

Regular Meeting  
February 20, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine CSD met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Board members present included Scott Wilson, Bryce Hoben, Matt McCleary, Jeff Riggan and Carol Whittaker via zoom. Also present were Supt. Mike Van Sickle, Amy Lantigua, Aimee Wedeking and Chris Parkhurst.

#### 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. McCleary moved and Hoben seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Community Forum

Barbara Thompson addressed the board as to the progress on numbering the rooms from the outside. She also talked about a project being done elsewhere of providing trauma kits in the classrooms.

#### Consent Agenda

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the January 15, 2024 regular meeting, the bills for approval and the January financial reports. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Reports

Reports were given by Elementary Principal Aimee Wedeking, JH/HS Principal Chris Parkhurst, Director of Student Success & Curriculum Amy Lantigua and Supt. Van Sickle reviewed the Activities Director report. President Wilson reviewed a map provided by IASB of open enrollment. It was green in our district representing a positive move toward enrolling in our district. He also reviewed student council concerns and requests. They brought up a potential 4 day week, a bridge program, custodial concerns and they felt safe overall in school.

#### Approval of Copier Purchases

Hoben moved and Whittaker seconded a motion to approve the purchase of two Konica Minolta Bizhub copiers, one 550i and one 850i from Marco at a total cost of \$13,237.37 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Internet, Phone & Camera Transportation Project

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded the motion to approve the estimate from Lucas Communications for \$6,861.86 for the installation of internet, phone and cameras for the new transportation and maintenance building. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Review and Approve 2022 Audit

Hoben moved and Whittaker seconded the motion to approve the 2022-2023 Audit. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Set Board Meeting for Public Hearing-Proposed Property Tax Levy

Riggan moved and McCleary seconded the motion to approve adding the meeting for a public hearing for proposed property tax levy on Tuesday, March 26th, 2024 at 4:00p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Recommendation to Approve Early Retirement Incentive Plan for 2023-24

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded a motion to approve the Early Retirement Incentive Plan starting on July 1st, 2024 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Recommendation to Approve Early Retirement Incentive Plan for 2024-25

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded a motion to approve the Early Retirement Incentive Plan starting on July 1st, 2025 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

#### English Book Purchase

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded a motion to approve and purchase the book All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir as an all class read for English 2 (10th grade) students at cost of \$1,383.20 for a class set of 80 copies of this title from Perma-Bound. Dr. Stacy Peterson and Bailie Ramer were present to answer questions. McCleary and Riggan felt the language

and content was not age appropriate. President Wilson said it covered a lot of controversial content. He felt the story was good, but felt it was too salty of content to recommend. Supt. Van Sickle said it came down to whether the material was age appropriate or not. Dr. Stacy Peterson stated that any parent can opt out of any book and take an alternate. Motion failed 0-5.

#### First Reading and Review of Policies 505.08 & 505.08 (R)

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded the motion to review and approve the first reading of board policies 505.08 and 505.08 (R) Parental Involvement-Parent and Family Engagement Policy as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Committee Development for Potential 4 Day School Week

McCleary moved and Whittaker seconded the motion to establish a committee to look into the possibility of a 4 day school week as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Renewal of Sophos Anti-Virus

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded the motion to approve the renewal of the Sophos Central Intercept X Advanced anti-virus program license for 3 years from Vitis Technologies for \$5,542.00. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Personnel

Resignations: McCleary moved and Riggan seconded to approve the following resignation: Emily Brade: Human Resource & Payroll Specialist, Bailie Ramer: Assistant JH Girls Basketball, Allison Bosten: Dance Team Coach and Brooke Isaia: 5th Grade Classroom Teacher. Motion carried 5-0.

Hires: Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded to approve the following hires: Alexa Wehrle: Assistant Girls Track Coach pending concussion course and Hannah Pace: HS Math Teacher 2024-25 School Year pending background check, BA(6). Motion carried 5-0.

#### Informational

Supt Van Sickle reviewed benefactor funds to provide scholarships in the future and informed the board of getting preliminary costing on a new gym with lockers.

#### Future Agenda Items

Will do a tour of the new Transportation and Maintenance Building at the April meeting.

#### Adjournment

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

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Scott Wilson, President

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Charles Domer, Secretary