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

**Lester Prairie Public Schools**

**Monday January 11th, 2021 5:58 pm**

**Lester Prairie School Media Center**

Roll call was taken and the following board members were present: Corbey Hentges, Steve Ziermann, Megan Stifter Knoll, Mary Otto, Brian Heimerl, and Rebecca Heimerl. Administration present: Melissa Radeke, Mike Lee. **Guests**: Kelly Elling, Matt Dammann, Mandy Dammann, Marc Dammannn, Sarah Dammann, Terry Morse, Amber Lamp, Josh Lamp, Anna Brandt.

**Agenda**

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

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Recognition of Communications since Last Meeting**:

* Communication – Report -
  + - 1. Starting back in class
* Open dialogue –
  + - * 1. Dr. Terry Morse – spoke about mask wearing that they are not effective and can cause brain issues in students. She stated that “We need to take action by talking to others and asking God for guidance.” She begged the board to take some leadership.
        2. Matt Dammann – Asked “what are the legal obligations as a school for wearing masks and attending school. Other private and charter schools never shutdown and no masks worn.” Dr. Radeke stated we are mandated by the governor’s executive order which is law and we need to follow, along with MDE, and MSHSL.
        3. Anna Brandt – Implored the board to go further than just here at the board level. We do not masks for kids playing sports. They should be able to see, breath and be heard on the court. She would stand behind the board on any other avenues we have available.
        4. Another question from audience was asked, “What if my kid passes out and who is liable“ Dr. Radeke stated you can get and exemption from your doctor. School is not liable. Board member R. Heimerl stated Students sign waiver to play MSHSL sports and you are responsible and will follow rules. MSHSL states you need to wear masks. Chair Hentges stated you can contact MSHSL, and governor’s office.

**Minutes and Bills**

* Motion by Otto and second by R. Heimerl to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Board meeting on 12/16 and pay the bills in the amount of $84,251.91 and student activity fees of $26

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Administrative Reports**

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

* Thanks to Board member Ziermann for acquiring and delivering lockers to school for each class room
* Back in school on the 19th grades 3-6. K-2-Hybrid, 7-12 look to near future county #’s
* Some Families have selected to stay at home – teaching still streamed.
* Staff in building on Thursday and Friday – no school K-6
* Monday - Staff development. – Elementary Science in morning and New Math curriculum in the afternoon
* Technology – Teachers will be teaching teachers

**Jenna Wolff AD Report**: - highlights

* Community Ed Spring Summer brochure is in process of being printed and mailed out
* Music concerts uploaded to YouTube Channel and are available for viewing.
* One Act Play – started working on the “The Game of Life” – best video will be submitted for competition
* All winter sports have started their meets and practices. Robotics, FPS, Knowledge Bowl, Wrestling, and Basketball

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

* Enrollment – 490 students
* Fee Testing for staff and being offered to Dashir and bus drivers
* Attending weekly Regional and coop calls with Governor
  + Advocating what is right for district
* MDE and MSHSL – Give guidance, they do not ask for district guidance offering. A lot of material to read through.
  + Districts are pushing back on some guidance that does not work
* Received quotes from RAM on shed

**School Board Reports**

* Community Ed. – none
* PTO – meet on Wednesday
* Facilities/Maintenance– none
* Facility Planning – H&U update
* Tech/Media: none
* Activities Committee – none
* Negotiations – none
* Meet and Confer – none
* Policy – none
* Legislative – Committee meetings in full swing

**New Business**

* Building Project Update – Joe Ulhorn
  + All permits received from City and on schedule
  + 20 to 30 workers on site – no accidents or COVID
  + Working on submitting for E-rate funding
  + South Addition drywall, brick, folding partition and ramp being installed – completed by end of March beginning of April
  + North addition Roofing completed
  + Gym slab poured
  + Electrical rough in started
  + Inside block started
* Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by B. Heimerl to approve administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions as reasons therefore.

**Roll call Vote**:

B. Heimerl – yes R. Heimerl – yes

Stifter-Knoll – yes Ziermann – yes

Otto – yes Hentges – yes

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Superintendent Mid-Year Review of Goals:
  + Board Members to fill out form
  + Dr. Radeke has Weebly website showing goals from previous meeting
    - Slides shown

**Policy Administration**

* Masks with Sports discussion
  + Board members each took turn on concerns of mask wearing.
  + Board member Otto has contacted the Governor several times and suggested to fight back or there will be no end in sight.
  + Board member B. Heimerl stated there is a Cokato group advocating against the mandates. He also said in wrestling kids need to wear masks in warm ups and cannot shake hands after the match
  + AD Wolff meets weekly with AD group who are pushing to play
  + Mr. Lee – stated it may be more difficult for younger students to wear masks and that nice masks have been purchased for the students to wear during contests
  + Dr. Radeke stated they have pushed back on masks but they are not giving in

**Old Business** - none

**Personnel -** none

**School Finance** –

**Other Items for the Board**

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:26PM**



*Steven D. Ziermann, Clerk ISD #424*