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

**Lester Prairie Public Schools**

**Monday June 21st, 2021 5:45 pm**

**Lester Prairie School Media Center**

Roll call was taken and the following board members were present: Corbey Hentges, Steve Ziermann, Mary Otto, Brian Heimerl, Rebecca Heimerl and Megan Stifter. Administration present: Dr. Melissa Radeke, Mike Lee, and Jenna Wolff. **Other Staff**: Alice Daak, Kim DeBruyckere, **Guests**: Amber Lamp, Liz Ehalt, Carrie Bayerl, Ilene Bussler, Josh Lamp, Sara Dammann, Terry Morse, Jackie Lemke, Kurt Lemke, Gini Bondhus, Scott Bondhus, Mindy Jeurissen, Kevin Buss, Leann Koford, Jennie Ruwersma, Stewart Ruwersma, Sean Tritabaugh, Joe Uhlhorn with H&U, Ivan Raconteur from Herald Journal.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Ziermann.

**Agenda**

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

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Recognition of Communications since Last Meeting**:

* Communication – Report:
  + - * 1. Lexi Kubista and several others doing well Trap shooting
        2. Addison Hoof place 5th in 400
        3. Zach Jackson personal best in Triple Jump
* Open dialogue – Curt and Jackie Lemke – brought copies of emails that their daughter received in school. They were reported to Jenna Wolf. They spoke to Mr. Lee and Mr. Lee stated he would take care of this and would let Mr. Lemke know. Mr. Lemke stated it had been several weeks and Mr. Lee had not responded. Mr. Lemke, and Mrs. Lemke went on to read several emails of Bullying. For the nature of the situation, Mr. Lemke stated that Mr. Lee and Jenna Wolf both should be fired. Mrs. Lemke stated that their 8th grade daughter had to speak to a police officer without a parent present and asked if she was in fear for her life, and came home and said she had to be in school with these girls. Mr. Lemke stated that nobody informed him of this. Mrs. Lemke was concerned that her daughter was forced to be in school with these students that threatened to physically hurt her and sexually abuse her. She also stated that our children should feel safe at school but they don’t.

**Minutes and Bills**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and second by Stifter-Knoll to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Board meeting on 5/17, and pay the bills in the amount of $129,676.87. Building Project bills of $836,472.02 and student activity fees of $4,438.75

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Administrative Reports**

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

* Graduation went very well, hugs and handshakes and parade went very well and thanks Fire dept. and Police dept. for safety provided for parade route.
* Technology turn in; just a few students missing items yet to be turned in
* Currently have 35 kindergarten students registered for next year
* New Kindergarten teacher position posted.
* FFA meeting in Glencoe; Pairing with Glencoe
  + 3 students confirmed they will join
* Summer school K-5th – 28 attending – Voluntary and focused on reading with 3 teachers managing program

**Jenna Wolff AD Report**: - highlights

* FPS international took place this month
  + Alice Knoll representing Minnesota in the Global issues problem solving division
* Baseball season finished overall at 9-8 and 6-2 in MCAA tied for 1st place
  + 3 seed in section and went 1-2 with a 10-10 record
  + Riley Heimerl and Zach Jackson named All Conference with Jack Boehning Honorable mention
* Softball season finished 8-9 and 6-3 in MCCA 3rd place with a 5th seed in section
  + Finished 1-2 in section with overall 9-11 record
  + Taylor Ebert and Alexis Langenfeld named All conference and Marissa Radtke honorable mention
* Track – took 2nd place in MCAA Conference
  + All Conference – Brooke Albers, Jessa Heimerl, Addison Hoof, Tanner Scheevel, and Zach Jackson.
  + Honorable mention – Paige Heimerl, Peighton Ruzicka, Jenna Heimerl, and Sam Jeurissen.
  + 10 athletes advanced from the sub section meet.
  + Zach Jackson placed 11th in the triple jump at state
  + Addison Hoof placed 4th in the 400 meter at state.
* Trap finished 4th in the conference
  + Alexis Kubista - placed 1st in conference
  + Trevor Schauer – placed 2nd in conference
  + Other top 25 finishers – Trevor Forcier, Alek Hodny, Jayden Alsleben, Gibson Kerkvliet, Brooke Albers, Shelby Litzau, Kenzie Martison, Carly Wolter, Hannah Hollister and Josie Kreig.
  + 37th out of 40 in the state shoot right now at meet in Alexandria waiting on results to see if they move on to state.
* This year 169 students 7-12th grade that participated in at least one activity
* Board member Ziermann elected to sub section 17 Board.
* Transfer from the MCAA Conference to MRC Conference scheduler information is underway. Couple of weeks to complete.
* Resolution on Agenda for Membership for MN state High School league
  + Video of Why we play
  + Less than 3% of students go on to play in College
  + Less than 1% of students go on to play professionally

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

* MSBA recommended that the Board rescind the mask policy
  + Policy meeting to held in later July or August
* Federally required to post our Safe Learning plan
  + Plan sent out by Facebook and Twitter
  + Needs to have a public comment that ended June 19th
  + Summary needed to be completed and posted
  + Requirement to receive ESSER Funds
  + Reduced Safe Learning plan from 28 pages to 12
  + Required to review every 6 months
* Information is available for Mr. Schnabel who is on the Agenda to speak about Social Studies.

