cleaning the football field after home games. Motion carried, 4-0.

Vicki Shady and Amy Underbakke presented information about the secondary at-risk program. Mrs. Shady explained that a lot of her time is spent on student attendance and failing grade letters and notices to parents. Mrs. Underbakke feels that the program has attained success in areas such as the study skills class for freshman.

Administrative reports were provided. There were no board reports.

Supt Van Sickle reported that he had met with a neighboring district about the possibility of sharing some teaching positions as well as an elementary counselor.

Director Scott Wilson demonstrated a new feature of the district website called "Falcon Voices". He explained that this survey would be used to gather information from the students, staff and parents about particular issues that the board may be considering. He noted that the inclusion of topics in the survey is not an indication of impending action, but rather to help the board set priorities and gauge interest.

Wilson moved, and Schlutz seconded, to approve the final reading of board policies #405.8 "Licensed Evaluation" and all of the policies in Series 600, 700, 800 and 900. Motion carried, 5-0.

Because allowable growth has not yet been set and at any rate less than 1.25%, the district will qualify for the 101% budget guarantee, Director Lee moved to adopt the following resolution: Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine CSD, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2015-16 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 247.14, *Code of Iowa*. Nowak seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Fy16 Certified Budget estimation was presented. Since allowable growth is unknown at this time, it is recommended that the district publish at the highest rate, 0%, and make an adjustment to lower it once it's set if necessary. The proposed budget contains the 101% budget guarantee, Drop-Out Prevention funding, 10% instructional support funded with a property tax and 9% income surtax mix, cash reserve levy of \$283,127, \$1.00 voted and .33 board approved PPEL, and \$170,000 for the management fund, for a total levy of \$12.63488.

Nowak moved, and Scott seconded, to approve the FY16 Budget Proposal as presented for publication with total levy rate of \$12.63488. Motion carried, 5-0.

Wilson moved, and Nowak seconded, to set Monday, March 30th at 5:00 p.m. at the LM Admin office as the time and place for the hearing on the FY16 Certified Budget. Motion carried, 5-0.

Schlutz moved, and Nowak seconded, to move forward with the soliciting of bids for phase I of the roofing project. Motion carried, 5-0.

Wilson moved, and Schlutz seconded, to move forward with filing a petition against Advance Builders Corp, The Garland Company Inc. and Dennis Martin for the continued issues with the metal roof at the secondary building. Motion carried, 5-0.

Schlutz moved, and Wilson seconded to approve a 36 month contract with Iowa Communications Network (ICN) in the amount of \$11,960. Approximately 2/3 of the cost will be covered by the E-Rate discount. Motion carried, 5-0.

The agenda item for the purchase of 7 Xirrus arrays at the quoted price of \$4318.50 died for a lack of a motion. It was explained that vendor was unable to secure E-Rate funding to discount the purchase.

Lee moved, and Nowak seconded, to approve the updated and revised Vision, Mission and Goal statements as presented. The District Leadership team, the Building Leadership teams and the School Improvement Advisory Committee have approved the changes as well. Motion carried, 5-0.

Schlutz moved, and Nowak seconded, to accept the resignations of Kim Brotherton, para-educator, effective March 13, 2015 and Amanda Beeding, preschool para-educator, effective April 8, 2015. Motion carried, 5-0.

Nowak moved, and Lee seconded, to approve the hiring of Charles Domer for the position of Business Manager/Board Secretary at an annual salary of \$67,000. Motion carried, 5-0.

A listing of current job openings was reviewed.

The Board has been invited by the Student Council to attend one of their upcoming meetings. The board tentatively chose to meet with them on Tuesday, April 21st at 7:30 a.m.

The Superintendent's evaluation date was set for the regular April 20th board meeting.

Schlutz moved, and Wilson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.

Angie Kemp, President

Karron Stineman, Secretary