

BOARD MINUTES

The La Moille C.U.S.D. #303 Board of Education met in regular session on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:03 p.m. in the La Moille Jr/Sr High School library.

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

Absent:

Visitors: Jeff Biederstedt

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

RECOGNITIONS

Emily Leffelman wants to recognize Jeff Biederstedt and how he really is getting his class involved and his passion for teaching. He is currently doing a project involving a book called Radium Girls. Emily also wanted to recognize Mr. Kastorff working with heredity. He is currently getting DNR kits, so the kids get hands on experience.

Anne Johnson wants to recognize her entire Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade staff. They all work extremely well as a team. K-3 just had a great field trip to Boggio's. Mandy is responsible for the assessment. Tara Robinson does a lot of hands-on learning and does the life cycle with the butterfly. Jen Williams gets them reading on their own and does the Rooted in Reading. Mr. Finkle is a veteran teacher in our district and is doing great with the changes. The K-3 staff is all part of the committee for Fall fest. Anne also wants to recognize the PTO for paying for dinner for all staff at conferences.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the September 21, 2023 meeting minutes and the October, 2023 bills was made by Mr. Fischer and seconded by Mr. Leffelman. Ayes: Brad Fischer, Chris Leffelman, Robin Lovgren, Cindy Shevokas, and Steve Wendel. Nay: Jim Scully

The September 2023 financial report shows expenditures of \$142,010.35 in the Education fund, \$10,122.03 in the building fund, \$0.00 in the Bond & Interest Fund, \$3412.48 in the Transportation fund, \$0.00 in the I.M.R.F. fund, \$1874.75 in the Tort fund, \$704.00 in the Fire Prevention fund. These September Expenses omit the payroll totals for September due to switching of payroll systems. Payroll total for September 2023 \$206,171.39.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Mrs. Gifford updated the board that the December board meeting could potentially need to be moved due to the Tax Levy filing being changed for the year. Typically, it is due the last Tuesday in December but that is observed with Christmas this year. The levy is due by December 19<sup>th</sup>. She will update the board at the November meeting. Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan has an outline for necessary steps for state, district, and school leaders. Mrs. Gifford explained that the E-Learning plan needs a Public Hearing per School Code this will be brought back for board approval pending the hearing at November's meeting. Disc Golf Fundraiser will be moved to spring of 2024. IDEA review approved the district for meeting IDEA review of annual requirements for courses and teacher licensing. The presentation of Explore classes and the tiered interventions presented at an IASB meeting on Oct 12 was successful. Both Allen Junior High and La Moille High school have gained commendable ratings. There is a possibility of early dismissal from designation.

Mrs. Johnson updated that hygiene kits were distributed to K-6 with the support of the SEL grant. K-3 enjoyed a great field trip to Boggio's. Allen raised \$52.17 for breast cancer research to be added to the money from the high school. Veterans day program is in the works. Our library continues to improve with some help from the upper classmen. Parent teacher conferences were a huge success, there were only 4 parents that were unable to make it.

Mrs. Leffelman updated that the students had the privilege to attend an assembly from Brad Hurtig. His message was focusing on resilience and pushing through challenges. Students have been enjoying positive incentives such as pizza, coffee drinks, and food truck coupons. The staff had phenomenal training on 10/18/23 from the ROE.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed Cell phone policy and board requested to remove all cell phones from the classroom all together. The board requested that there is a record of how many violations are in the classroom not just in the hallway through the rest of the year. Considerations and changes will be looked at for the 2024-2025 school year.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Motion to approve the edits of cell phone policy was made by Mr. Scully and seconded by Mrs. Shevokas. All: ayes.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT

Motion to approve the Annual Financial Audit FY23 was made by Mrs. Shevokas and seconded by Mr. Leffelman. Roll Call: Brad Fischer, Chris Leffelman, Robin Lovgren, Jim Scully, Cindy Shevokas, Steve Wendel

WORKING CASH BOND

Motion to approve the Consideration of a resolution for the issue and sale of up to \$600,000 of working cash fund bonds and for the levy of property taxes to repay such bonds was made by Mr. Fischer and seconded by Mr. Leffelman. Roll Call: Brad Fischer, Chris Leffelman, Robin Lovgren, Jim Scully, Cindy Shevokas, Steve Wendel

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move into executive session at 8:36 p.m. to discuss the performance, employment, and compensation of specific employees was made by Mrs. Shevokas and seconded by Mrs. Lovgren. Roll Call: Brad Fischer, Chris Leffelman, Robin Lovgren, Jim Scully, Cindy Shevokas, Steve Wendel

Motion to return to regular session at 9:06 p.m. was made by Mr. Scully seconded by Mr. Leffelman. Roll Call: Brad Fischer, Chris Leffelman, Robin Lovgren, Jim Scully, Cindy Shevokas, Steve Wendel

PERSONNEL

Motion to approve the transition of Steve Delong to Jr High Head boys basketball coach for the 23-24 school year was made by Mr. Leffelman and seconded by Mr. Scully. All: ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. was made by Mrs. Shevokas and seconded by Mr. Fischer. All: ayes.

  
Secretary

  
President