
LEROY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2

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

A. Call to Order

President Kevin Daugherty called the regular meeting 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, 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. Board Member Wendy Dooley was absent.

C. Approval of the February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Tracey Holoch, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting as submitted. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

D. 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 February, 2021 in the amount of \$347,681.70 plus board contributions as follows:

\$8,903.55 to Internal Revenue Service for FICA;

\$7,248.30 Internal Revenue Service for Medicare;

\$31,173.96 to Blue Cross Blue Shield for major medical insurance;

\$36,844.69 to Teachers' Retirement System for 9.0% employer contributions;

\$2,375.42 to Teachers' Retirement System for .58% employer contributions;

\$3,764.91 to Teachers' Health Insurance System for .92% employer contributions;
and

\$12,913.34 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for 9.67% support staff retirement.

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

	<u>CASH IN BANK</u>	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>
a. Education Fund	1,188,049.01	952,168.57
b. Building Fund	480,950.78	425,245.82
c. Bond & Interest	362,809.60	362,809.60
d. Transportation Fund	205,732.10	174,623.66
e. IMRF/FICA	122,168.31	93,105.71
f. Site & Construction	(101,700.25)	-
g. Working Cash Fund	200,612.99	200,620.50
h. Tort	(104,906.03)	(123,980.03)
i. Life Safety	91,628.53	91,134.28

Bills as follows:

a. Education Fund	84,794.37
b. Building Fund	15,478.59
c. Bonds & Interest	
d. Transportation Fund	6,509.55
e. Site and Construction	110,303.41
f. Lease	
g. Tort	12,080.08
h. Life Safety	622.33
i. IMRF/FICA	
j. Paid by Journal Entry	7,661.06

Reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$2,127.93.

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

6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

Nays:

Absent: Wendy Dooley

E. Public Comment to the Board

None.

F. Comments from Visitors to the Board.

None.

G. Academic Spotlight.

Mr. Tipsord facilitated discussion of the concept of state assessment with no accountability.

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. Discussion was held concerning the 2021 State of the Schools.
2. A motion was made by Bob Spratt, seconded by Jennifer Tarr, to approve the fees for the upcoming 2021-22 School Year which includes a \$50.00 per dual credit course that is offered by LeRoy CUSD #2.

J. New Business.

1. Discussion was held concerning the current financial forecast for FY2021.
2. A motion was made by Bryon Owens, seconded by Andy Johnson, to agree to approve the district's membership in the Illinois High School Association. 5 yeas 1 nay. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Jennifer Tarr, seconded by Bryon Owens, to appoint Superintendent Gary R. Tipsord to prepare the fiscal year 2022 Budget for LeRoy CUSD #2. 6 yeas 0 yeas. Motion carried.

K. Enter Executive Session.

1. A motion was made by Bryon Owens, seconded by Jennifer Tarr, to agree to enter into executive session at 7:33 p.m. 6 yeas 0 yeas. Motion carried.

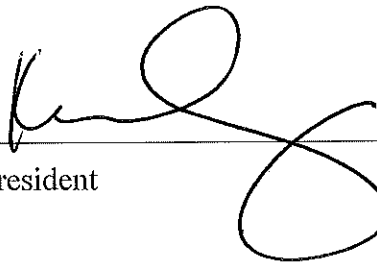
2. A motion was made by Tracey Holoch, seconded by Bryon Owens, to return to open session at 8:22 p.m. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

1. A motion was made by Jennifer Tarr, seconded by Andy Johnson, to accept the full and complete resignation of Lyndi Ferguson as submitted at the end of the 2020-21SY. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

M. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Bob Spratt, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.



President



Secretary

Student Achievement

- IAR (Illinois Readiness Assessment)
 - March 15 – 19
 - Grades 3 – 6
- SY22 Kindergarten Round Up: April
 - Beginning to discuss options
- Library
 - K – 2: Ag Awareness
 - Grades 4 – 6: Media Literacy Skills with a focus on Women's History Month. Discussion on women in science. Coding in March.
- Art
 - K – painting letters & creating textures inspired by Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
 - 1 – Paper landscapes
 - 2 – Ink printing Gyotaku Japanese fish
 - 3 – Yarn weaving
 - 4 – Radial design printing
 - 5 – Scale drawings/portraits
 - 6 – Stop motion animation
- Grade 1
 - Explored light & sound with a variety of materials provided by Mrs. Buckley, Extension Educator. Explored shadows, rainbows, vibrations, waves.
- Grade 3
 - Narrative fiction writing
 - Exploring 1st, 2nd, & 3rd person point of view by sharing mentor texts.
 - Collaborating with 2nd grade to close gaps in mathematics.
- Grade 6
 - Reading Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio by Peg Kehret.
 - Making connections amongst the Polio vaccine and the Covid pandemic.

