

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Lopez Island School District #144
December 16, 2020
School Library
6:00 pm
Board Meeting Minutes

[Meeting Link can be found on LISD Website](#)

Following the recommendation of the San Juan County Health Department and LISD school measures to control the coronavirus, public involvement in the meeting will be by computer or phone conference utilizing this link. Thank you for understanding the need for this measure.

Board members present: Chair Poole, Vice Chair Guenther, C.Greacen, C. Steckler, W.StephenSON

I. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE:

Meeting called to order by Board Chair Poole at 6:00 pm. Flag salute led by Board Vice Chair Guenther.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Add to New Business Line B. Authorization to Sign the settlement Agreement and add Line C. Sign the Resolution

Add to Updates: C. Levy Collection and D:Joint Statement read by D.Guenther

Add to New Business: Line D. Approval of Donations

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: (Action)

A. Regular Board Meeting of November 18, 2020

Correct typo Page 10, V. Line B correct the word 'algo' to 'able'

*Motion to approve made by Board member Greacen, seconded by Board member Guenther .
Unanimously approved.*

IV. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Payroll for the month December 2020 totalling \$314,515.59

B. Consideration to approve:

1. Resignation Request, Decatur (AF)
2. Contract Employment (TE-N)
3. Leave of Absence Request, (LC)
4. Contract Senior Advisor (DT)
5. Contract Junior Advisor (TD)

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6. Contract Employment (RP)
7. Contract Amendment (BA)
8. AP Check Summary 115250-115279, totalling \$35, 747.38
9. AP Check Summary 115282-115302, totalling \$33,295.75
10. AP Check Summary 115303-115303, totalling \$3435.00
11. AP Check Summary 115321 - 115349, totalling \$28516.20

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Board member Steckler. Motion seconded by Board member Greacen and unanimously approved.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. Monthly Budget Status Report - Kara Moore, NWESD Business Manager

Kara shared her Budget Report for year-to-date as of November 30th.

A spreadsheet with year-to-date through Nov. 30th financial information for the General Fund was shared by Kara including budget percent remaining and amount spent to date. 25% of the school year has lapsed.

The Capital Budget Fund was shared for year-to-date. The Tech Levy is included in this report.

The Debt Service Fund report was shared. Expenditures, thus far, have been minimal. A bond payment for this account is due next month.

ASB Revenues have been very small which is a result of COVID closures preventing activities from occurring. This information was shared in a spreadsheet.

The Transportation Vehicle Fund also showed very little activity. The Legislature has been asked to take action to at least maintain the funding allocated in the previous year to assist schools during the COVID closure.

B. Financial Trends

J.Helding spoke regarding trend observations he has collected with the last year's financials. He shared a presentation of Key Financial Trends for the last 9 years.

Enrollment has grown 24.3%. State apportionment increases accordingly helping our district. He showed that across 9 years the budget has gone up 54% from 2.4 million to 5.4 million dollars. Expenditure increases are due to teacher salaries. Monies going into the classroom has increased from 67 cents per dollar to 72 cents. Trends for administration and building maintenance have declined over this period. In 2011/2012 about \$16,000-\$16,500 was spent on student instruction. That expenditure increased to approximately \$22,000 per student. A slide showing a pie chart of 2019/2020 School Year expenses was shared. Another chart showed General Fund revenue

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trends noting the McCleary Act restrictions. The next slide showed levy lid relief showing that LISD was one of 35 school districts which did not get any relief.

Board member Greacen shared recent communication with Legislators to help with funding issues.

An individual asked why J.Helding was presenting rather than the current board members. Board member Greacen responded explaining that J.Helding was invited as someone who has studied and tracked financial trends over the recent time period to a depth that current board members

VI. RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE:

Board member Guenther shared joy that his mother turned 100 years old yesterday noting she has survived two major pandemics.

Board member Greacen expressed gratitude for M.Martin, J.Hammond & K.Vora for setting up the 'Listening Sessions' forum to receive feedback from families and community members.

Board member Poole expressed gratitude for Superintendent Auckland for his diligence and attention to the financial budgeting and his years of service to the school district.

Superintendent Auckland thanked the board for their support and expressed support for moving ahead with a new superintendent and supporting students in their learning.

VII. UPDATES:

A. Lobo Pack

S.Olson did not have any new information to report.

B. Parent, Teacher, School Association (LPTSA)

S.Woodington announced that the PTSA has completed their funding for COVID learning development and quoted parts of the final report from the grant team. The team collaborated with teaching staff and local and national businesses as well as parents and community members to support the grant. The membership voted to support an Ad Hoc advocacy to reach out to the Legislature to support the school. They have a membership scholarship fund available to support individuals wishing to participate. Grants are available for the teachers and applications can be done via the LPTSA website. Teacher appreciation is done monthly. The group is at 100% membership and they received a plaque for meeting membership goals.

C. Levy Collection

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Superintendent Auckland shared a Levy Collection update. 195 donors have given for a total of \$60,119.94 to date.

[Correction: 204 donors have given to date.]

D. Joint Statement read by Board member Guenther

Vice Chair Guenther read a statement from the Board regarding the recent settlement a sexual harassment discrimination suit brought against the school by eight individuals.

The legal matter has been resolved. The district wishes the best to the 8 members of the school community involved.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: (Information)

A. Lopez Education Association (LEA)

No report at this time.

B. Public School Employees (PSE)

J.Shaw reports that the PSE is hopeful to fill positions to help expand the services the school is offering.

C. Associated Student Body (ASB)

L.McGown reported that there was no updated information at this time.

