**REGULAR MEETING of the SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION**

**Lester Prairie Public Schools**

**Monday September 18, 2023 5:45 pm**

**Lester Prairie School Media Center**

Roll call was taken and the following board members were present: Corbey Hentges, Brian Heimerl, Keith Christen, Rebecca Heimerl and Meganne Stifter-Knoll. Administration present: Dr. Melissa Radeke, Mike Lee and Alice Daak. **Guests**: Mike Bjork, Amy Smith, Julie Malady and Austen Neaton from Herald Journal..

**Agenda**

* Motion by B. Heimerl second by R. Heimerl to approve the Agenda as presented and or modified

**Vote: 5 for, 0 against**

**Recognition of Communications since Last Meeting**:

* Communication – Video Board is going great.
* Open dialogue – none

**Minutes and Bills**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and second by B. Heimerl to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Board meeting on August 21, 2023 and pay the bills in the amount of:
* Board Bills: $190,204.86
* Project Bills: $62,969.16
* Student Activity Bills: $1,958.34

**Vote: 5 for, 0 against**

**Administrative Reports**

**Mr. Lee K-12 Principal Report**: - highlights

* Open House went well, Thank you to Mr. Wawrzyniak for getting TV & Boards running and PTO, Lions and Dashir for free hotdog meals.
* School starting off well, PBIS committee is off and running with 1st assembly done with elementary.
* Three out of 11 crisis drills done with four scheduled before MEA break.
* Lions dictionary donation done today to the 3rd graders.
* Parent/Teacher conferences October 5 & 9 and Homecoming October 2-6.

**Ross Scheevel AD/DoS** – highlights

* Received communication from the MHSL about how to proceed for conference placement.
* Attending the MHSL area meeting and the MRC Leadership Summit.
* Attended the MRC Coaches Social and Coach Scoblic was awarded the Coach of the Year Award.

**Dr. Melissa Radeke Superintendent Report**: - highlights

* Enrollment - 461 Students
* Looking to see if any Board Members are interested in Steve Ziermann’s position on the Region 5 Board.

**School Board Reports**

* Community Ed. – none.
* PTO – Approved standing amount with options of twice a year purchases of playground equipment. Approved stools for the 5th grade classrooms. Looking for help with storage of items for the Holiday Store.
* Facilities/Maintenance– Looking into options such as AC for Elementary side, speaker system for south gym, replacing doors and windows and fixing drainage issue by the playground and shed.
* Facility Planning – none
* Tech/Media – none
* Activities Committee – none
* Negotiations – Certified meeting on September 25th
* Meet and Confer – none
* Policy – On the Agenda
* Legislative – none
* City – none

**New Business**

* Julie Malady and Amy Smith presented the District Data from the 2022-2023 School year.
* Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by Christen to approve the **Senior Class Trip** for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Vote: 5 for, 0 against**

**Old Business**

* None

**School Finance**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by B. Heimerl to approve the Resolution Relating to $835,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2024A.
* **Roll Call Vote: BH-yes, KC-yes, RH -yes, MSK-yes, CH-yes.**
* Set annual Truth in Taxation meeting date for December 18 at 6:00pm
* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Stifter-Knoll to approve the certification of proposed Payable 2024 Property Tax Levy at the maximum amount.
* **Roll Call Vote: BH-yes, KC-yes, RH -yes, MSK-yes, CH-yes.**

* Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve the following fundraisers:
* Volleyball: Block Out Cancer T-Shirts
* Student Council: Donut and Hot Cocoa; Candy Grams; Flower Grams; Spring Baskets; Homecoming Buttons; Ice Cream; Cereal Drive
* Senior Class: Carlson Orchard Pie Sales
* NHS: Fall and Spring Food Drive; Pennies for Patients; Cereal Drive; Toy Drive; Airplane Toss
* Yearbook: sell extra year books

**Vote: 5 for, 0 against**

**Policy Administration**

* First Reading Discussion of **Policy 705 Investments**
* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by B. Heimerl to approve the following policies:
* **102 Equal Educational Opportunity** – updated equal athletic opportunity
* **418 Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School** – legislative language reflecting marijuana legalization
* **419 Tobacco-Free Environment** - legislative language adding loose tobacco/tribal ritual exception
* **514 Bullying Prohibition Policy** - legislative language adding malicious and sadistic conduct prohibition
* **524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy** – added cell phone provisions
* **532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams** – legislative language regarding reasonable force provisions
* **534 School Meals Policy** – updates to reflect new free meals law
* **515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records** – legislative language reflecting student’s personal contact information = private data
* **604 Instructional Curriculum** – updated required academic standards and legislative language regarding prohibiting curriculum discrimination
* **613 Graduation Requirements** – updated definitions and ethnic studies course provision

**Vote: 5 for, 0 against**

**Personnel**

* Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by Christen to approve the following Contracts:
* **Rachel Raduenz** – Co School Yearbook Advisor
* **Amanda Wood** – Co School Yearbook Advisor
* **Matt Hermann** – JH Football Coach
* **Cheryl Bayerl** – Student Council
* **Terri Schuft-Helland** – Band Performance
* **Cheryl Bayerl** – NHS
* **Jay Rogotzke** – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

**Vote: 5 for, 0 against**

**Other Items for the Board**

* None

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM**

*Meganne Stifter-Knoll, Clerk ISD #424*