Finance

- Activity Account

Community Relations

- Follow LeRoy Elementary School on Facebook
 - 568 followers
- State Farm donations
 - Gloves, sanitizer, masks

Facilities

- Elementary/Auditorium Addition Traffic Flow Communication

Erin Conn, LES Principal

March 8,
2021

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Student Achievement/Professional
Development

- Resolve of our students and staff through tragedy
 - Thank you to the elementary staff for providing lunch on March 4th
- 7th to 8th Grade Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) and Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) are scheduled for March 15-19
- Winter sports have closed out and "Fall" sports have begun with HS football, HS volleyball, and JH Girls' Basketball
- Homecoming 2021
 - March 15-19
 - See detailed packet
- PE will begin dressing after Spring Break

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 1,700 followers
- Twitter 600 followers
 - @LeRoyCUSD2
- JH/HS Building Site
- Junior High Teacher Google Site
<http://ljh.leroyk12.org>

Jeff Baughman, LeRoy Jr/Sr High School Principal

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**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: 91.4
- Science: Excretory System
- HS English – Op/Ed Essay,
- Lower HS English: Harry Potter
- Math: Geometrocity and Theme Park
- Social Science:
 - Federalism and Powers
- Personal Finance: Investments
- HS Math: Probability
- 6 students employed!
- All Staff Evaluations Complete
- Staff Evaluation of me complete
- Tentative HOIC Virtual Art Festival:
April 16th 12:30 – 2:30
- IAR: Week before Spring Break

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
- Carla and Jen community outreach with Living Well Center: Senior Quilting classes

Facilities

- Clean and sanitized

Student Achievement/PD

Pre-K

Academic

- Winter Assessments have been completed.
 - Data is now being shared with parents.
 - Classroom and at-home interventions continue.
- **Literacy**- PreK students have been working on parts of a story and creating wordless picture books.
- **Math**- Students are working on building their math vocabulary in all areas in the classroom throughout the day. Students have also been demonstrating their understanding of positional words.
- **Science**- Students have been exploring the scientific method with simple experiments where they have made predictions, conducted whole group experiments, and talked about the results.

Social Emotional

- PreK students are developing their problem-solving skill through "What would you do" activities, and applying their understanding of the 7 Habits to the different situations presented in the activities.
- The Kindness campaign continues to spread. Teachers have noticed less conflicts among students. Students have been observed complementing, collaborating, and helping each other more.

Pre-K-8th

2021 Summer Programming

- Now registering online for Summer Enrichment.
- 1st Grade Extended School Year will be June 1st-30th.
- K-8th Grade Level Teams are working summer tutoring plans.

Facility

- 2021 Summer Programming will be at the Jr. Sr. High.
- 1st Grade ESY/Tutoring LES month the of June.

Finance

Enrollment as of 2/26/2021

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- 61 (with Pre-K & staff kids)

Community Relations

- Panther Care took a field trip to Crumbaugh Library March 5th.
- Mrs. Well's created some review games on colors, patterns, and positional words. She had learned a new way to use google slides to make interactive music activities for her Jr. High Chorus and decided to share her new knowledge with PreK. Next, she is going to share some activities with music and teach the PreK team on how to make letter slides.
- Mystery & Community Readers have continued this year on a smaller scale (in person and virtually).

Margaret Baughman, Associate Elementary Principal

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**Student Achievement/Professional
Development**

- There was no waiver granted for the IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness), but it is not going to be used for accountability.
- ESSER II: Planning for filling gaps through September of 2022 (est. \$281,559)
- Summer Graduate Class: Feedback and linking it to our 4DX work and our Grading Evolution
- 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
- Plan to present our ESSER II spending plan at the April meeting.

Facilities

- Construction project, scheduling and communication
- R-Zero ARC will be a permanent fixture at LeRoy Schools.

Community Relations

- Communication
 - PSA
 - Dashboard
 - Updates
- COGNIA Climate Survey: Week of March 29th.
 - Students
 - Parents
 - Staff
- Legislative Session
 - Curriculum
 - Pensions
 - Funding

Gary R. Tipsord, Superintendent

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