
LEROY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES Regular Board Meeting Monday, January 11, 2021

A. Call to Order

President Kevin Daugherty called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of to order at 7:00 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, and Bob Spratt. Superintendent Gary Tipsord was also present. Administrators Erin Conn, Maggie Baughman, Jeff Baughman, and Steve Reschke were also in attendance. Board Member Jennifer Tarr was absent.

C. Approval of the December 14, 2020 Tax Levy Hearing Minutes.

A motion was made by Bob Spratt, seconded by Andy Johnson, to agree to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 Tax Levy Hearing as submitted. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

D. Approval of the December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Wendy Dooley, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 regular meeting as submitted. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

E. Approve Consent Agenda

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

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

\$8,374.02 to Internal Revenue Service for FICA;
 \$7,221.58 Internal Revenue Service for Medicare;
 \$31,216.52 to Blue Cross Blue Shield for major medical insurance;
 \$37,636.91 to Teachers' Retirement System for 9.0% employer contributions;
 \$2,426.44 to Teachers' Retirement System for .58% employer contributions;
 \$3,847.48 to Teachers' Health Insurance System for .92% employer contributions;
 and
 \$11,789.70 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for 9.67% support staff retirement.

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

	<u>CASH IN BANK</u>	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>
a. Education Fund	1,479,653.09	1,408,188.41
b. Building Fund	522,101.89	527,179.67
c. Bond & Interest	270,477.59	362,805.10
d. Transportation Fund	173,828.75	165,056.93
e. IMRF/FICA	160,647.47	148,420.32
f. Site & Construction	(101,700.25)	(101,700.25)
g. Working Cash Fund	197,537.13	200,602.60
h. Tort	(88,067.55)	(91,374.01)
i. Life Safety	88,680.84	91,627.49

Bills as follows:

a. Education Fund	80,121.70
b. Building Fund	21,020.28
c. Bonds & Interest	
d. Transportation Fund	2,976.96
e. Site and Construction	
f. Lease	
g. Tort	5,020.12
h. Life Safety	
i. IMRF/FICA	
j. Paid by Journal Entry	3,533.67

Reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$1,623.25.

The activity account reconciliations for the Elementary will either be shared if they are received before the board meeting or will be available at the board meeting Monday evening. The activity account reconciliations for the Jr./Sr. High School for December, 2020 are attached.

6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

Nays:

Absent: Jennifer Tarr

F. Public Comment to the Board

None.

G. Comments from Visitors to the Board.

None.

H. Academic Spotlight.

Administrators gave a report to the Board on the students who transitioned back from remote learning to in-person learning and the sense as to how they did with the third party group, Edmentum.

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. Discussion was held concerning the recommendations for policy amendments as proposed by IASB. The Board will take action on the recommendations at the March 2020 Board of Education meeting.

K. New Business.

1. A motion was made by Wendy Dooley, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to leave the Executive Session Minutes from July 2020 through December 2020 closed. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. A discussion was held regarding the current performance of the FY21 Budget.
3. A discussion was held concerning the 2021 State of the Schools.

L. Enter Executive Session.

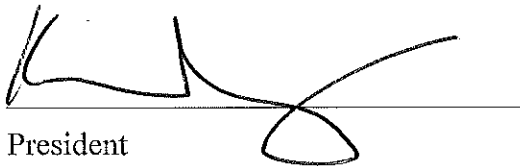
1. A motion was made by Wendy Dooley, seconded by Andy Johnson, to agree to enter into executive session at 7:23 p.m. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Andy Johnson, seconded by Bryon Owens, to return to open session at 7:53 p.m. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

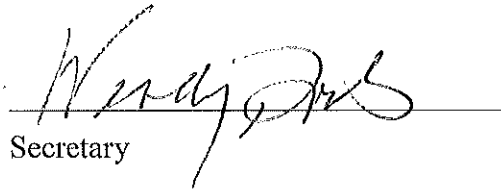
1. The list of Part-Time/Temporary Employees was recognized by the Board of Education for January 11, 2021.

O. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Tracey Holoch, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.



President



Secretary

Student Achievement

- Next GRIT Assembly – Feb. 19th
- Tuesdays with Tri-County problem-solving meetings continue to be very productive. Teachers are prepared & focused on student data & growth. Effective, collaborative process to support learners.
- 2nd Semester RETURN – Just the Highlights!
 - Personalized goal-setting
 - Habits of Success classroom meetings/weekly focus talks
 - Self-regulated behaviors in the classrooms, hallways & in the CAFETERIA
 - Hallway full of INSPIRATIONAL post-its. (Thank you, Mr. Simon)
 - Staff welcoming NEW/returning students will extraordinary kindness & joyful hearts
 - TEAMWORK amongst staff & students
 - Purposeful learning
 - Targeted instruction based on student data & performance
 - Integrated use of technology
 - TEAM COLLABORATION! TEAM COLLABORATION!!!

