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

**Lester Prairie Public Schools**

**Monday May 17th, 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, Jenna Wolff and Mike Lee remote. **Other Staff**: Alice Daak **Guests**: Sean Tritabaugh, Joe Ulhorn with H&U, Ivan Raconteur from Herald Journal, Peter Lindstrom with CERTS and Todd with Dashir.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Ziermann.

**Agenda**

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

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Recognition of Communications since Last Meeting**:

* Communication – Report:
  + - * 1. Play went very well
        2. Senior Class Trip taking place
        3. Prom was great
* Open dialogue – none

**Minutes and Bills**

* Motion by B. Heimerl and second by R. Heimerl to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Board meeting on 4/19, and pay the bills in the amount of $88,761.98 Building Project bills of $63,698.09 and student activity fees of $1,234.54.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Administrative Reports**

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

* 90% total students in school vs. remote
* Senior Class in Duluth for Class trip
  + Class respectful
* Graduation attendance letter sent home per Governor Walz
  + 9 tickets per student
  + Faculty and staff allowed
  + No Band
  + Parade approved by City Council
  + Masks will be required for attendees
* May 25th meeting with GSL for FFA summer program

**Jenna Wolff AD Report**: - highlights

* Band students performing solo ensemble
  + Several students receiving excellent and super ratings
* Baseball season - 5-1 MCAA conf. 4 games left
* Softball season – 4-1 conference with 4 games left
* Jessa Heimerl – tied High jump record at 5ft.
* Addison Hoof – set 400 meter record at 1:43
* Spring Play performed in the play called Let Him Sleep
* Boys Basketball schedules are complete
* LP will be participating in the MRC conference next season
  + Athletic page coming
* Board member Ziermann to be on Region 5A board committee

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

* Enrollment – 495 students
* Thank you to Board Clerk Ziermann for all the technology help in new building
* Maintenance to add a full time staff position with more foot print to cover
  + Todd explained current labor coverage and need for full time position
* Next session at the Capital they working on a MN Taxpayer Day - meeting will be on the same day for City, County, and School District for Truth ‘n Taxation. More to come
* ESSER Funds I & II received – Facility Committee Met – These are One time allocation dollars - very specific on uses and dates of use
  + I. - COVID, PPE, Technology, Special Ed, ELL
  + II. – Technology, Learning Loss, Facility Repair - Roofing - Air Handling Unit replacements - $60,000 - $80,000 for #1 and #3 AHU #2 and #4 - $40,000 to $50,000 each. #5 has been replaced
  + Working on purchasing new cleaning units
  + Ceiling tile replacements

**School Board Reports**

* **Community Ed.** – Jerseys sorted and new purchases, Flyer going out beginning of June, increase wages for Kids Depot and Art supplies.
* **PTO** – approved items for Derek Litzau for Title I classroom. Certificates purchased for teacher retirements, things to do for Open House.
* **Facilities/Maintenance**– Dashir suggestions
* **Facility Planning** – none
* **Tech/Media**: Working with E-rate, Electrical Engineer, Low Voltage contractors to review inventory and install.
* **Activities Committee** – Met before mtg. decide on chairs and scorer’s table etc. Move banners to new Gym, move advertisement.
* **Negotiations** – Certified meeting set for and June 21st. Admin meet June 18th
* **Meet and Confer** – none
* **Policy** – none
* **Legislative** – Legislative session - Agreed to budget target 1.2 billion 2021-2023 school years, 1.1 billion 2024 – 2025 biennium – meet in special sessions from here
* **City Council** – Last meeting Brian attended – talk about with Sean from Council on agenda

**New Business**

* Peter Lindstrom form Clean Energy Resource Teams
  + Clean energy projects
  + Out of U of M
  + Not for profit
  + 4 partners
  + Looking at installing panels on the roof or ground
  + 40 MN schools have solar arrays
  + Panels last 20years
  + Educational opportunities
  + Recycle old equipment
  + Made of 90% glass and aluminum
* Building Project Update – Joe Ulhorn
  + North addition
    - Internal framing of Admin area
    - Masonry walls
    - Rough ins with MEP
    - Tile in bathrooms
    - Rubber floor in fitness will be completed
    - Tile in Kitchen
  + June 2nd Shed equipment move
    - Demo shed June 7th – June 18th
  + Mid-June Kitchen equipment install
  + June 7th bleachers are coming
  + Final coating of Gym floor next week
  + Main Entry complete end of June
  + End of August for CO
  + Change orders discussed
  + Paul with H&U discussed stain of Pre-cast
    - Board suggested staining of Sign to be covered by contractor
* Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by Ziermann to approve new custodial position starting fall 2021 due to increased square footage and custodial needs with the completed building project.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by B. Heimerl to designate Dr. Melissa Radeke to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for Lester Prairie Public School District 0424-01.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Old Business**

