

Minutes of October 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Lake Preston Board of Education was held on October 13, 2020 in the Lake Preston School library. At 5:26 PM President Carlson called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jerod Olson, Steve Carlson, Amanda Wienk, Josh Warne, Travis Denison, and Brett Anderson. Stacia Sneesby was absent.

Also present were School Administrators Supt. Felderman, Business Mgr. Curd, and Tech Coord Odegaard. Principal Bothun was absent. Teacher Rep Brown was also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Carlson.

ACTION 50- Motion by Olson, second by Anderson to approve the agenda as the order of business. All voted aye, motion carried.

There was time allowed for public comments and conflict disclosure, with none being heard.

ACTION 51- Motion by Anderson, second by Warne to approve the consent items of the minutes of September 14th, September 2020 financials, and October bills as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Supplies: A-OX Welding Supply \$20.83, Decker Equipment \$619.92, Discover \$2,698.41, General Wood \$313.92, Heartland Paper \$801.58, Hillyards \$383.33, JW Pepper \$105.00, Lowe’s \$321.34, Mark’s Plumbing Parts \$199.53, Riverside Technologies \$300.00, Runnings Supply \$207.69, School Specialty \$29.99, Sioux Falls Two Way Radio \$262.97, Software House International \$112.56, Wilshire Group \$203.96; Services: Active Heating \$1,225.51, Aron’s Electric \$353.47, Connecting Point \$219.00, LP Area Storage \$70.00, Marco Technologies \$210.00, Midwest Medical \$100.00, NESC \$6.09, Shoutpoint \$345.00, Taylor Music \$100.00, Telestream \$539.10; Dues/Fees: ASBSD \$25.00, Kingsbury Journal \$1.25, NWEA Mapping \$125.00, SDSTE \$30.00;

Officiating: Bjorklund, G. \$90.00, Cummings R. \$132.00, Imprest \$1,826.50, Johnson J. \$117.30, Wieman, C. \$121.92, Yseth N. \$117.60; Utilities: CenturyLink \$221.09, City of Lake Preston \$1,433.32, Cook’s Waste \$213.72, Northwestern Energy \$180.31, Ottetail Power \$2,352.67, Valley FiberCom \$384.61; Fuel: Coles Petroleum Products \$842.75, Prairie Ag Partners \$1,298.08; Distance Learning: CORE Educational Cooperative \$1,430.00; Insurance: Northern Plains Insurance Pool \$4,708.08, Sanford Health Plan \$33.55.

General Fund Total: \$25,513.95

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

Equipment: Active Heating \$816.33, Discover \$956.24, Marco Technologies \$1,184.00, Restaurant Design Equipment & Supply \$10,050.67, Improvements: JH Larson Co. \$4,374.16; Library Books: Scholastic \$215.27

Capital Outlay Fund Total: \$17,596.67

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

Services: NESC \$1,938.06 **Special Education Fund Total: \$1,938.06**

FOOD SERVICE FUND

Services/Supplies: Appeara \$105.76, Culligan \$30.00, Discover \$51.19, Warne’s Appliance \$144.84

Food: Earthgrains \$214.44, East Side Jersey Dairy \$805.95, Reinhart Foods \$1,837.44, US Foods - Sioux Falls \$2,483.11

Food Service Fund Total: \$5,672.73

Grand Total: \$50,721.41

September Payroll: General \$111,551.18, Benefits \$38,481.89; Special Education: \$14,216.87, Benefits: \$4,807.05; Food Service: \$4049.40, Benefits \$1,375.16; Total September Payroll: \$174,481.55.

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements & Cash Balances

	Sep-20	General	Capital Outlay	Special Education
Beginning Balance		\$ 1,283,946.71	\$ 1,505,646.85	\$ 431,002.45
REVENUES				
Ad Val Taxes,Gross Receipts		\$ 9,200.94	\$ 4,890.92	\$ 4,176.12
County Apport		\$ 510.95		
St.& Fed.Aid		\$ 35,005.00	\$ 77,850.00	\$ -
Int.,Adm,Rentals		\$ 131.55	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditures		\$ (175,874.08)	\$ (17,003.96)	\$ (30,165.10)
Ending Cash Balance		\$ 1,152,921.07	\$ 1,571,383.81	\$ 405,013.47
		Food Service	Drivers Ed	Custodial Accounts
Beginning Balance		\$ 19,993.37	\$ 4,441.42	\$ 84,688.72
Revenue				
Sales		\$ 4,875.00		
Fed/State Reimb				
Fees/Fundraisers				\$ 2,700.75

Expenditures	\$	(13,108.35)	\$	-	\$	(4,468.85)
Ending Cash Balance	\$	11,760.02	\$	4,441.42	\$	82,920.62

Review/Discussion

Superintendent Felderman presented eleven board policy adjustments that he sent out to the policy committee for their input prior to this meeting. The proposed policy updates are: Student Rights & Responsibilities, Student Absences & Excuses, Student Conduct, Student Conduct on Buses, Dangerous Weapons in School, Student Discipline, Law Enforcement & DSS Interview, Teaching About Controversial Issues, Student Absences & Excuses, Law Enforcement & DSS Interview, and Student Suspension & Expulsion which included updated sample letters of Notice of Hearing, Hearing Waiver, Findings of Facts, Notice SPED to Parents, and Procedures. Discussion on the Student Conduct on Busses Policy was held, with the board asking for more time to review this policy. Felderman suggested striking that out until the next meeting.