D. Principals' Reports

Principal Martin shared that the instructional staff finished STAR analysis adapted through zoom and she thanked J.Platter for assisting as the RTI coordinator. Secondary staff have been doing professional development. Principal Martin has been conducting observations for classroom instruction. The first Listening Session was held Tuesday, December 15th for the elementary parents to hear their feedback about the current school environment and learning program. Information from the session will be consolidated to be used to improve. The school is conducting interviews for a first grade teacher. Coordination with Nurse Hattman began working on a COVID tool kit for moving forward with in-person learning. She expressed excitement for the PTSA's work on the games library. J.Terada is spearheading an effort to engage students in clubs.

Superintendent Auckland expressed appreciation for the efforts have been made to engage students.

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The Governor announced parameters around in person learning. He shared the COVID Toolkit worked on by Nurse Hattman outlining plans for prevention, testing and response guidelines and procedures. The Toolkit plan includes cleaning plans, student response, care and planning.

E. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Auckland has been working to wrap up annual reports, audits, transitioning with the finance department. He has also been working with the County Health Department as well as planning for a new incoming Superintendent.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comments made during Public Comment will be noted by the Board Chair. No response, other than requests for clarifications, will be made by the Board. The Board will follow up as necessary at a later date. Due to time, we ask that all comments be limited to five minutes per individual or group.

The lawfirm representing the eight members of the sexual harassment suit shared a statement they wrote on behalf of their clients.

An individual represented by the law firm involved in the sexual harassment suit spoke about her disappointment in the administration and about her experience and perspective.

Another individual represented by the law firm involved in the lawsuit spoke. She thanked the board for their service. She thanked a staff member involved in the suit for her service. She thanked the superintendent for the successes he brought to the school. She acknowledged the individuals who spoke up in the sexual harassment suit and shared her support for them. She re-stated her gratitude for all who have helped move forward with efforts to help the students. She thanked Principal Martin for her support and understanding.

A member of the public expressed gratitude for the teachers for their tremendous effort, hard work and dedication at this time. She expressed support for the eight individuals who were involved in the suit. She asked the board to support students in need.

A member of the public thanked one of the previous speakers for acknowledging his mother's efforts. He shared his family's story moving to Lopez and expressed disappointment in the board, school district and community in the handling of the recent suit.

A member of the public spoke to thank one of the previous speakers for her comments and criticized the members of the board for their behavior.

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An individual involved in the lawsuit spoke about her frustration with the superintendent and expressed her anger with the board.

A member of the public expressed gratitude for the eight individuals involved in the lawsuit for their courage to stand up. She asked the board to acknowledge the stance of the eight individuals.

An individual spoke to share her perspective as a parent and her frustrations regarding the problems she perceives with the school system.

An individual spoke to the board members involved over the last year and a half in the sexual harassment suit about her perspective to their reaction.

A member of the public read a statement from a legal document regarding the public records act. He expressed his viewpoint that three members of the board should resign.

A member of the public spoke on behalf of the students who have heard rumors regarding resignation of staff. She shared she felt board members should resign.

Chair Poole noted there is a lot of pain in the community at this time and expressed a wish for healing for all.

X. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Policy 2110P - Further review
- B. Policy 4218 - Further review
- C. Policy 4218P - Further review

These policies support other compliance requirements for the school.

A motion to approve Policies 2110P, 4218, 4218P made by Board member Stephenson, seconded by Board member Guenther. Unanimously approved.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Settlement Agreement & Release (*Franco v LISD*)

This settlement agreement dismisses the lawsuit for public records requests made by G.Franco.

A motion to approve the Settlement Agreement made by Board member Steckler, seconded by Board member Guenther. Unanimously approved.

- B. Authorization to Sign the settlement Agreement

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**Motion made by Board member Guenther to approve seconded by Board member Greacen.
Unanimously approved.**

C. Sign the Resolution

This motion reiterates the law.

D Guenther motioned to accept the Resolution as printed, Seconded by Board member Steckler.

Roll Call Vote:

Steckler -Yes

Stephenson - Yes

Poole - Yes

Greacen - Yes

Guenther - Yes

The Resolution was approved unanimously.

D. Approval of Donations

An individual donated \$11,588.50 to LISD towards missing levy funds.

***Board Guenther moved to accept with gratitude the donation. Board member Greacen seconded.
Unanimously and gratefully accepted.***

XII. COMMUNICATIONS:

Board member Stephenson expressed gratitude for fellow board members for all of their hard work. She expressed her understanding of the individuals who expressed the frustrations and expressed a desire to not tear down efforts intended to move forward.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

Board member Steckler expressed her gratitude for Board member Stephenson's comments. Board member Steckler shared a statement wherein she resigned her position on the School Board.

Superintendent Auckland thanked Board member Steckler for her passion and efforts on the board.

Board Chair Poole, Vice Chair thanked her for her wisdom, perspective and dedication.

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Principal Martin and Board member Greacen thanked Board member Steckler for her service. Board member Greacen shared his appreciation for their relationship.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

No Executive Session taken.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board member Steckler and seconded by Board member Greacen. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair Poole adjourned the meeting at 8:57 pm.

Attachments: 201620 Agenda; Minutes 201118; Contract (TE-N); Contract (DT); Contract (TD); Contract (RP); Contract Amendment (BA); Warrant Log 115250-115279; Warrant Log 115282-115302; Warrant Log 115303-115303; Warrant Log 115321-115349; Financial Board Report 2020 1; Policy 2110P; Policy 4218; Policy 4218P; Settlement Agreement & Release

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