

Regular Meeting  
November 18, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine CSD met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Board members present included Scott Wilson, Matt McCleary, Carol Whittaker and Bryce Hoben. Jeff Riggan was absent. Also present were Supt. Mike Van Sickle, Aimee Wedeking and John Kerr.

#### Call to Order/Approval of the Agenda

Secretary Charles Domer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Election of Officers

Secretary Charles Domer asked for nominations for the office of President of the Board. Hoben nominated Scott Wilson and no other nominations were made. The vote was unanimously in favor. Wilson asked for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board. Whittaker nominated Matt McCleary and there were no other nominations made. The vote was unanimously in favor. The Oath of office was administered for the president and vice-president.

#### Community Forum

Sarah Hoeg voiced concern over the selection of a position.

#### Consent Agenda

Hoben moved and Whittaker seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the October 21, 2024 regular meeting, the November 13, 2024 special meeting, the bills for approval and the October financial reports and the following annual meeting items:

#### Appoint Financial Institution and Set Depository Limits

Designated Washington State Bank and Bankers Trust as our official depositories with a depository limit of \$8,000,000 per bank.

#### Appoint Legal Counsel

Designated Ahlers Law Firm as the district's attorney to represent the board in legal matters, employment matters, negotiations, for bonding, other miscellaneous legal services and financial matters.

#### Designate Official Newspaper of Record.

Designated the Muscatine Journal as our official newspaper of record.

#### Truancy Officer Designation

Designated Amy Underbakke as our Truancy Officer.

#### Appoint Equity Coordinator

Designated Amy Lantigua as the district's Equity Coordinator.

#### Appoint Affirmative Action Coordinator

Designated Amy Lantigua as the district's Affirmative Action Coordinator.

#### Level I Investigator

Designated Superintendent Mike Van Sickle and School Nurse Dawn Rios as Level I Investigators.

#### Designate Regular Board Meeting Dates and Times

Set the board meeting dates to be the third Monday of each month with a start time of 6:00 pm  
Motion carried 4-0.

#### Reports

Stephen Murley of McPherson & Jacobson LLC, Superintendent Search Firm went over the projected calendar schedule. Reports were given by Elementary Principal Aimee Wedeking and JH/HS Principal John Kerr. Supt. Van Sickle presented the report for Director of Student Success & Curriculum Amy Lantigua and Activities Director Ken Spielbauer.

#### Final Reading of Policies

McCleary moved and Whittaker seconded a motion to approve the final reading for the changes to board policies: 103 Long-Range Needs Assessment, 103-R(1) Long-Range Needs Assessment, 104 Anti-Bullying Harassment Policy, 104-R(1) Anti-Bullying Harassment Policy: Investigation Procedures, 104-E(1) Anti Bullying Harassment Policy: Complaint Form, 104-E(2) Anti-Bullying Harassment Policy: Witness Disclosure Form, 104-E(3) Anti Bullying Harassment Policy: Disposition

of Complaint Form, 605.03 Objection to Instructional Materials, 605.03-R(1) Objection to Instructional Materials: Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Regulation, 605.03-E(1) Objection to Instructional Materials: Instruction to the Reconsideration Committee, 605.03-E(2) Objection to Instructional Materials: Reconsideration Request Form, 605.03-E(3) Objection to Instructional Materials: Sample Letter to Individual Challenging Instructional Materials, 605.03-E(4) Objection to Instructional Materials: Request to Prohibit a Student from Checking Out Specific Library Materials and 605.03-E(5) Objection to Instructional Materials: Request to Prohibit a Student from Accessing Specific Instructional Material. Motion carried 4-0

#### National Honor Society Trip

Hoben moved and McCleary seconded a motion to approve the NHS trip to Fern Cliff, Arkansas as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Eastern Iowa Community Colleg Course Approval

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded a motion to approve the MCC college and career academy courses as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Change December Meeting Time

Whittaker moved and McCleary seconded a motion to change the meeting time for Monday, December 16th to 4:30pm. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Louisa and Muscatine County Conference Board Appointments

Whittaker moved and McCleary seconded a motion to approve the appointments to the County Conference Boards. McCleary for Muscatine County and Hoben for Louisa County. Motion carried 4-0.

#### SBRC Application

##### Open Enrollment Out Not on Prior Year's Headcount

Hoben moved and Whittaker seconded the motion to approve the following: The district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$83,625 for open enrolled out students who were not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment count and attend such meeting as may be necessary to accomplish the same. Motion carried 4-0.

##### Limited English Proficient (LEP) Instruction Beyond 5 Years

Hoben moved and Whittaker seconded the motion to approve the following: The district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$1643 related to the English language learning program for students who have exceeded five years of weighting that are included on the Fall 2024 certified enrollment headcount and attend such meeting as may be necessary to accomplish the same. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Approval of 7th Grade Supplemental Curriculum

Whittaker moved and McCleary seconded a motion to approve the supplemental curriculum purchase of 7th grade Social Studies online access and a set of accompanying classroom books from Cengage Learning at a cost of \$5,625.00. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Cell Phone Protocol Change to JH/HS Student Handbook

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded a motion to approve the cell phone protocol change to the JH/HS student handbook as presented. Stephanie Rife and Todd Bartosh voiced parental concerns. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Approval of Safety Door & Window Addition to Elementary Entry

Hoben moved and McCleary seconded a motion to approve the Safety Door & Window Addition to Elementary Entry project from Barngrover's at a total cost of \$16,300.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Cell Phone Extension Antennas & Installation at Elementary & Secondary

Whittaker moved and McCleary seconded a motion to approve the Cell Phone Extension Antennas & Installation at the Elementary from Sure Call for antennas and materials at a cost of \$19,208.67 and installation by Lucas Communications at \$15,124.64 for a total cost of \$34,333.31 to be fully or partially paid/reimbursed by safety grant. and at the Secondary from Sure Call for antennas and materials at a cost of \$21,407.54 and installation by Lucas Communications at \$26,099.46 upon Testing verification for a total cost of \$47,507.00. Motion carried 3-1, Wilson against.

Personnel

Resignations: Hoben moved and Whittaker seconded to approve the following resignations: Kalley Boyce: Secondary paraeducator, Jill Walter: Elementary Kitchen Manager and Amber Hahn: HS Wrestling Cheer Coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Early Retirement: Whittaker moved and McCleary seconded to approve the following early retirement requests effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year: JoLynn Bohlen – Third Grade Classroom Teacher, Kim Van Sickle – Counselor and Cynthia Wehrle- Kindergarten Classroom Teacher. Motion carried 4-0.

Hirings: Hoben moved and Whittaker seconded to approve the following hirings: Sosha Mulnix-Knapp: HS Wrestling Cheer Coach and Brittanie Nowak: JH Wrestling Cheer Coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Volunteers: Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded to approve the following volunteers: Brandon Lessenger: Bowling. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Whittaker moved and McCleary seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

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Scott Wilson, President

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Charles Domer, Secretary