

Organizational Meeting

November 20, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine CSD met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Board members present included Scott Wilson, Barbara Thompson, Jeff Riggan, Carol Whittaker and board member elect Matt McCleary. Bryce Hoben was present via zoom. Also present were Supt. Mike Van Sickle, Chris Parkhurst, Aimee Wedeking and Ken Spielbauer.

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

Community Forum

Lydia and Jennifer Massey addressed the board with concerns on the policy concerning backpacks.

Consent Agenda

Thompson moved and Whittaker seconded, to approve the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the October 16th regular meeting, the November 1st special meeting, the bills for approval and the October financial reports. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports

Reports were given by JH/HS Principal Chris Parkhurst, Elementary Principal Aimee Wedeking, Activities Director Ken Spielbauer and Supt. Mike Van Sickle presented the Curriculum Directors report.

Old Business

Final Reading of Policy 503.08 Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence

Whittaker moved and Thompson seconded a motion to approve the Final Reading of board policy 503.08 Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Review of Election Results

Official election results show that Matt McCleary received 242 votes, Bryce Hoben received 222 votes and Carol Whittaker received 184 votes. There were 15 scattered votes, for a total of 663 votes cast.

Recognition

Barb Thompson was recognized for her service to the district as a board member.

Adjournment of the Retiring Board

Thompson moved and Whittaker seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Organizational Meeting of the New Board

The Board Secretary, acting as president-pro-tem presided over the meeting until the new board president was elected.

Call to order by Board Secretary at 6:41 p.m.

Oath of Office

The board secretary administered the oath of office to Matt McCleary, Bryce Hoben and Carol Whittaker.

Election of the President of the Board

The board secretary called for nominations for the office of President of the Board. Scott Wilson was nominated by Carol Whittaker. Hearing no other nominations, the secretary called for nominations to cease and for the vote to be taken. Motion carried 5-0. The Oath of office was administered to the president.

Election of the Vice-President

The President called for nominations for the office of Vice-President. Carol Whittaker was nominated by Jeff Riggan. Hearing no other nominations, the President called for nominations to cease and for the vote to be taken. Motion carried 5-0. The Oath of office was administered to the vice-president.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consists of the following Items:

Designate Regular Board Meeting Dates/Times

Set the board meeting dates to be the third Monday of each month with a start time of 6:00 pm with the exception of the December meeting starting at 4:30 p.m. due to the winter concert.

Designate Official Newspaper of Record.

Designated the Muscatine Journal as our official newspaper of record.

Appoint Legal Counsel

Designate Ahlers Law Firm as the district's legal counsel.

Appoint Financial Institution and Set Depository Limits

Designate the Washington State Bank and UMB Bank as our official depositories with a depository limit of \$8,000,000 per bank.

Truancy Officer Designation

Approve Amy Underbakke as our Truancy Officer.

Appoint Equity Coordinator

Approve Amy Lantigua as the district's Equity Coordinator.

Appoint Affirmative Action Coordinator

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

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Early Graduation Requests

McCleary moved and Whittaker seconded a motion to approve the Early Graduation Requests for Drake Cromer as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Louisa & Muscatine County Conference Board Appointments

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded a motion to approve the appointments of McCleary to the Muscatine County and Hoben to the Louisa County conference boards. Motion carried, 5-0

SBRC Application

Open Enrollment Out Not on Prior Year's Headcount

Thompson moved and Hoben 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 \$111,122 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 5-0.

Limited English Proficient (LEP) Instruction Beyond 5 Years

Whittaker moved and Riggan 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 \$1603 related to the English language learning program for students who have exceeded five years of weighting that are included on the Fall 2023 certified enrollment headcount and attend such meeting as may be necessary to accomplish the same. Motion carried 5-0.

Change December Meeting Time

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded a motion to approve the change to the December board meeting to Tuesday, December 19th at 4:30p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

High School Handbook Change

McCleary moved and Whittaker seconded a motion to approve the change to the high school handbook as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel

Resignations: Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded to approve the following resignation: Gene Langstaff: HS Math at the end of 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Hirings: Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded to approve the following hirings: Amber Hahn: HS Wrestling Cheer pending background check. Motion carried 5-0.

Current openings were reviewed.

Informational

Supt. Van Sickle provided information on implementation of a two hour sick leave on a trial basis. Supt. Van Sickle reviewed the needs assessment survey as mandated by the Department of Education.

Future Agenda Items

Future agenda item includes the Superintendent Mid-Year Review.

Adjournment

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Scott Wilson, President

Charles Domer, Secretary