

BOARD MINUTES

The La Moille C.U.S.D. #303 Board of Education met in regular session on November 15th, 2023, at 7:03 p.m. in the La Moille Jr/Sr High School library.

Roll Call: Brad Fischer, Chris Leffelman, Robin Lovgren, Cindy Shevokas, Steve Wendel

Absent: Jim Scully

Visitors: Colleen King, Janet Alstrom, Laurie DeSchepper, Joseph Skotzke, Michelle Beaty, Linda Beattie, Hal Adkins, Jeff Biederstedt, Tara Robinson, Jason Kazin

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

E-LEARNING PLAN

Motion to approve the E-Learning Plan for La Moille CUSD 303 was made by Mr. Fischer and seconded by Mr. Lovgren. All:Ayes

RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Leffelman and Mrs. Johnson want to recognize all support staff in both buildings for all they do for the kids and the district. Mrs. Johnson updated the board that they have started a Parental Involvement Committee that meets monthly and plan to have one event per month to bring families to school. The Scholastic Book Fair is running from November 13th-17th. Mrs. Leffelman wanted to bring up the excellent participation at the Community Chill Night. Mrs. Leffelman want to give a shout out to the LHS Student Council Blood drive 33 units were donated. Mrs. Leffelman and Mrs. Johnson want to recognize Hal Adkins for his dedication to the district capturing images.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the October 26, 2023 meeting minutes and the November, 2023 bills was made by Mr. Wendel and seconded by Mrs. Shevokas. Ayes: Brad Fischer, Chris Leffelman, Robin Lovgren, Cindy Shevokas, and Steve Wendel.

The October 2023 financial report shows expenditures of \$234,908.15 in the Education fund, \$139,972.22 in the building fund, \$103,612.50 in the Bond & Interest Fund, \$18,931.76 in the Transportation fund, \$0.00 in the I.M.R.F. fund, \$7,983.50 in the Tort fund, \$0.00 in the Fire Prevention fund. These October Expenses omit the payroll totals for October due to switching of payroll systems. Payroll total for October 2023 \$202,826.68.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Mrs. Gifford updated the board that the board meeting will have to be moved in December due to the Tax Levy filing being changed for the year. Typically, it's due the last Tuesday of December but that is observed with Christmas this year. The levy is due by December 19th. We will need to move the meeting to December 14th so account for the 20 days needed for a tentative levy to be on file.

IGA for Katie Shevokas and ACC/SVARTE is still being discussed. The concern is the need for a full-time person at La Moille and, potentially, at ACC as well, due to growth. She is currently a split staff member, but Walt has stated that she should be 100% La Moille's staff and considered a consultant for ACC/SVARTE, since she is paid hourly through them. No IGA has been agreed upon since La Moille is not benefiting from this agreement with our SEL and scheduling needs.

Website service changes are being looked into and Apptegy is interested in taking over the website. They have the ability to link our website to TeacherEase and Google for 1:1 connection between all our systems. Pricing is being negotiated and a cost analysis for current payments for our website vs switching will be pulled.

Rural Leadership is a new cohort through the IASA and they have asked me to join. The cohort meets monthly with Superintendents in small rural communities across the state to discuss topics such as: policies, consolidation, curriculum, and preserving community pride when faced with school changes.

OLD BUSINESS

Working Cash Bond Update- We have been issued \$556,525.00 worth of bonds. After applicable fees, the school will receive \$541,196.22.

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN CAMPUS DISCUSSION

There is concern about the safety of the students. This will be put on the agenda for December 2023, next month.

NO TRUTH AND TAXATION

Motion to approve a No Truth and Taxation plan was made by Mr. Fischer and seconded by Mr. Wendel. Roll call: Brad Fischer, Chris Leffelman, Robin Lovgren, Cindy Shevokas, Steve Wendel.

TENTATIVE TAX LEVY

Motion to approve the tentative tax levy as presented and to be available for review for 20 days to the public made by Mrs. Shevokas

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and seconded by Mrs. Lovgren. Roll Call: Brad Fischer, Chris Leffelman, Robin Lovgren, Cindy Shevokas, Steve Wendel.

MOVE DECEMBER BOE TO DECEMBER 14, 2023

Motion to approve the BOE meeting date change from December 20, 2023 to December 14, 2023 in order to file the tax levy I time around the holiday schedule at the county clerk made by Mr. Wendel and seconded by Mr. Fischer. Ayes: Brad Fischer, Chris Leffelman, Robin Lovgren, Cindy Shevokas, Steve Wendel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move into executive session at 7:41p.m. to discuss the performance, employment, and compensation of specific employees was made by Mrs. Lovgren and seconded by Mr. Leffelman. Roll Call: Brad Fischer, Chris Leffelman, Robin Lovgren, Cindy Shevokas, Steve Wendel

Motion to return to regular session at 10:25 p.m. was made by Mr. Fischer and seconded by Mrs. Shevokas. Roll Call: Brad Fischer, Chris Leffelman, Robin Lovgren, Cindy Shevokas, Steve Wendel

PERSONNEL

Motion to approve the hiring of Karen Dunne to fill the second semester speech language pathologist's maternity leave was made by Mrs. Shevokas and seconded by Mr. Leffelman. All: Ayes.

Motion to approve Elecia Lindenmeir's request to apply for a substitute license for the district was made by Mr. Leffelman and seconded by Mr. Fischer. All: Ayes

Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of Steve Kastorff at the end of the 2023-2024 school year was made by Mrs. Shevokas and seconded by Mrs. Lovgren. All: Ayes

Motion to approve the appointment of Bill Schwabenland to fill the Board of Education vacancy was made by Mr. Leffelman and seconded by Mr. Fischer. All: Ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:28 p.m. was made by Mr. Wendel and seconded by Mrs. Lovgren. All: Ayes.


Secretary


President