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

**Lester Prairie Public Schools**

**Monday March 18th, 2019 5:45pm**

**Lester Prairie School Media Center**

Roll call was taken and the following board members were present: Corbey Hentges, Mark Sebora, Steve Ziermann, Megan Stifter Knoll, Rebecca Heimerl, and Mary Otto. Administration present: Mike Lee, Jeremiah Kraemer, and Jeremy Schmidt. Staff: Kim DeBruyckere and Alice Daak. **Guests**: Ivan Raconteur for the Herald Journal.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Ziermann.

Motion by Otto second by Heimerl, to approve the Consent Agenda as modified, approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting on 2/6/19, Special meeting on 2/13/19 and 2/25/19 and the approval to pay bills in the amount of $143,732.81 & student activity fees of $1,831.62 were also included.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Recognition of Communications since Last Meeting**:

* Communication – Report -
  + - 1. Band received 3 Superiors at Contest
      2. Gavin Star – Placed 1st State Spelling headed to Nationals in DC
      3. Science Museum received great reviews by LP 4th and 5th grade students.
* Open dialogue – none

**Administrative Reports**

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

* Parent Teacher conferences held on 2/7, and 2/21
* Youth Task Force Free Lunch- 180 kids attended. Thanks to LPBA for sponsoring
* Rachel Zabel and JaNaye Dressler spoke to the elementary students about Dental Health
* Dr. Helland and Nurse Diana held Maturation Talk with 4th – 6th students
* ACT Prep in English, Math, and Science during week of March 25th
* Preschool Screening held at St. Peter Church on March 26th.
* Evan Lee and Emily Rademacher chosen as Dare Role models

**Mr. Schmidt Superintendent Report**: - highlights

* Region 3 Day will be held at the Capitol on march 21st-Coop group attending
* Civil Rights Data Compliance – Big job to do updating, breaks down every student
* Lawn Care bids – Going with Andy’s Lawn Care for optional 3rd year of contract

**School Board Reports**

1. Community Ed. – none
2. PTO – Met last week
3. Facilities/Maint –
   1. Building Committee met 3-18
      1. Dates determine for community informational meetings
      2. May 14th Date for voting
      3. Finalizing Concept Drawings
      4. Hentges suggested information placed at school entrance during band concert
      5. Drawings were sent to all Board members for Review and comment
   2. Sara Gonzalez report given by Mr. Schmidt
      1. Audits and OSHA training performed
      2. Hand dryer was repaired today – possibly out due to power surge
4. Tech/Media – Wireless upgrade contractor chosen.
5. Activities Committee –
   1. Director Report – Kraemer
      1. Adding track assistant Track coach due to large number of students participation
      2. Andy Weber has been helping out currently with Track
         1. Coach hiring will be added to special meeting coming up
      3. Spring Sports starting, winter sports wrap ups
      4. Player coach evaluations very good
      5. AD meeting coming up in St. Cloud.
      6. Sebora asked how many students participate in Golf this year
         1. 3 students participate in Golf
      7. Hentges asked about policy change for students responsibility for turning in jersey’s if a $$ amount can be applied.
      8. Possible Conference change to Tomahawk – vote in May
      9. Look at moving J/H Boys and Girls basketball to split seasons. Teams would play 13 games plus a couple of tournaments
      10. Otto asked about options for a 2nd team for 7th grade boys – had 17 students participate this year in basketball.
          1. They will look at the options for next year
6. Negotiations:
   1. Certified - none
   2. Non-Certified - none
   3. Administration – AD/DOS contract – accepted by Mr. Kraemer
7. Meet & Confer – have not met.
8. Policy – none
9. Legislative: Sebora –
   1. House education Bill still in committee
      1. Policy provisions include
         1. Screening kids K-12 struggling with reading in grades 3 and beyond for dyslexia
         2. Allows pre-Labor Day school starts
         3. HS students required to take a Finance class
         4. Requires testing for Radon every 5 years in school buildings where students are present

**Policy Administration**

**District count – as of 3/11/19 = 470 students**

**Old Business – none**

**Personnel Issues** –

* Motion by Ziermann and 2nd by Otto to approve AD/DOS contract for Jeremiah Kraemer for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021
  + Discussion – Sebora asked for clarity on dollar amount for attending events.
    - Required to attend all home Football games
    - Required to attend all home events with approval to find substitute for 6 non-football events.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by Heimerl and 2nd by Sebora to approve the resignation of Jeremy Schmidt as Superintendent effective June 30th, 2019

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**School Finance**

* Motion by Stifter-Knoll and 2nd by Heimerl to approve the revised budget for the 2018-2019 School Year.
  + Discussion – Alice Daak Report
    - 14.49% increased overall funds
    - 8% increase in Expenses – Speech/Mental Health Contract along with AD contract increases.
    - With increased student enrollment Fund Balance may increase by June
    - Working on 2019-2020 budget – report May meeting

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**New Business**

1. Discussion on MSBA contract for Superintendent Search
   * Hentges gathered information from MSBA - reported to Board members
     + Developing Candidate requirements for selection process
     + Broader range for Candidate pool
     + Help with Vetting candidates
     + Developing timeline
     + Cost - $6,800
   * Ziermann indicated 3 to 4 good candidates already received from Board posting. 15 Total applicants received.
   * Otto to be added to new applicant emails.
2. Motion by Otto and 2nd by Stifter-Knoll to approve spending $6,800 for MSBA contract.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM**



*Steven D. Ziermann, Clerk ISD #424*