
LERROY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 12, 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 Music Room at the Elementary School.

B. Roll Call

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

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

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

D. Approve Consent Agenda

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

Payroll for March, 2021 in the amount of \$336,315.78 plus board contributions as follows:

\$9,281.75 to Internal Revenue Service for FICA;

\$7,602.56 Internal Revenue Service for Medicare;

\$31,473.06 to Blue Cross Blue Shield for major medical insurance;

\$38,290.75 to Teachers' Retirement System for 9.0% employer contributions;

\$2,468.58 to Teachers' Retirement System for .58% employer contributions;

\$3,912.75 to Teachers' Health Insurance System for .92% employer contributions;
and

\$12,923.70 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for 9.67% support staff retirement.

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

	<u>CASH IN BANK</u>	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>
a. Education Fund	819,570.03	618,599.97
b. Building Fund	425,245.82	375,701.06
c. Bond & Interest	362,809.60	362,809.60
d. Transportation Fund	174,623.66	145,653.43
e. IMRF/FICA	93,105.71	63,298.64
f. Site & Construction		
g. Working Cash Fund	200,620.50	200,622.93
h. Tort	(123,983.03)	(146,258.19)
i. Life Safety	91,134.28	89,841.95

Bills as follows:

a. Education Fund	93,026.51
b. Building Fund	28,654.84
c. Bonds & Interest	
d. Transportation Fund	5,009.85
e. Site and Construction	18,763.23
f. Lease	
g. Tort	8,725.62
h. Life Safety	
i. IMRF/FICA	
j. Paid by Journal Entry	8,270.34

Reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$5,931.33.

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

6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

Yeas: Kevin Daugherty, Wendy Dooley, Tracey Holloch, Andy Johnson,
Jennifer Tarr, Bob Spratt,

Nays:

Absent: Bryon Owens

E. Public Comment to the Board

Mr. Ryan Anderson gave an update to the Board on the start of the auditorium construction project at the Elementary. Geothermal equipment is on site with drilling to start tomorrow; demolition should be completed by the end of the week; footings will be poured next week; new storm sewer work should be completed over the coming weekend; walls should be on site in the next 2 months.

F. Comments from Visitors to the Board.

None.

G. Academic Spotlight.

Mr. Baughman Mrs. Conn, and Mr. Reschke presented to the Board of Education on Reimagining the School Day which includes dismissals at Elementary for 2:50 p.m. and JHHS for 2:55 p.m. They will tighten the plans and answer any questions that may arise for the May Board of Education meeting.

Bryon Owens arrived at 7:11 p.m.

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.

J. New Business.

1. A motion was made by Wendy Dooley, seconded by Tracey Holoch, to schedule a special meeting of the Board of Education for May 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room at the Elementary School, 805 North Barnett Street, LeRoy, Illinois for the purpose of canvassing the results of the April 6, 2021 consolidated election and the seating of elected members.
2. Discussion was held concerning the Facility Improvement projects for the Summer 2021.
3. Discussion was held concerning the ESSER Budget Plan

K. Enter Executive Session.

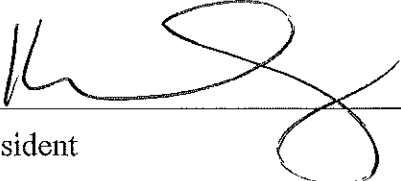
1. A motion was made by Bob Spratt, seconded by Andy Johnson, to agree to enter into executive session at 7:56 p.m. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Tracey Holoch, seconded by Andy Johnson, to return to open session at 9:05 p.m. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

