

Special Meeting/Goals Workshop

July 12, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine Community School District met in special session on Monday, July 12th at 4:01 p.m. at the LM Admin Office at 14478 170th St, Letts IA. Directors present included Scott Wilson, Eric Schlutz, Barbara Thompson, Carol Whittaker and Bryce Hoben. Also present was Supt. Mike Van Sickle.

Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Thompson moved and Whittaker seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Goals

The board reviewed their previously set board goals. The board indicated they wanted to realign the objectives to reflect their current vision. Following discussion they agreed on the following objectives for each goal:

- Quality School Environment

Implementation and assessment of the "Character Counts" program.

Administration will establish a system to measure a healthy classroom environment and report to the board at the end of the semesters on any adjustments made to the system and outcomes.

- Qualified and Dedicated Employees

The Board believes our staff is dedicated to providing a curriculum that is focused on academic achievement and academic outcome. Curriculum that is partisan or non-related to the subject should be avoided. The board is asking our Curriculum Director, TLC Staff, and PLC groups to perform a health check on district curriculum looking for topics that are in conflict with Iowa House File 802. The Curriculum Director will report the findings back to the board. The Board also acknowledges that some subjects are always controversial and believes in teaching our students on how to think rather than what to think. Staff should always provide balanced perspectives on controversial topics. Content (books, multimedia, audio, etc) used to provide a perspective, should be created by experts in the subject matter.

- High Student Achievement

Provide assessment data that shows our students are retaining geographic knowledge and basic Iowa knowledge. Look for ways to market Iowa as a great place to live and establish a career.

- Excellency in Extra Curricular

Update the uniform schedule with approximate costs. Also, include organizations that are missing.

Provide the board with an updated LM Hall of Fame guidance for membership, regardless of activity.

- Financial Solvency

Maintain 20% solvency rate in the budget. Have a plan for the Board by the end of the 2021-2022 school year regarding a bond for voter approval. Focusing on "what" we are bonding for, "how much" will be the cost, "when" will the projects be completed.

A consensus was reached to put these objectives on the July 19th regular agenda for action.

Adjournment

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Scott Wilson, President

Charles Domer, Secretary