

BOARD MINUTES

The La Moille C.U.S.D. #303 Board of Education met in regular session on January 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the La Moille Jr/Sr High School library.

Roll Call: Brad Fischer, Robin Lovgren, Jim Scully, Steve Wendel

Absent: Chris Leffelman, Cindy Shevokas, Bill Schwabenland

Visitors: Sara Sellers, David Jungnickel, Taylor Breedlove,
Lisa Moore, Jennifer Williams

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Robin Lovgren and seconded by Steve Wendel. Ayes: Brad Fischer, Robin Lovgren, Jim Scully, Steve Wendel

RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Leffelman and Mrs. Johnson want to recognize three people: Stephanie Felton, for her dedicated cleaning efforts over the break and throughout the school year in the La Moille Jr./Sr. High School building; Kenny Shrimplin for his work with the La Moille Holiday Tournament, as well as cleaning and maintaining Allen, supporting the high school maintenance, and staying on top of the weather conditions; and Lisa Moore and the La Moille Summer Baseball Program for the \$250 donations toward ½ of a disc golf hole.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the December 14, 2023 meeting minutes and the January 2024 bills, was made by Steve Wendel and seconded by Brad Fischer. Ayes: Brad Fischer, Robin Lovgren, Jim Scully, Steve Wendel

For this meeting, motion to have Steve Wendel as pro-temp Secretary and Robin Lovgren as pro-temp President due to absences was made by Jim Scully and seconded by Brad Fischer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The December 2023 financial report shows expenditures of \$318,669.66 in the Education fund, \$9,587.09 in the building fund, 0.00 in the Bond & Interest Fund, \$2676.52 in the Transportation fund, \$0.00 in the I.M.R.F. fund, \$42,954.00 in the Tort fund, \$0.00 in the Fire Prevention fund. These December Expenses omit the payroll totals for December due to switching of payroll systems. Payroll total for December 2023 is \$220,745.87.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Mrs. Gifford discussed the 5Essentials Survey distribution: shared to staff in her weekly newsletter, out to parents of 4th-12th grades in print, as well as electronically as an attachment to her weekly newsletter.

Disc Golf: Only three more holes need sponsorship. A meeting is planned January 24, 2024 to schedule the kick-off event for the course this spring.

Current communication regarding bus radios is in progress, and 2 options have been quoted for us:

- Option 1- Repeater being mounted and using a radio base in both offices.
- Option 2- LTI Network with an ap feature for select users and hand held radios

Snow day pay for non-certified staff: see email sent on January 16, 2024.

eLearning: Providing meal on eLearning/Remote days is approved through the Child Nutrition Program and something that La Moille will develop a pick up program for. This keeps our students fed, supports families, reduces the burden of an eLearning/Remote day, keeps our food service working and we do not waste the food already purchased for those meals. More information to come.

Our eLearning plan will need to be redone: a new public notification, a new hearing, and a new publication in a news source per Angie Zarvel, ROE Superintendent, due to Shaw Media not publishing our request when submitted; emails snips are included in the emailed Superintendent's Report from January 18, 2024.

Compliance requirements: please see the lists that are included in the board packet. These compliance measures must be met annually. We are delinquent in meeting many from last year and this year. Mrs. Gifford is in communication with the ROE and working on fixing these needs daily. The district compliance audit is next school year and our school rating will be based on the correction and completion of all the compliance measure required.

Mentor Program with Marquis: January 8, 2024 Dennis Thompson met with Mrs. Gifford to discuss needs for the program and restructuring for second semester to continue to be successful. They shared update needed and, unfortunately, Katie Shevokas stepped down from coordinating the program. Therefore, Mrs. Gifford will coordinate this semester and work with Dennis Thompson to ensure that things are restructured as he has asked. Mrs. Gifford will then transfer the coordinator role to someone else (teacher, staff, etc.), with guidelines to follow and a template created. She will ask that Marquis donate the funds to pay the coordinator to the disc golf course for second semester to support the completion of the holes and setup.

Mrs. Johnson, Principal K-6: Current enrollment is 88 students; Miss Jeanne Struna has secured funds for classroom books and book sets from a private donor; field trip went well; speed zone lights have been

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added due to few people following the 20mph posted sign. Benchmark mid-year assessments will take place week of January 22, 2024 and IL state testing (IAR and ISA) will begin in early March, 2024.

Mrs. Leffelman, Principal 7-12: IHSA coop approved with Amboy for boys' baseball and girls' softball and will continue for boys' and girls' track and field. General updates of school life: there has been positivity in the classroom during the third hour enrichment classes and our 2pm dismissal training has had our teachers engaged, per Angie Zarvell of the ROE.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

5Essentials Survey going out to district parents and students, sharing that the state wants 90% participation & this will be used in determining funding for the district; updates will be shared weekly. Also discussed that these results will help us get the evidence-based funding we need for the district.

Annual and five-year Press Plus Policy Updates: Needs to be reviewed and wording needs to be decided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move into executive session at 7:43p.m. to discuss the performance, employment, and compensation of specific employees was made by Brad Fischer and seconded by Jim Scully. Ayes: Brad Fischer, Robin Lovgren, Jim Scully, Steve Wendel.

Roll call: Brad Fischer, Robin Lovgren, Jim Scully, Steve Wendel, Bill Schwabenland (arrived 8:19pm).
Administrators: Lisa Gifford, Superintendent; Emily Leffelman and Anne Johnson arrived 8:40pm

Motion to return to regular session at 9:14pm was made by Jim Scully and seconded by Steve Wendel. Ayes: Brad Fischer, Robin Lovgren, Bill Schwabenland, Jim Scully, Steve Wendel.

PERSONNEL

Motion to accept the resignation of Joseph Skotzke from December 22, 2023 was made by Robin Lovgren and seconded by Brad Fischer. Ayes: Brad Fischer, Robin Lovgren, Bill Schwabenland, Jim Scully, Steve Wendel.

Motion to accept the resignation of Matt McIntyre from January 12, 2024 was made by Jim Scully and seconded by Robin Lovgren. Ayes: Brad Fischer, Robin Lovgren, Bill Schwabenland, Jim Scully, Steve Wendel.

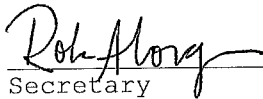
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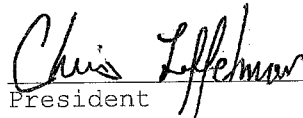
Motion to accept the resignation of Suzy Miller from December 26, 2023 was made by Steve Wendel and seconded by Brad Fischer. Ayes: Brad Fischer, Robin Lovgren, Bill Schwabenland, Jim Scully, Steve Wendel.

Motion to approve the hiring of Rose Gallardo as substitute custodian was made by Robin Lovgren and seconded by Steve Wendel. Ayes: Brad Fischer, Robin Lovgren, Bill Schwabenland, Jim Scully, Steve Wendel.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. was made by Robin Lovgren and seconded by Brad Fischer. Ayes: Brad Fischer, Robin Lovgren, Bill Schwabenland, Jim Scully, Steve Wendel.


Secretary


President