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

**Lester Prairie Public Schools**

**Monday, December 16, 2024 5:45 pm**

**Lester Prairie School Media Center**

Roll call was taken, and the following board members were present: Corbey Hentges, Brian Heimerl, Keith Christen, Rebecca Heimerl, Jeff Engen, and Meganne Stifter-Knoll. Administration present: Dr. Melissa Radeke, Mike Lee, Ross Scheevel, and Cheryl Bayerl **Guests**: Sarah Harding, Taylor Bayerl, and Austen Neaton of the Herald Journal

**Agenda**

* Motion by R. Heimerl 2nd by B. Heimerl to approve the Agenda as presented and or modified
* **Vote: 6 for, 0 against.**

**Recognition of Communications since Last Meeting**:

* Communication – Former Student Tanner Scheevel took 1st place in Steer Wrestling at the Great Lakes Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association Circuit Finals.
* Open dialogue – None

**Minutes and Bills**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Christen to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Board meeting on November 12, 2024, and pay the bills in the amount of:
* Board Bills: $242,046.45
* Student Activities Bills: $14,381.48

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against.**

**Administrative Reports**

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

* The High School Holiday Concert is tonight.
* Lisa Gregoire from SWWC will be coming tomorrow to work with our Mentors.
* December 20th will be the 4th installment of LETRS training.
* Very successful PTO Holiday Store, thank you PTO for donating $2,000 towards new books.
* PBIS reward day was November 15th with Pancakes with the Principal, thank you Christine and Ross for flipping pancakes.
* Thank you to the Special Events Committee for putting together thankful turkeys, fall dress up, door decorating and Grinch day. They will be putting together teaching programs for MLK day.
* Principal Meeting at ACGC on December 3rd with many discussions talked about and stayed after with Ryan Sinda to talk to Science Teachers about their Science curriculum.
* Taylor Bayerl and Sarah Harding talked about what they are doing in their sixth-grade classrooms, such as the Daily Dive. On Fridays of the Daily Dive the kids read the first chapter in a new book and fill out a form about what they learned to get them interested in different books.

**Ross Scheevel AD/DoS** – highlights

* MSHSL is in their reclassification competitive section placement process with looking at new resolutions or dissolutions towards the end of January.
* Holt Electric to come on December 23rd to install CAT5 cable and the electrical outlet for Huddle. Hoping to have Huddle up and running after Holiday Break.
* Both boys and girls Basketball teams attended a Holiday Tournament with the Boys going to Legacy Christen Academy and girls going to DGF on December 27& 28.
* Hosted our annual Wrestling Meet on December 5th.
* One Act Play public performance on January 11th at 4:30pm, January 18 at the Tomahawk Valley One Act Play Festival and January 25th at HLWW for subsections.

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

* Enrollment is 437 students.
* Heidi and the SWWC CO-OP have been working on Special Education Pipeline Grant Program that works with teachers who want to become Special Education teachers.

**School Board Reports**

* Community Ed. – none
* PTO – Holiday Store super successful
* Facilities/Maintenance – none
* Facility Planning – none
* Tech/Media – Only 6 computers needing to be repaired compared to 39 last year, great feedback from teachers about school website.
* Activities Committee – none
* Negotiations – none
* Meet and Confer – none
* Policy – none
* Legislative – none
* City – none

**New Business**

* None

**Old Business**

* None

**School Finance**

* Truth in Taxation Presentation presented by Superintendent Dr. Radeke.
* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Engen to approve the certified levy in the amount of $2,078,922.88.

**Roll Call Vote: BH-yes, JE-yes, KC-yes, RH -yes, MSK-yes, CH-yes.**

**Policy Administration**

* none

**Personnel**

* Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd Christen to approve the following contracts:
* **Angela Hoover** – Special Ed Paraprofessional
* **Anthony Frank** – JH Boys Basketball Coach
* **Jacob Starke** – C Squad Boys Basketball Coach

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by B. Heimerl to approve the July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027 Superintendent contract for **Melissa Radeke**.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Other Items for the Board**

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM**

*Meganne Stifter-Knoll, Clerk ISD #424*