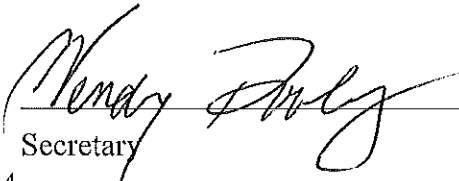
1. A motion was made by Bob Spratt, seconded by Bryon Owens, to accept the full and complete resignation of Hannah Lund as submitted at the end of the 2020-21SY. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Andy Johnson, seconded by Bryon Owens, to approve the maternity leave request of Brittany Alexander as submitted. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Wendy Dooley, seconded by Bob Spratt, to agree to approve the employment of Tanya Underhill as a Special Education Upper Elementary Teacher as submitted. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Jennifer Tarr, seconded by Bob Spratt, to agree to approve the employment of Carrie Ford as a Kindergarten Teacher as submitted. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
5. A motion as made by Wendy Dooley, seconded by Andy Johnson to agree to employ Kara Brand as an ECE Teacher/Special Education Case Manager as submitted. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Tracey Holoch, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to employ Seth Ward as a Paraprofessional as submitted. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Jennifer Tarr, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to employ Chelsea Grismore as a Paraprofessional as submitted. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

M. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Tracey Holoch, seconded by Andy Johnson, to agree to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. 7 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.



President



Secretary

Student Achievement

SY22 Kindergarten Round Up

- April 15th
- 3:30 – 4:30 & 5:30 – 6:30
- Social distancing & masks

Art - Kicking off Art Club after school the month of April through the end of the school year! It will start every Tuesday for 6th grade. Then, depending on interest/participation we will expand to include Thursdays and more grade levels. The goal by academic SY22 will be host art club regularly for all LES students.

- K & 1st are focused on developing rainbows & using experiments to make those colors come alive just in time for Spring!
- 2nd are developing Robots that serve a useful purpose to improve the lives of others.
- 3rd used yarn to make circle weaving that they love! They are ready to jump into an explorer mind set and make maps.
- 4th has started Wonder (book) self- portraits and 20+ adjectives unique to each individual that can be used in a pattern fashioned around the portrait.
- 5th is wrapping up scale self-portraits that are realistic. 6th will be following in their footsteps with portrait work after their long awaited stop motion animation viewing and KIDS CHOICE AWARDS!

Music - Super Happy Awesome News is finished! All four videos went live last month for families to view at home. Elementary students watched one or more of the cast videos in their classrooms. Videos can be found at

<http://lesmusic.leroyk12.org/super-happy-awesome-news>

- Fifth and sixth grade students have started preparing their rock band concert. This year is unique since sixth grade students did not have this experience last spring. Each class will pick one or two songs to have students perform on electric guitar, bass guitar, piano, drum set, or vocals. The concert will be given either in small sections or presented virtually, depending on May health metrics.

Finance

- Activity Account

Community Relations

- Follow LeRoy Elementary School on Facebook
 - 569 followers
- Crumbaugh Library Scholastic Book Fair for LeRoy CUSD#2
 - April 27, 28, 29
 - 3 – 6PM

Facilities

- Elementary/Auditorium Addition Traffic Flow Communication & Presence
 - Effective Signage, Flag, Cones
 - Intercom system (audio, visual & door striker)
 - Communication & TEAMWORK
 - Example: Teachers training students to follow the floor circles to the new office/nurse entrance.
 - Celebrating OUR school year! Our parents, students, and staff have been patient and kind while learning new procedures.
 - Communication with Mr. Trevor Fox has been excellent.

Erin Conn, LES Principal

Student Achievement/Professional Development

- Illinois Assessment of Readiness State Testing Grades 3-8 is complete
- SAT April 13th
 - Non-Attendance Day Seniors
 - Regular Day for Fresh/Soph
 - State not providing PSAT 9/10
- NHS Induction Ceremony April 19th
- Prom April 24th Chateau
 - Coronation will be live streamed from the dance
- Illinois Science Assessment State Testing for Juniors April 30th
 - New this year
 - Testing will be in the afternoon
 - Seniors will be dismissed after lunch
 - Jr/Sr level teachers proctoring
- SAR Nominee Grace Loy
- DAR Nominee Emmerson Tarr
- BACC Technical Honor Society Inductees
 - Nursing: Abby Richardson, Sophia Roseberry, and Morgan Steege
 - Medical Terminology: Abby Levingston
- Sports Update
 - Spring outdoor sports will allow home and away guests
 - Wrestling TBD, but no away guests

