
LEROY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES Regular Board Meeting Monday, February 8, 2021

A. Call to Order

President Kevin Daugherty called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of to order at 7:02 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, and Jeff Baughman were also in attendance. Board Member Jennifer Tarr and Administrator Steve Reschke were absent.

C. Approval of the January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Bob Spratt, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 regular meeting as submitted. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

D. Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Wendy Dooley, seconded by Tracey Holoch, to approve the consent agenda (payroll, Treasurer's Report, Bills, Imprest Fund and Activity Funds) as submitted.

Payroll for January, 2021 in the amount of \$325,120.28 plus board contributions as follows:

\$7,523.64 to Internal Revenue Service for FICA;

\$6,832.68 Internal Revenue Service for Medicare;

\$30,611.20 to Blue Cross Blue Shield for major medical insurance;

\$36,507.64 to Teachers' Retirement System for 9.0% employer contributions;

\$2,353.68 to Teachers' Retirement System for .58% employer contributions;

\$3,732.04 to Teachers' Health Insurance System for .92% employer contributions;
and

\$11,899.28 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for 9.67% support staff retirement.

Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2021 as follows:

	<u>CASH IN BANK</u>	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>
a. Education Fund	1,306,343.21	1,296,872.61
b. Building Fund	529,462.87	474,332.11
c. Bond & Interest	362,805.10	362,809.60
d. Transportation Fund	165,056.93	205,155.91
e. IMRF/FICA	148,420.32	122,168.31
f. Site & Construction	(101,700.25)	(101,700.25)
g. Working Cash Fund	200,602.60	200,612.99
h. Tort	(91,176.67)	(95,103.37)
i. Life Safety	91,132.49	91,628.53

Bills as follows:

a. Education Fund	103,789.98
b. Building Fund	16,120.07
c. Bonds & Interest	
d. Transportation Fund	4,989.66
e. Site and Construction	8,311.00
f. Lease	
g. Tort	20,225.50
h. Life Safety	
i. IMRF/FICA	
j. Paid by Journal Entry	21,430.74

Reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$4,300.18.

The activity account reconciliation for the Elementary Activity Account for January, 2021 is attached. The activity account reconciliation for the Jr./Sr. High School for January, 2021 is attached.

6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

Nays:

Absent: Jennifer Tarr

E. Public Comment to the Board

None.

F. Comments from Visitors to the Board.

None.

G. Academic Spotlight.

Mrs. Kelsey Winterland introduced two of her senior interns to the Board of Education, Jalynn Ford and Hannah Pelphey. Both girls are interning at the LeRoy Elementary School and are aspiring to become teachers.

H. 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.

I. Old Business.

1. A motion was made by Tracey Holoch, seconded by Andy Johnson, to approve the changes and updates in Board Policy as proposed by IASB. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. Discussion was held concerning the 2021 State of the Schools.

J. New Business.

1. Discussion was held regarding Summer Programming and the upcoming construction project.
2. Discussion was held regarding fees for the 2021-22 school year.
3. A motion was made by Wendy Dooley, seconded by Andy Johnson, to table the motion to approve the fuel bids as submitted. 5 yeas 0 nays 1 abstain. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Tracey Holoch, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to approve the Resolution of support for the Sapphire Sky Wind Project. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

5. A motion was made by Bob Spratt, seconded by Wendy Dooley, to agree to approve the Tri-County Special Education Association and LeRoy CUSD #2 Behavioral Policy Manual as presented. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

K. Enter Executive Session.

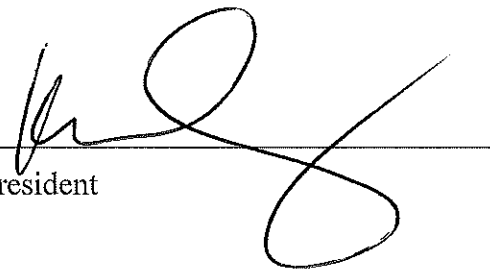
1. A motion was made by Andy Johnson, seconded by Bob Spratt, to agree to enter into executive session at 8:26 p.m. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Bob Spratt, seconded by Bryon Owens, to return to open session at 9:20 p.m. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

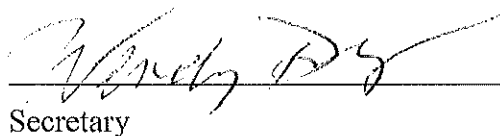
1. A motion was made by Bob Spratt, seconded by Wendy Dooley to remove the fuel bid from the table and approve the bid from Evergreen FS for the period March 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022. 5 yeas 0 nays 1 abstain. Motion carried.

M. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Tracey Holoch, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.