**School Board Reports**

* **Community Ed.** – none
* **PTO** – none
* **Facilities/Maintenance**– none
* **Facility Planning** – none
* **Tech/Media**: Working with several Vendors and LCTN group. New Phone system which will be new the new speaker system for student privacy. New network closet in the ITV room. Secured and Temperature controlled environment. Improving and upgrading equipment.
* **Activities Committee** – meeting at 1pm tomorrow.
* **Negotiations** –
  1. Certified met with teachers prior to meeting and set dates for up- coming meetings
  2. Non certified – none
  3. Administration – met last Friday going over Mr. Lee, Jenna Wolf, Alice Daak, Kelly Elling and Nurse Contracts. Meet again to discuss
* **Meet and Confer** – none
* **Policy** – none
* **Legislative** – waiting on session to be completed to know on money allocated for district
* **City Council** – Bus route plan presented to city, $300 spent to re-open special use permit paid to the city. Special use permit only pertains to the closure of the road and the bus route. Not sure why the bus route was put in there. Information given that because the road was closed there needed to be new bus route plan. Does not pertain to the building construction. Prior it was stated by city attorney that it would open up liabilities etc. After working with Shawn from City Council, Mr. Heimerl received email back from lawyer that it does not pertain to the building construction. Open permitting process and public notice put out. Plan will go to the planning and zoning Committee who will meet first week in July and from there it will go to the city council to vote on it. All for the safety of the kids, and staff etc.

**New Business**

* Building Project Update – Joe Uhlhorn
  + Things going well and still on budget
    - Terrazzo floor is approx. 2/3rds done
    - Gym is complete and outfitted
    - Lockers placed in locker rooms
    - Floor tiled and fixtures set in locker room
    - Waiting on toilet partitions
    - Kitchen equipment placed and connected
    - Remaining glass in Lobby installed middle of July
    - Admin move in Aug. 1st.
    - Furniture install in office area Aug. 9th
    - Curb and gutter in parking lot to start next week
    - Sidewalks to installed 2nd week of July
    - Sidewalks and 1st layer of Bituminous down by 3rd week of July
  + South End Addition
    - Openings from existing shop and new have been cut
    - Touch up work and sealing of floor
    - Moving equipment for old space to new space week after July 4th
  + Athletic wing area open August 15th for occupancy
  + Board member Otto asked for storage and install of volleyball equipment
    - her son welded a piece to hold the volleyball poles
    - Wardle and Home of the Bulldogs is done and will be passed on to H & U for install
    - Joe to check with Paul for install
  + Home of the Bulldogs was stained on outside of building
  + Joe to check on the washing of the brick
  + Board member Ziermann asked about the doors in the south addition
    - Mid July installed with glass
    - Joe to check on doors for Security as they are installed between the 2 Pre-K rooms
  + Board member Otto asked on cabinetry and furniture on budget and they have them for all rooms.
    - All cabinetry and hardware is on site and located in the hallways ready to be installed.
* Chris Schnabel report and presentation
  + Son Everett attending Lester Prairie
  + Working with a group of parents with things going on in our state that are changing with our education
  + He is a vet along with his wife also serves in the reserves
  + Concerned about topics and events in history that may have some areas removed from them. Events for items to be removed:
    - Events – WW I, WW II, Rise and effects of Communism and Socialism during and post war. American Revolution, Civil War, Vietnam War, China and contemporary China and their influence in drug trade.
  + Looking for Board support to push back and other school districts
  + Look at good the bad and ugly to have an objective view to learn from them and not repeat them
  + Concerned that the 9/11 is not discussed and talked about in school
  + Works in Law enforcement
  + Concerned about political opinions displayed in school
  + Free flow change of ideas
  + Concerned about teachers conveying their political views
  + Prayer – support people right for freedom of religion
    - Hutchinson has Baccalaureate Service
    - Board member Ziermann stated the case law – 1992 Lee vs. Weismann US Supreme court ruling on prayer in school
  + Mr. Schnabel thanked the board for the time and received applause from those attending.
* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Ziermann to approve the 2021-2022 Minnesota State High School League (MSHL) Membership Resolution.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Ziermann to designate Jenna Wolf as the MSHSL School Representative.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by Otto and 2nd by B. Heimerl to designate Steve Ziermann as the MSHSL School Board Representative.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by Stifter-Knoll and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve the revised June 2021 Local Literacy Plan as presented.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Old Business** - none

**School Finance**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Stifter-Knoll to approve the bid for milk with Kemps.
  + Discussion – 2 bids were submitted Kemps and Prairie Farms out of Woodbury.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by Otto and 2nd by Ziermann to approve bid for bread with Pan O’ Gold

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by B. Heimerl to approve bid for propane with Glencoe COOP.
  + Discussion – Propane is for back up tanks

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by Ziermann and 2nd by Stifter-Knoll to approve the Preliminary Budget for 2021-2022 School year as presented.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by Otto and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve School Mental Health with Greater MN.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Policy Administration**

* Motion by Otto and 2nd by Hentges to rescind the #808 COVID-19 Face Covering Policy

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Personnel**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Otto to approve contracts for the following:
  + Katie Nelson – Kid’s Depot Worker with assigned duties
  + Jan Smith – Summer School Teacher
  + Emma Strom – Summer School Teacher
  + Hannah Boger – Summer School Teacher

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Stifter-Knoll to approve Marc Wawrzyniak as Secondary Math Teacher/Technology Coordinator with assigned duties for the 2021-2022 School Year.
  + Discussion – he will teach College Courses

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Stifter-Knoll to approve Joan Fuhrman as Secondary Math Teacher with assigned duties for the 2021-2022 School Year.
  + Discussion – Lives in Norwood, where her mother is middle school math teacher. She went to Mankato MN State College and will teach Algebra.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Stifter-Knoll to approve the following lane change request:
  + Anna Willems – Step 2; BA+20
  + Marc Wawrzyniak – Step 8; MA

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Other Items for the Board** - Work Session to take place in July.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:08PM**



*Steven D. Ziermann, Clerk ISD #424*