
LEROY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Tax Levy Hearing
Monday, December 14, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**

A. Call to Order

President Kevin Daugherty called the tax levy hearing of the Board of Education of to order at 7:06 p.m. in the media center at the Jr./Sr. High School.

B. Roll Call

Present were Kevin Daugherty, Wendy Dooley, Tracey Holoch, Andy Johnson, Bryon Owens, Bob Spratt, and Jennifer Tarr. Superintendent Gary Tipsord was also present. Administrators Erin Conn, Maggie Baughman, Jeff Baughman, and Steve Reschke were also in attendance.

C. Presentation of the Tax Levy

- a. EAV Growth and Tax Rate (current rate \$5.56)
 - i. McLean County estimate 1.25% growth
 - ii. DeWitt County Estimate 3.9% growth
 - iii. Levy written assuming 2.4%
- b. At 1.8% growth in EAV, rate \$5.55 estimated
- c. At 2.4% growth in EAV, rate \$5.53 estimated
- d. Bond and Interest: **DECREASE** OF \$0.13 to \$0.14
- e. Tort: **INCREASE** of \$0.08 to \$0.09

D. Hear Public Comment to the Board.

None.

E. Adjournment.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2020 – 7:13 p.m.

A. Call to Order

President Kevin Daugherty called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of to order at 7:26 p.m. in the media center at the Jr./Sr. High School.

B. Roll Call

Present were Kevin Daugherty, Wendy Dooley, Tracey Holoch, Andy Johnson, Bryon Owens, Bob Spratt, and Jennifer Tarr. Superintendent Gary Tipsord was also present. Administrators Erin Conn, Maggie Baughman, Jeff Baughman, and Steve Reschke were also in attendance.

C. Approval of the November 9, 2020 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Tracy Holoch, seconded by Bob Spratt, to agree to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 Personnel Committee meeting as submitted. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

D. Approval of the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Wendy Dooley, seconded by Andy Johnson, to agree to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 regular meeting as submitted. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

E. Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jennifer Tarr, seconded by Bryon Owens, to approve the consent agenda (payroll, Treasurer's Report, Bills, Imprest Fund and Activity Funds) as submitted.

Payroll for November, 2020 in the amount of \$356,304.03 plus board contributions as follows:

\$8,685.21 to Internal Revenue Service for FICA;

\$7,365.09 Internal Revenue Service for Medicare;

\$30,926.38 to Blue Cross Blue Shield for major medical insurance;

\$37,827.50 to Teachers' Retirement System for 9.0% employer contributions;

\$2,438.75 to Teachers' Retirement System for .58% employer contributions;

\$3,866.16 to Teachers' Health Insurance System for .92% employer contributions;
and

\$11,830.84 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for 9.67% support staff retirement.

Treasurer's Report as of November 31, 2020 as follows:

	<u>CASH IN BANK</u>	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>
a. Education Fund	1,890,311.28	1,569,884.56
b. Building Fund	593,197.16	522,101.87
c. Bond & Interest	1,145,541.09	270,477.59
d. Transportation Fund	237,786.78	173,828.75
e. IMRF/FICA	189,495.59	160,647.47
f. Site & Construction	(165,050.98)	(101,700.25)
g. Working Cash Fund	197,523.36	197,537.13
h. Tort	(1,770.32)	(88,067.55)
i. Life Safety	92,118.78	89,175.84

Bills as follows:

a. Education Fund	140,573.89
b. Building Fund	9,508.34
c. Bonds & Interest	
d. Transportation Fund	4,898.06
e. Site and Construction	5,257.45
f. Lease	0.00
g. Tort	7,920.58
h. Life Safety	602.57
i. IMRF/FICA	
j. Paid by Journal Entry	7,345.01

Reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$1,960.76.

LeRoy Elementary School Activity Fund for November, 2020 is attached. LeRoy High School Activity and Athletic Funds for the month of November, 2020 is attached.

7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Yeas: Kevin Daugherty, Wendy Dooley, Tracey Holoch, Andy Johnson,
Bryon Owens, Bob Spratt, Jennifer Tarr

Nays:

Absent:

F. Public Comment to the Board

None.

G. Comments from Visitors to the Board.

None.

H. Academic Spotlight.

Mr. Baughman reported to the Board on the fall to winter Cognia testing data, which generally reflects that our students are trending normally.

I. Administrative Reports.

Clarifying Questions

1. Mrs. Erin Conn: See attached report.
2. Mr. Jeff Baughman: See attached report.
3. Mr. Steve Reschke: See attached report.
4. Mrs. Maggie Baughman: See attached report.
5. Mr. Gary Tipsord: See attached report.

