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

**Lester Prairie Public Schools**

**Monday, July 20th 2015 6:30pm**

**Lester Prairie School Media Center**

Roll call was taken and the following board members were present: MerriLea Kyllo, Karla Heigl, Mary Otto, Corbey Hentges, Steve Ziermann and Rawelin Radtke. Administration present: Jeremy Schmidt and Nathaniel Boyer **Other Staff**: Alice Daak, **Guests**: Tara Mathews for the Herald Journal, Eric Pasi with Innovative Power Systems, Krystal Kube, Christin Lamott, Maria Rolf, and Eric Angvall.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Ziermann.

Motion by Otto, seconded by Hentges to approve the Consent Agenda as modified & to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of 06/08/15 & approval to pay bills in the amount of $154,842.71 & student activity fees of $3,164.5 were also included. **Vote 6 for, 0 against**.

**Recognition of Communications since Last Meeting**:

1. Retired Teachers float in Prairie Days parade received positive comments
2. Open dialogue –
   1. Krystal Kube addressed the board with her concern of the current preschool bus fee of $35 per student if the bus was picking up and dropping off for other students at the same stop.
   2. Christin Lamott – was concerned with the multiple fee for families of two or more who are dropped off at the same stop.
   3. Heigl thanked them for their time and bringing their concerns to the board and informed them that the preschool bus fee was on the current agenda and the board would address at that time.

**Administrative Reports**

Mr. Boyer K-12 Report: - highlights

* Summer school is in session
* Social Studies position filled – Steve Becker
* Elementary 2 position filled – Katherine Carmine, Jacob Oie
* Prairie Days Parade – Admin. Handed out magnets provided by LP Foundation

Mr. Walstrom Report: Absent – Report handed out by Mr. Boyer

* 12 Coaching positions open at this time
* Fall sports start in August
* Fall sports meeting July 30th @ 7pm

Dave Uecker Facilities Report: highlights

* Half way done with entire school cleaning
* Football field equipment needs – Radtke to get pricing
* Waiting on completion of roof repairs

Mr. Schmidt Superintendent Report: Highlights

* Spoke to staff who are leaving the district for exiting interviews
* Working well with Mr. Boyer
* Working with Alice to balance budget

**School Board Reports**

1. Spec. Ed – none
2. Community Ed. – meet August 19th
3. LPPEA – Meet in August
4. Facilities/Maint. –
   1. Parking lot retaining wall issue – Radtke to follow up on pricing
   2. Bleachers at ballpark - board needs to address repairs.
   3. Bleachers – storing near Bulldog field. Board concerned with safety issue and discussion took place to have bleachers set up with stairs for use during the summer depending on durability of moving them.
5. Tech/Media – new committee being formed
6. Activities Committee – New coaches being hired.
7. Negotiations:
   1. Certified – on hold until early fall
8. Meet & Confer – none
9. Policy – Meet before August meeting

**Policy Administration**

* District student count as of 6/3/15 for K-12 is **416.**

**Old Business**

* Solar Program presented to Board by Eric Pasi
  + Highlights
    - School uses 400,000 kWh
    - $4,000 annual savings
    - Open for school field trips and science programs
    - City of LP uses Solar Program
    - 1yr to implement program

**Personnel Issues**

* One Motion made by Radtke 2nd by Kyllo approve the resignation of Jocelynn Buckentin as Social Studies Instructor, Joe Kley as 4th Grade classroom teacher, Alex Edlund as Classroom Teacher, and Greg Landkamer as Licensed teacher with assigned duties (Final Day-9/28/15).

**Vote 6 for, 0 against**

* One Motion made by Hentges 2nd by Otto to approve the hiring of Paige Aldrich as Secondary Science Teacher, Katherine Carmine as Elementary Classroom Teacher, Steven Beckman as Jr./Sr. High Social Studies Teacher, Jacob Oie as Elementary Classroom Teacher with assigned duties.

**Vote 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion made by Kyllo 2nd by Ziermann to approve the contract of Kathy Fiecke as K-12 Secretary and Health Services Support with duties.

**Vote 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion made by Radtke 2nd by Ziermann to approve Sarah Wojciechowski as 9-12 Summer School Teacher

**Vote 6 for, 0 against**

* One Motion made by Ziermann 2nd by Heigl to approve the following contracts:
  + Blaine Walstrom Head Varsity Baseball
  + Joe Scoblic Head Varsity Football
  + Adam Birkholz Assistant Football
  + Derek Zebell Assistant Football
  + Tyler Helland Assistant Football
  + Wes Kapping Jr. High Football
  + Blaine Walstrom Head Varsity Volleyball
  + Kelly Elling C Squad Volleyball
  + Tina Trudeau-Scherer JV Volleyball
  + Christine Dammann Football Cheer Coach

**Vote 6 for, 0 against**

**School Finances**

* Motion made by Hentges and 2nd Heigl to approve the bid of Pan O’ Gold for bread for year 2016.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion made by Radtke and 2nd Kyllo to approve the bid of Waste Management for garbage for year 2016.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion made Radtke and 2nd Heigl to approve the bid for milk for year 2016.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Propane – no bids received for propane used for boiler back up. Will purchase as needed

**New Business**

* Motion made by Radtke 2nd by Heigl to approve Heartland Community Action Early Head Start agreement.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion made by Kyllo 2nd by Heigl to approve 2015 Pay 2016 Capital Expenditure Health and Safety Budget Summary and Policy #807.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Discussion regarding preschool bus fees –
  + Heigl stated this fee helps cover some busing costs
  + Alice Daak referred to the past costs for preschool route - $4,800 currently the bus company does not break out those costs.
  + Concerns –
    - One stop 5 students being charged $35 each
    - No seats on bus in morning or afternoon
    - Mr. Schmidt to advise bus company to have some reserved seats for preschool students
    - Mr. Schmidt to do other school bus fee research
    - Heigl makes motion with increased funds from state that we do not charge for preschool bus drops within our district to include regular and midday routes.
* Motion made by Heigl 2nd by Kyllo to remove fee for Pre-School busing.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Discussion regarding School District Liability Insurance
  + Review costs and possibly increase deductible
  + Premium has been paid for 2015, board will review at next insurance renewal date to increase deductible
* Motion made by Heigl 2nd by Radtke to approve Superintendent Schmidt to take over as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) on MDE site

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion made by Hentges 2nd by Ziermann to approve Teacher Development and Evaluation Joint Agreement.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion made by Heigl 2nd by Kyllo to approve Andy’s Lawn & Snow LLC for 2015 Football Field Maintenance Service.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Next meeting August 17th agenda items
  + Solar Garden program

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.**



*Steven D. Ziermann, Clerk ISD #424*