

Regular Meeting  
September 16, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine CSD met in regular session on Monday, September 16, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Board members present included Scott Wilson, Matt McCleary, Bryce Hoben, Jeff Riggan and Carol Whittaker. Also present was Supt. Mike Van Sickle with Aimee Wedeking, Amy Lantigua, Ken Spielbauer and John Kerr.

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

Meeting was moved to the High School Cafeteria to accommodate all present.

#### Community Forum

Jessica Bartosh read a letter written by Todd Bartosh addressing issues he sees with the school and issues related to bullying. Pam Stewart expressed concerns with conduct by both staff and students.

#### Treasurer's Report

In compliance with Iowa code 279.33, the Treasurer's Report was given. The bank statement showing the June 30th bank balance for each account was reported. For the Washington State Bank Insured Cash Sweep Account, the balance was \$4,642,357.31, the balance of the Money Market account was \$854,271.00, the balance of the checking account was \$412,310.22 and the balance of the Activity Fund account was \$62,834.34. The balance in the UMB Bank Sinking Fund account was \$5,359,294.56. Hoben moved and McCleary seconded, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Consent Agenda

Hoben moved and Whittaker seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the August 19, 2024 regular meeting, the bills for approval and the August financial reports. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Reports

Supt. Mike Van Sickle reported on different programs that were started and are running in the district. Reports were given by Elementary Principal Aimee Wedeking, JH/HS Principal John Kerr, Director of Student Success & Curriculum Amy Lantigua and Activities Director Ken Spielbauer. Business Manager Charles Domer reviewed the FY24 Certified Annual Report.

#### Approval of Board Goals

McCleary moved and Riggan seconded to approve the following objectives as revised for each of the five board goals.

##### *High Student Achievement*

Onboarding of staff to be prepared for the Science of Reading

Continue to focus on improving student grades and credit recovery options.

Onboard our new JR/HS Principal in Character Counts curriculum and provide recommendations for implementation/changes for JR/HS regarding this topic.

##### *Financial Solvency*

Maintain our 20% solvency and pass the Bond vote.

Busy Hands should be self-sustaining and have a zero balance by the end of the fiscal year.

##### *Excellence in extracurricular*

HOF coach recommendations

Recruit teacher coaches as positions open.

##### *Qualified and Dedicated Staff*

Continue to use Teacher Quality money to promote voluntary TLC cycles on assertive discipline, other profession areas may be compensated per Superintendent approval.

#### Quality School Environment

Weekly random classroom visits by the administration to ensure the cell phone policy is being enforced as written.

Provide quarterly anonymous reports on results to the board. Cell phones should be stored in a receptacle or container at the classroom entryway or in a student's locker during class. The exceptions should be lunch, pastime, and possibly homeroom.

Review policy on absenteeism and bullying and determine if the policy or student handbook can be strengthened based upon new legislation.

Review School Board Policies by end of June.

Results from 4 day week school study

Motion carried 5-0.

#### Horizontal Movement on the Salary Schedule

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded a motion to approve the recommended movement on the salary schedule for the teachers listed: Andrew Barger BA+20(7), Ben Corrigan BA+20(8), Karissa Lockhart BA+30(8), Karissa Lockhart BA+30(8) and Lee Wolf BA+30(18). Motion carried 5-0.

#### English Book Purchase

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded a motion to approve the purchase of 70 copies of the book All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr from PermaBound in the amount of \$1,701.00. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Approval of Elementary Parking Lot Lights

Riggan moved and Whittaker seconded a motion to approve the Elementary parking lot lighting project from Musco Lighting at a total cost not to exceed \$190,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Approval of SBRC Allowable Growth Request

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded a motion to approve administration authority to request additional allowable growth and supplemental aid from the SBRC for the 2023-2024 negative special education balance of \$336,858.01 and to attend such meetings as may be necessary to accomplish the same. Motion carried 5-0.

#### No-Contest Rule Waiver Consideration

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded a motion to approve waiving the 90-day no-contest rule for Lexie Eaton, who has open enrollment at Muscatine Community Schools. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Personnel

Resignations: Hoben moved and Riggan seconded a motion to approve the following resignations: Lee Wolf: Fine Arts & PE PLC Lead and Casey Cantrell: JH Girls Track Coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Hirings: Riggan moved and Hoben seconded to approve the following hirings: Alexia Allison: Secondary Paraeducator, Nicole McCleary: Dance Team Coach, Katie Sparrow: Head Girls Wrestling Coach pending concussion course & background check and Ashley Loveless: JH Assistant Volleyball Coach pending concussion course. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrative transfers: Riggan moved and McCleary seconded to approve the following administrative transfer: Craig Hartman from Assistant JH Football Coach to Lead JH Football. Motion carried 5-0.

Volunteers: Riggan moved and McCleary seconded to approve the following volunteers: Kara Rohlf: Girls Wrestling pending course completion & background check. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Informational

Supt Van Sickle had a bond referendum discussion in order to make the public aware of the bonding purpose of building a new competition gym through a mailer and holding meetings in the local towns. New State attendance legislation was presented. Painting of parking lot stalls was discussed.

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

At 7:25 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 5-0. The Board returned to open session at 8:20 p.m.

Adjournment

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

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Scott Wilson, President

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Charles Domer, Secretary