J. Old Business.

1. A motion was made by Andy Johnson, seconded by Jennifer Tarr, to approve the Tax Levy for the 2021-22 school year as submitted. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

K. New Business.

1. Discussed recommendations for policy amendments as proposed by IASB (1st reading).
2. A motion was made by Bob Spratt, seconded by Tracey Holoch, to agree to approve the Bid Package Summary (16 bid packages totaling \$6,964,445) and Guarantee Maximum Price (GMP: \$7,312,667 TGMP: \$8,065,287) as submitted by P.J. Hoerr. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

L. Enter Executive Session.

1. A motion was made by Wendy Dooley, seconded by Andy Johnson, to agree to enter into executive session at 7:48 p.m. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Jennifer Tarr, seconded by Wendy Dooley, to return to open session at 8:04 p.m. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

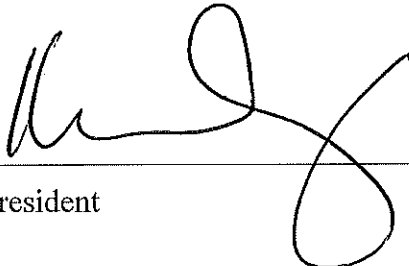
M. Discuss, Consider, and Approve Personnel and Employee Contractual Issues.

1. A motion was made by Tracey Holoch, seconded by Andy Johnson, to accept the full and complete resignation of Mary Cochran as submitted. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Jennifer Tarr, seconded by Andy Johnson, to agree to employ Mindy Kagel as a certified employee as submitted. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
3. The list of Part-Time/Temporary Employees was recognized by the Board of Education for December 14, 2020.
4. Having met the requirements for graduation as established by the LeRoy CUSD #2 Board of Education and the State of Illinois, we confirm for graduation Haleigh Bonnell, Cassidy Rieck, and Svitlana McBride

N. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Andy Johnson, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.



President



Secretary

Student Achievement

- Art - 6th Grade will reveal their Legacy Project prior to winter break. K-1: Paper weaving & patterns. Grades 2 -3: Animation art with inspirations from Keith Haring. Grades 4 -6: Sewing sculptures.
- Library – Winter holidays & celebrations of light. Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, & Christmas traditions. Winter solstice & world geography.
- Music – This year's 5th & 6th grade musical is called Super Happy Awesome News. NEW! Written from the perspective of kids during the coronavirus shutdown. The musical will be presented virtually in February. Students are excited! Smaller casts. Multiple casts will put on the same show simultaneously. Performances will be recorded. The musical will be enjoyed/viewed at home.
- 2nd Grade – Mrs. Katie Buckley visited each classroom and presented a STEAM Coin lesson. Students learned how coins are made, created their own coin, and completed a math lesson. Students continue to strengthen their writing skills by writing to their elf (Student Council at LHS). Actively participating in the 13 Days of Cheer – Celebrating Holidays & Traditions Around the World.
- 5th Grade – A guest attorney spoke to each of the classes about the role of government & law. This was to conclude their government unit. Each class held a mock trial.
- 6th Grade – Teachers are very thankful for the opportunity to participate in the ROE #17 Math Curriculum planning meetings. Rigor has been added to the 6th grade math curriculum & impact to student mastery has been witnessed. Impactful strategies & hands-on experiences have led to the retainment of information. Students have demonstrated their learning and understanding of the mathematical practices on a daily basis beyond what the teachers could have hoped for!

Student Achievement

- NEW! Early Elementary Special Education Room – HERO Room. 2nd Semester Mr. Gerber will be the lead teacher for the HERO Room. The HERO Room will serve our younger students with communication, language, social, and learning needs.
H – Helpful
E – Expected Behavior
R – Respectful
O – On-Task
The program begin with less than 10 students (K – Grade 2). The HERO Room is an amazing space that will meet the sensory, emotional & learning needs of our students.

Facilities

- Room 31 has been transformed to the HERO Room to best meet the needs of our students.
- Our building continues to be very clean & inviting for our students.
- Holiday music fills the halls.

Finance

- Activity Account

Community Relations

- Follow LeRoy Elementary School on Facebook
 - 566 followers
- Thank You to Kiwanis, anonymous donors & our community for supporting holiday needs.

