

Regular Meeting
May 20, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine CSD met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2024 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Board members present included Scott Wilson, Matt McCleary, Bryce Hoben and Jeff Riggan. Carol Whittaker arrived at 5:45p.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 5:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Riggan moved and Hoben seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Tour of the District

The board conducted a tour of the transportation building. It concluded at 5:45 p.m. The meeting reconvened in the LM Admin Office. The Board Meeting was moved to the High School Cafeteria to accommodate those in attendance. The Meeting resumed at 6:00 p.m. Carol Whittaker arrived at 5:45p.m.

Hearing on the Proposed 2024-25 School Calendar and Approval of Same

President Wilson announced that it was the time and the place for the hearing on the 2024-25 school calendar. The school year will begin for students on August 26th. It allows for a winter break December 23rd through Jan 3rd and a break April 18th through April 22th. The last day of school for students is set for May 29th. President Wilson asked for comments from the public. Mr. Van Sickle reviewed the calendar. President Wilson hearing no further comments, declared the hearing closed and asked for a motion to approve the FY25 School Calendar. Whittaker moved and McCleary seconded to approve the FY25 School Calendar. The roll was called and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Community Forum

In Community forum the LMEA thanked the board for all they do for School Board Recognition Month. The board received public comment. Heather Brade and Jacob Elliott felt there was a lack of transparency to parents concerning a firearm on school grounds. Todd Bartosh feels bullying needs to be addressed at the schools. Kathy Vance from Louisa County Fair Board presented a flyer on their Multi-Purpose Barn Capital Campaign.

Consent Agenda

Hoben moved and Riggan seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the April 22, 2024 regular meeting, the May 7, 2024 special meeting, the bills for approval and the April financial reports. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports

NHS Members Will Hoopes, Dawson Downing and Rylee Zaehringer presented the NHS year in Review. 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.

Board Resolution to Transfer Funds for Athletic Equipment.

Director Whittaker introduced and caused to be read the Resolution hereinafter set out and moved its adoption; seconded by Director Hoben after due consideration thereof by the Board, the President put the question upon the adoption of said Resolution and, the roll having been called, the following Directors voted:

Aye: Wilson, Whittaker, Riggan, McCleary and Hoben

Nay: None

Absent: None

Whereupon the President declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code provides school districts greater flexibility to transfer excess funds to other specified purposes;

WHEREAS, the Board, in consultation with its community, has determined that funds of \$6,300.00 in the general fund shall be transferred to the student activity fund to purchase protective and safety equipment required for any extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition that is sponsored or administered by an organization as currently defined by Iowa Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board:

Passed and approved this 20th day of May, 2024.

Board President, Scott Wilson

Approval of FY25 LMEA Settlement

McCleary moved and Riggan seconded to approve the one year LMEA ratified settlement for FY25 as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Meal Price Increases for 2024-2025 School Year

Riggan moved and Hoben seconded the motion to approve the following meal price increases for 2024-2025 school year. Increase lunch prices for PK-6 students from \$2.60 to \$2.90 per lunch and for 7-12 students from \$2.75 to \$2.90 per lunch. Increase breakfast prices from \$1.65 to \$1.90 per meal for PK-6 and from 1.75 to 1.90 per meal for 7-12 students. Adult meal prices will stay at \$4.84. Adult breakfast will increase from \$1.90 to \$2.00. An extra entrée from \$1.70 to \$1.90 and Extra Milk will go from 0.40 to 0.50. Motion carried 5-0.

Purchase of Mystery Science Packs and Curriculum Access

Whittaker moved and McCleary seconded to approve the purchase of Mystery Science Packs and Curriculum Access for the next six years that will be used by the elementary grades K-5 for the amount of \$16,440 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Purchase of Nutrition POS/Menu System

McCleary moved and Whittaker seconded to approve the Nutrition POS/Menus Full System Suite from PrimeroEdge at a total cost of \$8,865.00 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Purchase of Training Materials from Lexia

Hoben moved and McCleary seconded to approve the purchase of training materials from Lexia in the amount of \$7,980.00 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of FY25 Bus Driver Recommendations

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded a motion to approve the following bus driver recommendations for 2024-2025: 1) Increase pay to \$60.00 per Route (\$120.00 Daily). Increase bus activity trip hourly rate to \$20.00. Continue a \$100 upfront bonus per driver paid on the November check. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of FY25 Classified Wage Increases & Assignments

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded a motion to approve the FY25 Classified Staff wage increases and Assignments as follows: 1) Increase associate pay \$0.77/hour. Capped at \$20/hour. 2) Increase building clerical pay \$.77/hour. Capped at \$23/hour. 3) Increase paraeducator and foodservice pay \$.77/hour for 2024-2025. Capped at \$20/hour. 4) Admin clerical and mechanic would receive a \$1.25 increase. 5) Salaried would receive a 5% increase averaged. 7) The district will contribute \$536 towards the cost of insurance for paraeducators, building clerical, foodservice and head cooks. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of FY25 Activities/Athletic Director Wage Increase

McCleary moved and Riggan seconded to approve the FY25 Activities/Athletic Director Wage Increase as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of 28E Agreement-Transportation

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

Approval of FY25 Coaching /Sponsor Positions

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded to approve the FY25 Coaching and Sponsor Assignments as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of FY25 Administrative Wage Increase

Whittaker moved and McCleary seconded to approve a 5% increase for the administrative staff as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Softball Well

Riggan moved and McCleary seconded to approve the drilling well & pump installation at the softball field from Latta Well & Pump Corp at a total cost of \$19,950.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel

Resignations: Hoben moved and Riggan seconded to approve the following resignations: Joe Fourdyce: Junior High Football Coach, Michelle Helscher: 5th Grade PLC Lead and Casey Cantrell: HS Assistant Football Coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Hires: Whittaker moved and McCleary seconded to approve the following hires: Nathan Koppe: Junior High Assistant Baseball Coach, John Kerr: Secondary Principal, LeAnn Gillespie: Human Resource/Payroll Specialist/Assistant Business Manager, Grace Kemp: Secondary Art Teacher and Casey Cantrell: Full Time Bus Driver. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrative Transfers: Whittaker moved and McCleary seconded to approve the following administrative transfers: Bethany Gabe from JH Math to HS Math pending provisional licensure, Chris Parkhurst from TLC Lead Teacher to JH Social Studies Teacher, Casey Cantrell from Lead JH Girls Basketball Coach to Assistant JH Girls Basketball Coach, Eva Sorrowfree from Assistant JH Girls Basketball Coach to Lead JH Basketball Coach and Tim Odell from 5th Grade Classroom Teacher to JH Math Teacher.. Motion carried 5-0.

Volunteers: Thompson moved and Hoben seconded to approve the following volunteer: Ryan Hunt: Baseball. Motion carried 5-0.

Informational

IASB sent board certificates in appreciation. Supt Van Sickle thanked the board for all they do.

Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a) for the Purpose of Conducting the Superintendent Review

At 7:02 p.m. Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded to enter into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a) for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent's review. The roll was called and the motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to open session at 8:14 p.m.

Adjournment

Whittaker moved and McCleary seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Scott Wilson, President

Charles Domer, Secretary