

Lempster School District
School Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 5:00 PM
Public Hearing Budget 6:00 PM
Lempster Community School Library
Meeting Minutes

Present-Board members: Kelly Caron, Jillian Thomas, Jessica Hooper and Bruce Cragin

Superintendent/Director of Student Services: Jim Lewis

Principal: Ralph Peterson

Absent: Rachel Tirrell

Call to order

K. Caron

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Ms. Caron, chair.

Agenda Adjustments

K. Caron

No adjustments

Review of minutes from (1.2.24)

Board

Bruce Cragin made a motion to accept the draft minutes of 1.2.24, second by Kelly Caron. All were in favor, with Jillian Thomas abstaining.

Review of nonpublic minutes from (1.2.24)

Board

Tabled until next meeting

Public comment: present were Mark Lightner, Everett Thurber, Traci Homol, Phil Tirrell, Selena Leite, Jenna Caron

Ms. Leite is having trouble accessing the board agenda, minutes and school calendar on the new school website. (www.sau71.org) Issues with security and different servers seem to have something to do with it. Mr. Lewis will work this out with the website guru, Mr. McNicholas.

Ms. Leite reminded the board that she asked last month to review our electric bill. Mr. Lewis will arrange for her to meet with Ms. Clancy (finance manager) to review those bills.

Revisit discussion regarding consideration of Lempster students attending Mt. Royal Academy.

Mr. Lewis read a letter from board member, Rachel Tirrell, who is not present this evening. She felt having certified teachers is essential, having tech classes and a library is also essential to learning and without having IEP's for special education students and having parents sign off on this very important segment adds to another reason why she can not vote to enter into an agreement with Mt. Royal. Her vote would be no.

Ms. Caron asked for any other input from board members and seeing none, called for a vote from other members on proceeding with consideration for students to attend Mt. Royal Academy. Mr. Cragin-no, Ms. Caron-no, Ms. Thomas-no, Ms. Hooper, no.

Administrative reports

J. Lewis

Webpage

The webpage is also being used for delay and closings and seems to be going well for those updates and the compatibility issues will be dealt with. The concerts are up and easily viewed.

The board is very pleased with the Instagram page as well. The circus was a hit again this year and folks unable to attend, due to weather, could see highlights on Instagram. ESSER funds were used for the circus event.

Spelling Bee

J. Lewis & J. Thomas

Aiden Colby, a 7th grader, was the winner and will proceed to the state competition. Last year's winner, came in second.

Eclipse April 8th

J. Lewis

Mr. Peterson has agreed to do a late bus run that day, as the eclipse is due to take place at 3:30pm that day.

Policies

Board

Second readings of policies JLCF & BBAA

Jillian Thomas made a motion to adopt policy BBAA-School Board Member Authority, second by Bruce Cragin. All were in favor.

Jessica Hooper made a motion to adopt policy JLCF-Wellness, second by Bruce Cragin. All were in favor.

Monthly Building Needs Update

J. Lewis

PFOA in water

Upon checking the water quality a second time, the levels remained elevated and Secondwind LLC has been consulted for options and it's possible that a reverse osmosis system might be the way to go. The Technician will be coming in again this Thursday.

Snow removal proposal for 2 additional years

An RFP will be circulated for this and Mr. Lewis will report back on this next meeting.

Hot water pump leakage

There is a slow leak in the pump and it will need fixing. One quote was for \$1500 and more quotes will be sought.

Mr. Lewis updated the board on the solar, transistors were backordered, they have now come in and the workers are awaiting the final inspection.

Finances

J. Lewis

Manifest

The manifests were reviewed and signed by the board

Mr. Lewis informed the board that the financial manager will be asking for a new system for accounting that will provide ease in the accounting process. It is called the Harris system.

Five-year maintenance goals

Were reviewed and prioritized. Paving, flooding issues, gym floor, painting and redoing bathrooms, windows.

Ms. Thomas asked about security regarding the front door intercom and how it works with strangers at the door. This was discussed and will be discussed further with possible construction changes to come in the future.

Agenda Building

K. Caron

Budget hearing, web page, policies, RFP’s water pump and plowing, bus, solar, new accounting system

Time and Place of next meeting

K. Caron

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 6pm, prior to the District Meeting

Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II

J. Lewis

Adjournment

Jillian Thomas made a motion to adjourn to the budget hearing At 5:58pm, second by Jessica Hooper. All were in favor.

As no other business was conducted, the board was adjourned from the budget hearing at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lichty
Board Secretary