Erin Conn, LES Principal

Student Achievement

- SIP Day Focus
 - Sara Boucek – Staff Social Media
 - End of Semester Planning
- Cognia Testing week of 12/7 or 12/14
 - We are testing At-Home Learners
- We plan to give Math and English final exams to At-Home Learners
 - This will not be for a grade, but to gauge progress between Edmentum and in-person learning
- Madrigals
 - Recording 12/11
 - Available to ticket holders 12/13
 - Traditional Madrigal meal available to order and pick up on 12/13
 - Meal prepared by Adam Whobrey
- HS Final Exams 12/17 and 12/18

Finance

- Activity Accounts

Facilities

- Christmas Break Cleaning List
- Beginning a plan to update HS classroom furniture that needs replaced
- See long-term facilities plans
- We continue to discuss options for ongoing capital improvements in the JH
 - Drop ceiling and new lights in the renovated classrooms
 - Renovate JH bathroom

Community Relations

- Facebook over 1,300 followers
- Twitter over 600 followers
 - @LeRoyCUSD2
- JH/HS Building Site
- Junior High Teacher Google Site <http://jhh.leroyk12.org>

**Student Achievement/Professional
Development**

- Building School Improvement focus:
 - Habits of Success/Life Readiness (Transitions)
 - Relevant Rigor
- Attendance:
 - 2018: 89.0%
 - 2019: 92.8
 - 2020: 91.5
- Covid Update: 3 students Close Contacts
- HS English – Fictional Creative Essay
- Science: Water Cycle
- Social Science:
 - World War I
 - Cultural Regions
 - Constitution – Article III
- Personal Finance: Pay Day Loans, Rent to Own
- Math: Absolute Value, Statistics and Estimation
- Cogna / Aimsweb completed
- 6 students employed!

Finance

- Activity Accounts
- Anticipated Enrollment:
 - 18 students total
 - 4 from Blue Ridge
 - 4 from Heyworth
 - 10 in-district

Community Relations

- Communications with parents
- Thank You for the support during my absence!

Facilities

- Clean and sanitized
- Minor classroom transitions to accommodate Social Distancing

Steve Reschke, Principal - LPA

Student Achievement/PD

Pre-K

- Literacy- Students are working hard on Hagerly Phonemic Awareness Activates.
- Math- Students are working with patterns.
- Literacy Interventions groups started in November showing great growth in letter sounds and names
 - S1- 2-5 (open IEP)
 - S2- 3-8 (1st year PK)
 - S3- 10-23 (2nd year PK)
 - S4- 13-18 ((2nd year IEP)
- A PreK- Student that uses some sign language to communicate his needs is teaching his classmates different signs so they can understand his needs. Students have learned play, work, more, and eat.
- Holiday Fun
 - Book Fairy leaves a new book each day for the class to read.
 - Classroom Elf moves about the room on a countdown to break red and green chain. Allowing for different ways to count depending on where and how the elf has moved.
 - Handmade Crafts.
- Pre-K teachers have done several Seesaw Remote practice sessions with parents.
- Masks, Washing, Sanitizing, and Learning continue to be going well.

Assessment:

- Reading, AIMSweb+, and Cognia assessments are wrapping up this week.

Facilities

- Our custodial staff continues to go above and beyond making sure that our school is clean and beautiful.

Finance

Enrollment as of 10/10/2020

PK

- Grant- 33
- ECE – 14 (1 out of District 4 to start later)
- PreK 5 Day Tuition: 51
- PK Care – 31 PM

Panther Care

- AM- 19
- PM- 61 (with Pre-K & staff kids)

Community Relations

- 6 Pre-K students will be appearing as elves in a short video that will be featured as part of madrigals.
- LIFE Students will be coming to preform Christmas music for AM Pre-K classes next week.

Margaret Baughman, Associate Elementary Principal

**Student Achievement/Professional
Development**

- December 11 Technology Training, *Opportunities and Pitfalls of the Remote Environment*
- Cognia Testing Review
- State Testing Status
- 2:30 dismissal has been incredibly helpful to our teaching staff

Finance

- FRIS: Update in your E-Packet
 - Summary Report
- Trending Expenditure in your E-Packet
- Trending Revenue in your E-Packet
- Big Four Chart in your E-Packet
- Wind Energy Meeting: Diamond Grove

Facilities

- RZero's ARC- Impact and effectiveness
- Purging and Storing
- Planning for the launch of the construction project

Community Relations

- Communication
 - PSA
 - Dashboard
 - Updates
- Community Expectations and Participation
- Winter Reminder, but do we capitalize on Remote Learning

Gary R. Tipsord, Superintendent