* Parking Lot discussion
  + - Board was asked from community members to look at the possibility of purchasing the Wiese property next to the school parking lot.
    - Dr. Radeke spoke with Mr. Weise about the property and Mr. Weise stated that he was not looking to sell at this time
    - Mrs. Radeke informed Mr. Weise that the school was not in position to purchase the property at this time.
    - Property might be commercial and may need to be rezoned.
    - Members of community were trying to help solve parking issue by providing some suggestions
  + Sean T. Report
    - Meeting with Mary Otto, Brian Heimerl, 4.0 Bus Service, Police Chief, Fire Chief and Josh Eckstein from Bolton and Menk
      * New Bus Transportation route – city is willing to talk about it. Change from previous City stance on issue.
    - Everyone there willing to listen to bus route change
    - Mr. Trittabaugh sent email to City Administrator and met with him
      * No decision can be made, city council needs to open up the permit again.
      * New permit and process for permitting to be followed
        + Plan approved by school board
        + Next move to planning commission
    - 3 city meetings left before September School start
    - Integrated Special use permit was originally issued which included
      * Street closure
      * Bus route up and down Hickory
    - School as received council from Lawyer that it does not open up city to any liability
    - Mr. Trittabaugh stated this is a school issue
      * School needs to follow processes
      * City concerned with liability
      * Public process for granting permits
    - School did submit a bus route map originally no drop off or pick up was on this map
    - Board has been concerned for the safety of kids, parents, and 4.0 bus drivers from day one.
    - Board also may have issue with bus drivers refusing to drive in parking lot
    - Current bus ordinance in city to be reviewed
    - Lester Prairie School has 4 buses
    - School would like to work together with the city council
    - Board asked to receive copies of the Special Use Permit from the city and previous ones.
    - Board has questions once project is complete where are we at.
    - Mrs. Radeke asked about the liabilities the city is concerned with
      * Mr. Trittabaugh
        + Approved plan has bus route in and out of Hickory that the Safety committee has signed off on

Safety committee does not approve of a different plan

If change is needed, school needs to follow several permit steps to make the change.

* + - Board would like to have an amendment ready to go before the start of school
    - Board asked if the city council can call special meetings to make the changes.

**School Finance** - none

**Policy Administration** - none

**Personnel**

* Motion by Otto and 2nd by Stifter-Knoll to approve resignation of Lori Schermann as Kid’s Depot/food Service non certified staff member effective June 2nd, 2021.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve Lindsey Grand as K-12 Ell/ESL Teacher with assigned duties for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Ziermann to approve Hannah Boger as Elementary Teacher with assigned duties for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by Ziermann and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve Emma Strom as JH Volleyball Coach.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by Otto and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve the following Kid’s Depot contracts for:
  + Megan Tonn – student worker
  + Emma Eckstein - student worker
  + Allison Knoll – student worker
  + Layne Teubert – student worker
  + Peighton Ruzicka - student worker
  + McKenna Kutz - student worker
  + Jan Smith – Kid’s Depot worker
  + Kim Schauer – Kid’s Depot worker
  + Taylor Bayerl – Kid’s Depot worker
  + Jerika Ziermann – Kid’s Depot worker
  + Cheryl Bayerl – Kid’s Depot worker

**Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 1 Abstain**

**Other Items for the Board** - Board member Hentges asked about having a Pastor at graduation ceremonies to give the Benediction of Invocation. Mrs. Radeke responded that it is illegal and unconstitutional to have such prayer in school. This dates back to 1974. School is also responsible for the student speeches given.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM**



*Steven D. Ziermann, Clerk ISD #424*