

BOARD MINUTES

The La Moille C.U.S.D. #303 Board of Education met in regular session on August 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the La Moille Jr/Sr High School library.

Roll Call: Chris Leffelman, Robin Lovgren, Jim Scully, Cindy Shevokas, Steve Wendel, Brad Fischer, Larry Forristall.

Absent:

Visitors: Linda Beattie, Ashley Johnson, Joesph Skotzke, Linda Whitmore, Emily Leffelman, Anne Johnson, John Vezzetti

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Forristall and seconded by Mrs. Shevokas All: ayes.

PRESENTATIONS

John Vezzetti presented and explained the Bond Process to the Board renewal and replacement for working cash. Not to raise taxes at all.

RECOGNITIONS

Emily Leffelman recognized Gonzo Gallardo for all the prepping and work for the beginning of the school year and he did great work. Ann wanted to just update that the backpack program so much has been donated from the community and she is very grateful. Ann wanted to recognize Jeanne Struna she has had multiple compliments from staff on how helpful she is.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the July 20, 2023 meeting minutes and the August, 2023 bills was made by Mr. Scully and seconded by Mr. Fischer. Ayes: Chis Leffelman, Robin Lovgren, Jim Scully, Cindy Shevokas, Steve Wendel, Brad Fischer, Larry Forristall.

The July, 2023 financial report shows expenditures of \$256,978.81 in the Education fund, \$25,450.35 in the Building fund, \$0.00 in the Bond & Interest Fund, \$84,342.24 in the Transportation fund, \$4,983.03 in the I.M.R.F. fund, \$5,137.06 in the Tort fund, \$0.00 in the Fire Prevention fund.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Mrs. Gifford updated the Board on the district cell phones, there are several phones not being used and a few phones that need upgraded Lisa wants to reduce the amount of phone lines and devices. Recommendation to approve the Marquis Mentoring program. Organizational chart and other documents are requested to be approved and exhibited in

our board policy. BMP states that they were told in April that La Moille is not in need of a social worker due to the SBMH Grant. I refuse that this is anything valid or appropriate for the needs of our students. Press plus polices have been approved and accepted in mass edit. Many policies do not pertain to La Moille or that need editing to make sense for a small rural environment. I would like approval to edit and remove as needed per school code. When edited and removed- information and updates will be provided to the board.

Mrs. Leffelman and Mrs. Johnson discussed that the new paraprofessionals are doing well. The new pickup policy at Allen is going great. Homecoming is less than a month away and planning has started.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Update on the Disc golf course, we have three sponsors for holes 1-3 and have more in the works. Elliot is planning a kickoff event in October with a mock Disc golf course set-up that will replicate the permanent one.

Update on the sports co-op changes the meeting went great in Amboy. IHSA changed the numbers Amboy had nothing to do with the numbers. Baseball and Softball are good to go with co-op this year.

Update with dinner for former Board members, Cindy mentioned getting a gift certificate and sending it to them since scheduling is so difficult and new year has started.

#### STUDENT HANDBOOK

Motion to approve the updated 2023-2024 Student Handbook was made by Mrs. Shevokas and seconded by Mr. Forristall. All: ayes.

#### STAFF HANDBOOK

Motion to approve the updated 2023-2024 Staff Handbook was made by Mr. Forristall and seconded by Mr. Scully. All: ayes.

#### COURSE CATALOG

Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Course Catalog was made by Mrs. Lovgren and seconded by Mr. Fischer. All: ayes.

#### ECRP & THREAT ASSESSMENT PLAN

Motion to approve the 2023-2024 ECRP & Threat assessment plan was made by Mr. Scully and seconded by Mr. Leffelman. All: ayes.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AND CHAIN OF COMMAND CHART

Motion to approve the Organizational Chart and Chain of Command Chart was made by Mr. Fischer and seconded by Mr. Wendel. All: ayes

#### TENTATIVE BUDGET

Motion to approve the tentative budget was made by Mrs. Shevokas and seconded by Mr. Leffelman. All: ayes

BOND

Motion to approve the resolution declaring an intent to issue up to \$600,000 of working cash fund bonds was made by Mr. Leffelman and seconded by Mrs. Shevokas. All: Mr. Leffelman, Mr. Forristall, Mr. Fischer, Mrs. Lovgren, Mr. Scully, Mrs. Shevokas, Mr. Wendel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move into executive session at 8:23 p.m. to discuss the performance, employment, and compensation of specific employees was made by Mr. Scully and seconded by Mr. Wendel. Ayes: Mr. Leffelman, Mr. Forristall, Mr. Fischer, Mrs. Lovgren, Mr. Scully, Mrs. Shevokas, Mr. Wendel

Motion to return to regular session at 9:55 p.m. was made by Mrs. Shevokas seconded by Mr. Fischer. Ayes: Mr. Leffelman, Mr. Forristall, Mr. Fischer, Mrs. Lovgren, Mr. Scully, Mrs. Shevokas, Mr. Wendel.

PERSONNEL

Motion to accept the verbal resignation of Bill Klein effective July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and end administrative leave was made by Mr. Leffelman and seconded by Mr. Wendel. All: ayes.

Motion to accept the resignation of Mandy Fischer as Junior High Student Council advisor was made by Mr. Scully and seconded by Mr. Forristall. All: ayes.

Motion to accept the resignation of Alyssa Martin as Junior High Student Council advisor was made by Mrs. Lovgren and seconded by Mr. Leffelman. All: ayes.

Motion to approve the retirement with regret of Linda Whitmore effective at the end of the 2026-2027 school year was made by Mrs. Shevokas and seconded by Mr. Scully. All: ayes.

Motion to approve the hiring of Haylee Popp as Crossing Guardian and Cafeteria Assistant was made by Mr. Wendel and seconded by Mr. Scully. All: ayes.

Motion to approve the hiring of Susan Miller as part-time custodian was made by Mr. Leffelman and seconded by Mr. Wendel. All: ayes

Motion to approve the hire of Susan Hoffman as a paraprofessional was made by Mrs. Shevokas and seconded by Mrs. Lovgren. All: ayes.

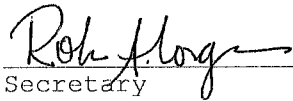
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Motion to approve the hire of Rebeccah Conley as a Junior High Assistant Volleyball coach was made by Mr. Leffelman and seconded by Mr. Wendel. All: ayes.

Motion to approve a five-year payroll audit was made by Mr. Wendel and seconded by Mr. Leffelman. All: Mr. Fischer, Mr. Forristall, Mr. Leffelman, Mrs. Lovgren, Mr. Scully, Mrs. Shevokas, Mr. Wendel.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:01 p.m. was made by Mr. Scully and seconded by Mr. Wendel. All: ayes.

  
Secretary

  
President