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

**Lester Prairie Public Schools**

**Monday August 21, 2023 5:45 pm**

**Lester Prairie School Media Center**

Roll call was taken and the following board members were present: Corbey Hentges, Jeff Engen, Brian Heimerl, Keith Christen, Rebecca Heimerl and Meganne Stifter-Knoll. Administration present: Dr. Melissa Radeke, Mike Lee, Ross Scheevel and Alice Daak. **Guests**: Aaron Bushberger from Ehlers and Austen Neaton from Herald Journal..

**Agenda**

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

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Recognition of Communications since Last Meeting**:

* Communication –New playground equipment looks great.
* Open dialogue – none

**Minutes and Bills**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and second by Engen to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Board meeting on July 24, 2023 and pay the bills in the amount of $187,424.44.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Administrative Reports**

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

* Attended training for mentor program with Ben Machemehl and Hannah Boger our new Mentor Instructional Leaders.
* Attended Webinar about Non-exclusionary Discipline.
* Attending a Literacy Learning for Leaders through SWWC.
* Nine Paraprofessionals attended the North Collaborative Para Summitt.
* Attending with a small group of teachers and Dr. Radeke the Data Mine in Willmar.

**Ross Scheevel AD/DoS** – highlights

* Attended a New AD conference, Law Seminar and Non-exclusionary Discipline seminar.
* Denied enrollment to the SCC and CMC conferences, will apply to the State League for placement.
* Video Board will be up and running for the first home Volleyball game.

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

* Enrollment - 466 Students
* Video Board to be used for Open House.
* Attended Webinar with MN State Senior Demographer Megan Dayton.
* Additional work needed for the new playground.
* Herald Journal hosted a Round Table of Discussion with Superintendents Dr. Melissa Radeke, Nate Walbruch (HLWW) and Darren Schuler (WM).

**School Board Reports**

* Community Ed. – none.
* PTO – Planned out the year for fundraisers, Information table at open house and Flyers being sent out to parents of K-3 students, and Approved requests for PBIS shirts, open house meals and donation to library for books.
* Facilities/Maintenance– Equipment needs ethernet cable to run, down at the fields that we don’t have.
* Facility Planning – none
* Tech/Media – none
* Activities Committee – Same as Facilities
* Negotiations – none
* Meet and Confer – none
* Policy – none
* Legislative – none
* City – none

**New Business**

* Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve the **2023-2024 Chromebook/Chrome Tablet Handbook and Policy Manual**

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Christen to approve the **2023-2024 Staff Handbook.**

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by Engen and 2nd by B. Heimerl to approve the **2023-2024 Student Handbook.**

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Old Business**

* None

**School Finance**

* Aaron Bushberger from Ehlers presented on Remaining Authority and Renewal of an Expiring Referendum.
* Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN EXPIRING REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTORIZATION.
* **Roll Call Vote: B. Heimerl-yes, Christen-yes, Engen-yes, R. Heimerl-yes, Stifter-Knoll-yes, Hentges-yes.**
* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Stifter-Knoll to approve the following fundraisers:
* PTO: Holiday Store
* Volleyball: Heggie’s Pizza
* PTO: Elementary Read-a-Thon
* Band: Butter braids and Coffee
* Baseball/Softball: Discount Cards
* Baseball: Field Banners
* PBIS: Stickers and Magnets
* Junior Class: MinnTex Fruit Sales, Unhinged Pizza, Used Bulldog Apparel and Elephant Joe’s Coffee
* Football: Salt Sales
* Cheerleading: Fleece blankets and two hat days

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Policy Administration**

* None

**Personnel**

* Motion by Engen and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve the contract for **Arlene Nowak** as Jr/Sr HS Social Studies Teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Stifter-Knoll to approve the contract for **Jessica Flies** as Elementary Title I Teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by Engen to approve the following resignations:
* **Blaine Walstrom** – Elementary Teaching Position
* **Wesley Kapping** – JH Football Coach

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Stifter-Knoll to approve the following Contracts:
* **Ashley Heckson** – SPED/Nurse Paraprofessional
* **Arlene Nowak** – C Squad Volleyball Coach
* **Wes Kapping** – Head Cross Country Coach

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Other Items for the** Board

* None

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM**

*Meganne Stifter-Knoll, Clerk ISD #424*