Felderman then presented information on the close contact quarantine protocol for students. He stated that we are doing really well so far with parents being cautious not to send their children to school when they are in doubt of their symptoms or exposure. He asked to board to review the following four options for adjusting the current protocol for **non-household** close contact of Covid-19 for district students. Household close contacts would be required to adhere by the 14-day quarantine as per current protocol.

Option one: Close contacts are encouraged to follow the DOH recommendation to quarantine for 14 days from the time of exposure. However, parents have the option to send the child back to school 5 calendar days from the time of exposure if the child is symptom-free. Option two: Close contacts are encouraged to follow the DOH recommendation to quarantine for 14 days from the time of exposure. However, parents have the option to send the child back to school 7 calendar days from the time of exposure if the child is symptom-free. Option three: Close contacts are encouraged to follow the DOH recommendation to quarantine for 14 days from the time of exposure, which is the current practice for the district. Or, option four: Close contacts are encouraged to follow the DOH recommendation to quarantine for 14 days from the time of exposure. However, parents have the option to send the child back to school if the child is symptom-free.

In each option, close contacts would be required to wear masks and social distance as permitted throughout the school day if they return to school prior to the end of the DOH recommended 14-day quarantine timeframe. Felderman stated that he felt option one would allow enough time for symptoms to present themselves as per the recent data. And that is what he would recommend if asked.

Felderman then made recommendations to the board regarding Covid relief fund spending. He listed several items that the district has already purchased including PPE, sanitizers, cleaning supplies, distance learning education, and equipment. He listed a number of other items he felt were relevant to COVID-19 spending including: Red Cat audio systems, Trident cleaning companions, Main gym HVAC with air purification system, Mini bus, and a hazard pay bonus for contracted employees. Felderman noted that there would not be enough funds to cover both the HVAC and Minibus, so the board would need to choose which one would meet the needs of the district.

Then Supt Felderman presented quotes for an outdoor display sign to replace the outdated sign on Highway 14. The quotes for three different types of displays ranging in price from \$30, 559 to \$44,546. With the price quotes in hand, the board questioned the need for the sign, especially at that location. Board members Carlson and Denison both raised the concern for student safety as drivers may be reading the sign rather than concentrating on the crosswalk right by the school building. Olson added that there may be better ways to promote the district. The board decided that they would not pursue replacing the sign at that location.

New Business

ACTION 52- Motion by Warne, second by Denison to approve the policy adjustments as read with the exception of the school bus student conduct policy that should be re-visited at the next meeting. All present voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 53- Motion by Anderson, second by Wienk to accept option one of the student non-household close contact protocol and giving the Superintendent the ability to adjust the plan as needed. All voted aye, motion carried.

NESC report was presented by Member Olson. Much of the meeting involved the application process and selection of a new NESC Director to replace the current Director Aberle. Business Manager Curd informed the board that she had received notification from the State that the District has met the teacher compensation accountability target and is in compliance with the

general fund cash balance cap. She also received approval on school-wide free meals for all enrolled students of the district along with approval of the consolidated application.

Felderman reported that the oven in the kitchen finally went out and was replaced by a double oven. He also presented an enrollment forecast through 2025. He said that the numbers look favorable with preschool and kindergarten students more than replacing the outgoing senior class.

ACTION 54 - Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-1 & 2, Motion by Warne, second by Anderson to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and student concerns at 6:42 pm. All present voted aye, motion carried. Member Warne stepped out of executive session from 7:05 to 7:15.

ACTION 55 - President Carlson declared out of executive session at 7:25 PM.

Upon exiting executive session, discussion was held on the need for approving the expenditures related to the Covid Relief Fund so the projects would be able to be complete by the end of the year as per the funding requirements. Members debated between using the funds for the air purification and HVAC in the main gym or a minibus.

ACTION 56 - Motion by Anderson, second by Olson to approve the contracts of Josh Warne as Head Girls Basketball coach for \$4,232.00 , Breanna Wendlund as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for \$1,363.00 and Noah Thomas also as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for \$1,363.00. Wendlund and Thomas will split the Assistant Coach stipend. Warne recused his vote. All others voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 57 - Motion by Anderson, second by Denison to approve the purchases of the main gym HVAC, four Redcat audio systems, and two Trident companions. All present voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 58 - Motion by Anderson, second by Denison to authorize a hazard pay bonus of \$500.00 for all current contracted school district employees. Olson and Warne recused their vote. All others voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 59 - Motion by Anderson, second by Warne to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. All voted aye, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the School Library.

Kristi Curd
Business Manager
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Steve Carlson
President of Board