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

Finance

- Activity Accounts

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

**Student Achievement/Professional
Development**

- Building School Improvement focus:
 - Habits of Success/Life Readiness (Transitions)
 - Relevant Rigor
- Attendance:
 - 2020: 91.5
 - 2021: 91.5
 - 2022: 91.8
- Science: Comparative Anatomy
- HS English -- Argumentative Essay --
Cell phones in school,
 - Deep reading: CTE
- Lower HS English: The Outsiders
 - Mock Trial
- Social Science:
 - Constitution Complete!
 - Political Parties and Interest Groups
 - World Religions
- Personal Finance: Insurance (Health/Life/Auto)
- HS Math: Probability
- 6 students employed!
- IXL: Diagnostic Assessments, data tracking in Math and ELA
- SAT (Juniors only) Tuesday April 13th

Facilities

- Clean and sanitized

Finance

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

Community Relations

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

Steve Reschke, Principal - LPA

Student Achievement/PD

Pre-K Academic

- Classroom and at-home interventions continue.
- **Literacy-** PreK students have been practicing their literacy skill playing board games that focus on vocabulary, word work, ABC's, and Phonemic awareness. Students have also been working on taking turns, patience, and stamina. They are using phrases such as, I have..., Who has..., and Do you have..., to promote communication during their game playing.
- **Math-** Students continue to work on building their math vocabulary in all areas in the classroom throughout the day. Students have also been doing simple addition using dice and using measurement during science activities.
- **Science-** Students have been exploring comparing and contrasting through measurement by looking at the difference in height of their friends. They also explored birthday to find out who is the oldest and youngest. Student have created Me walls to also compare and contrast the different physical characteristics that make them unique (hair/eye color, expressions, and clothing).
- Mrs. Winkles class has been explored coding with robots. Students got hands on experience with Botley, Kolby the Mouse, Code-a-pillar, and M-Tiny. They concluded the unit by building robots out of recycled materials. See attached pictures.

Social Emotional

- PreK students are continuing to develop 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.
- With review of each of the 7 Habits, parents are receiving copies of the 7 Habits Home Extension Activities: Parent Corner and Up for Discussion.

Panther Care

- After School talents:
 - 1st grade student has been writing and sharing graphic novels with Panther Care. He has shared 3 of his stories.
 - 5th grade student has put on a concert for Panther Care play her ukulele. She plans to give another concert at the end of the school year, to highlight what she has learned from her lessons with Mr. Scott.

Facility

Finance

Enrollment as of 2/26/2021

PK

- Grant- 36
- ECE – 19 (1 out of District 4 to start later)
- PreK 5 Day Tuition: 51
- PK Care – 33 PM

Panther Care

- AM- 18
- PM- 69 (with Pre-K & staff kids)

Community Relations

- PreK will be hosting a block/park party with Crumbaugh Library in May to celebrate a great year of Preschool. More details to come.
- Mystery & Community Readers
 - 6th grade students were individual mystery readers to small groups of our PreK students. 6th Grade students chose and checked out specific books to read to Pre-K.
- Panther Care made sun catchers and cards for the residents of a local nursing home. The kids had so much fun and we are grateful for the opportunity to find something fun and educational outside of the school building.

Margaret Baughman, Associate Elementary Principal

**Student Achievement/Professional
Development**

- Cognia Visit next year, Late September or October
- 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
- ESSER Revenues
 - 1: \$71,940 by 9/22
 - 2: \$281,559 by 9/23
 - 3: \$632,341 by 9/24
- McLean County EAV
 - \$110,793,070 actual
 - 1.5% growth
 - \$111,726,510 projected

Facilities

- Construction project, scheduling and communication
- Builders Risk- Compass Insurance

Community Relations

- Communication
 - PSA
 - Dashboard
 - Updates
 - Preparing for Next Year
- Letter from IHSA Official
- Windmill Progress, exception for taller towers was approved, that should be a sign that the project will be approved.

Gary R. Tipsord, Superintendent