President



Secretary

Student Achievement

- Super Happy Awesome News
 - Virtual Musical
 - 4 Casts
 - 2 – 5th Grade Casts
 - 2 – 6th Grade Casts
 - Students are currently practicing
- Art – Finalizing our Annual Coloring Book Contest. Students hard work & creativity was abundant this year. Winners will be announced next week. Students are being encouraged to submit their work to a Parkland College art contest for prizes. 1st place winners in each category will receive a full scholarship to participate in summer art camp.
- Library
 - K – 2: Learning about the achievements of people of color and celebrating Black History Month
 - Grades 4 – 6 Developing media literacy skills - studying citation and identifying plagiarism.
 - Researching US Presidents
 - Collaborating on 5th grade biography research
- Social Emotional Interventionist
 - Meeting with students 1-1 to build skill development
 - Integrating INSIGHTS TO BEHAVIOR into our HERO Room
- Kindergarten – February 9th BIG plans to CELEBRATE the 100th day of school in-person!!!!
- Grade 1 – Fine tuning informative writing skills and understanding the features in non-fiction text.
- Grade 2 – Finished Fables & Fairy Tales Unit and celebrated with Reader's Theater presentations!
- Grade 3 – 100% on Math Fact Quizzes 0 – 11
- After School Tutoring/Interventions have begun for 2nd Semester

Facilities

- Our building continues to look great!
- We appreciate Mr. Underhill's presence and communication with our custodial staff.
- Thank you for preparedness and diligent ice & snow removal.
- Special THANK YOU to the Kitchen Staff for introducing new items – egg casserole, french toast bake, pastries & Italian beef. Our students & staff appreciate the EXTRA EFFORTS!

Finance

- Activity Account

Community Relations

- A Community Committed to One Another
 - Wellness Checks
 - Keeping Sick Kids Home
 - COVID reporting
 - Positive Interactions
 - Community Support
 - Celebration Food Cart
 - Donuts in lounge
 - Churches – reaching out & doing something extra
 - Families/Parents responding to other families in need
 - WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!

Erin Conn, LES Principal

Student Achievement

- Graduation Honors
 - See attachment
- The planning process for the 2021-22 school year has begun with tentative student scheduling planned for the end of February
- HOIC athletics are underway
 - A detailed updated will be provided during our administrative report time

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
 - 2022: 90.7
- Science: Endocrine System
- HS English – Spring Break Essay,
- Lower HS English: Completing 1793
- Math: Angles, Homeostasis
- Social Science:
 - Zimmerman Telegram
 - Constitution – Bill of Rights, Federalist Papers
- Personal Finance: Marketing Concepts
- HS Math: Correlation
- 6 students employed!
- Staff Evaluations Complete
- Staff Evaluation of me complete
- Tentative HOIC Virtual Art Festival:
April 16th 12:30 – 2:30

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
- Thank You to LeRoy Christian Church for providing lunch! Students and staff greatly appreciative.

Facilities

- Clean and sanitized

Steve Reschke, Principal - LPA

Student Achievement/PD

Pre-K

Academic

- Winter Assessments are wrapping up. So far students that have been assessed are showing great growth academically from the Fall. Student in Literacy and Math interventions have shown great growth from the fall.
- Intervention student
 - Lit. Fall: 5-10 letter names/sounds
 - Lit. Winter 19-26 letter names/sounds
 - Math Fall: Identify #'w 1-5. Rote counting 1-5/1-10
 - Math Winter: Identify #'w 1-15. Rote counting 1-14/1-20+

Social Emotional

- Students continue to really engage with the 7 Habits of Successful Kids books and lessons. They really enjoy making connections to the world around them.
- PreK has also implemented a kindness campaign within their classrooms. Students are working on being bucket fillers and not bucket dippers.

Pre-K-5th

Summer Programming

- Planning has begun for summer programming 2021. A survey will go out to parent's, Pre-K 5th, about needs for the summer child care.
- Planning meetings with K-8th teachers on closing COVID academic are being scheduled.

Facility

- 2021 Summer Programming will be at the Jr. Sr. High.

Finance

Enrollment as of 1/30/2021

PK

- Grant- 37
- ECE – 16 (1 out of District 4 to start later)
- PreK 5 Day Tuition: 51
- PK Care – 33 PM

Panther Care

- AM- 18
- PM- 63 (with Pre-K & staff kids)

Community Relations

- Panther Care Cheer Change Drive raised \$179 that will be donated to the Le Roy Chamber Scholarship Fund.
- Mystery & Community Readers have continued this year on a smaller scale (in person and virtually).

Margaret Baughman, Associate Elementary Principal

**Student Achievement/Professional
Development**

- There is a significant effort being made to lobby the ISBE to request a waiver to the federal testing mandate. Regardless we will continue to use our COGNIA Assessments to guide our instructional practice.
- Administrative Discussions
 - On-going remote learning training
 - Mentor and Coaching Program
 - Tutoring Opportunities
 - Extended School Year for 1st Grade
 - Staff and Transitions
- Reminder: you will have post-election training required.

Finance

- FRIS: Update in your E-Packet
- Trending Expenditure in your E-Packet
- Trending Revenue in your E-Packet
- Big Four Chart in your E-Packet
- CARES II is \$281,559 to LeRoy Schools on a \$82 billion federal distribution (Illinois 2.47%), the CARES III that is part of the Biden package has \$170 billion for schools, estimate: \$583,754.
- Expenditure required: CARES II by September of 2022, CARES III by September of 2023. This could be the bridge we need both financial and academically. (\$865,313 in total)

Facilities

- Construction project, scheduling and communication

Community Relations

- Communication
 - PSA
 - Dashboard
 - Updates
- State of the Schools, we are going to take a year off, the schedule and the uncertainty make it difficult to schedule for our staff or our community.
- Cultural Standards Legislation;
 - See those in front of you,
 - Listen with curiosity,
 - Challenge thought not prescribe thought,
 - Self-reflect and act in service,
 - Challenge everyone to their very best.

If you want to see the legislation, let me know and I can get you a copy.

Gary R. Tipsord, Superintendent