Facilities

- Winter Cleaning – Building LOOKS GREAT!

Finance

- Activity Account

Community Relations

- Follow LeRoy Elementary School on Facebook
 - 569 followers
- Thank you to the Methodist Men for local gift cards for families in need.
- Thank you to Panther Care for local gift cards for families in need.

Erin Conn, LES Principal

Student Achievement

- Cognia testing was completed prior to Christmas Break
 - All students, including at-home learners, completed testing
 - Initial data evaluation shows no grade wide concerns
 - We will use our 2:30-3:30 time slot as well as classroom interventions to close individual learning gaps
- At-Home vs At-School Learners
 - 15/35 7th-12th graders returned from At-Home learning. 2 others graduated in December
 - 6 At-Home Learners struggled to stay on pace and successfully complete their work (5 HS, 1 JH). 2 of those students are returning to At-School learning.
 - Parents and students have daily access to all work and progress. Both receive weekly progress summaries. Students and parents who are struggling get weekly contacts (email or phone) from Mrs. Flaherty. Students have the option to get additional support from our teachers between 2:30-3:30.
 - The primary reason for struggling learners is not completing work.

Finance

- Activity Accounts

Facilities

- 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
- This would complete core classroom renovations

Community Relations

- Facebook over 1,300 followers
- Twitter over 600 followers
 - @LeRoyCUSD2
- JH/HS Building Site
- Junior High Teacher Google Site
<http://ljh.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
 - 2021: 91.5
- Christmas shopping and wrapping gifts
- HS English – Fictional Creative Essay, the novels 1793 and Percy Jackson
- Science: Response to Stimuli, Homeostasis
- Social Science:
 - World War I
 - Cultural Regions
 - Constitution – Article IV, V
- Personal Finance: Career paths
- Math: Intro to Stats

Finance

- Activity Accounts
- Anticipated Enrollment:
 - 17 students total
 - 3 from Blue Ridge
 - 4 from Heyworth
 - 10 in-district
- One in-district and one out of district placement potential

Community Relations

- Communications with parents
- Huge Thank You to an anonymous donor for Christmas gifts for the students' families!

Facilities

- Clean and sanitized

Steve Reschke, Principal - LPA

Student Achievement/PD

Pre-K

- Literacy and Math interventions started in November continue in the classrooms.
- Parent Intervention support at home has been implemented. The extra Literacy and Math Hands-on Kits (made for remote learning are being used to support student with interventions at home).
- Grant funded/ Blended PreK: We have two new students that have joined our program. We will have 3 more new students join by the end of the moth.
- Students have returned from break rested, happy, and excited to learn.
- Students haven't missed a beat with wearing masks, social distancing, and washing/sanitizing hands.

Assessment:

- Almost all Reading, AIMSweb+, and Cognia assessments were wrapped up before break. We have a few makeups do to student illness, as well as, students that have returned from at home learning.

- Students returned to a shiny clean classroom and building thanks to our exceptional custodial staff.

Finance

Enrollment as of 12/18/2020

PK

- Grant- 32
- ECE -- 14 (1 out of District 4 to start later)
- PreK 5 Day Tuition: 65
- PK Care -- 33 PM

Panther Care

- AM- 15
- PM- 66 (with Pre-K & staff kids)

Community Relations

- 5th Annual Panther Care Cheer Change Drive raised \$370 to provide gift cards to our school families in need. Gift cards were purchased from the IGA, Dollar General, and Casey's for food, gas, and personal care items.
- Panther Care continues their Cheer Change Drive this month raising money to support the Le Roy Chamber Scholarship Fund.

Margaret Baughman, Associate Elementary Principal

**Student Achievement/Professional
Development**

- H.E.A.T. Academy Update
- Education Omnibus Bill: HB2170, SFA1

Finance

- FRIS: Update in your E-Packet
 - No FY21 payments for DE
 - \$33,050 short in SPED
 - \$58,100 short in TRAN
- Trending Expenditure in your E-Packet
- Trending Revenue in your E-Packet
- Big Four Chart in your E-Packet
- Wind Energy Meeting: Invernergy
 - Bellflower Area FY2024
 - Heyworth Area FY2027
 - \$639,404 Avg.

Facilities

- Construction project, scheduling and communication

Community Relations

- Communication
 - PSA
 - Dashboard
 - Updates
- Community Expectations and Participation
- IDPH v. CDC, in general Illinois v all of our border States

Gary R. Tipsord, Superintendent