

**REGULAR MEETING of the SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION**  
**Lester Prairie Public Schools**  
**Monday, January 6, 2025 6:02pm**  
**Lester Prairie School Media Center**

Roll call was taken and the following board members were present: Keith Christen, Brian Heimerl, Rebecca Heimerl and Jeff Engen, Dan LaMott and Candice Anderson. Administration present: Dr. Melissa Radeke, Mike Lee, Ross Scheevel, and Cheryl Bayerl **Guests:** Corbey Hentges, Meganne Stifter-Knoll, Claire Turner and Alyson Winn-Lagergren.

**Agenda**

- Motion by R. Heimerl 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderson to approve the Agenda as presented and or modified
  - **Vote: 6 for, 0 against.**

**Recognition of Communications since Last Meeting:**

- Communication - Thank you to new board members Dan LaMott and Candice Anderson for stepping up. Thank you to past board members Corbey Hentges and Meganne Stifter-Knoll for your time and service.
- Open dialogue - none

**Minutes and Bills**

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Heimerl to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Board meeting on December 16, 2024 and pay the bills (reviewed by R. Heimerl and Engen) in the amount of:
  - o Board Bills: \$56,063.31
  - o Student Activity Bills: \$1,483.47
  - **Vote: 6 for, 0 against.**

**Administrative Reports**

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

- December 20<sup>th</sup> early dismissal with teacher's 4<sup>th</sup> LETRS training, the 5<sup>th</sup> LETRS training will be January 17<sup>th</sup> with this making them over halfway through the 1<sup>st</sup> year.
- Hearing and Vision Screening January 14<sup>th</sup> for grades K-3, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and possibly 11<sup>th</sup>.
- On January 20<sup>th</sup> the Special Events Committee and High School English and Social Study teachers are prepping some Martin Luther King Day activities and programs.
- Claire Turner, JH Social Study and HS Psychology teacher. She is working a lot of Current Events and working on primary sources with a lot of hands on activities incorporating reading comprehension of Social Studies.
- Alyson Winn-Lagergren, HS English teacher, she is in her 5<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. Her American Lit are being reporters and reporting about what they

are reading. Her Creative Writing and College English class are working on strengthening writing through grammar and coherence.

#### **Ross Scheevel AD/DoS - highlights**

- Austin Walstrom was selected as the Lester Prairie School Triple A representative; the subregional banquet is in Maple Lake on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Hudle Focus Camera was installed and hoping to have it up and running for Thursday's game. Still questions about recording verses live streaming. There will be a link to Hudle on the games schedule and calendar.
- Both boys' and girls' basketball teams went 1-1 at their holiday tournaments and JH basketball games start this week.
- One Act Play live to the public this Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30pm.

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

- Enrollment - 433 Students with 4 expected to return in March.
- Working on the School Calendar for next year and running it through the Leadership Cabinet and both Unions in preparation for February's School Board Meeting.
- Legislative Platforms with our Education Organizations MASA, MREA and MSBA. Their Key Priority Areas are:
  - MREA
    - Make Q Comp (teacher's compensation program) open to all districts
    - Increase by three percent to the basic formula
    - Working on a better way with Compensatory Aide to help harmless not lose out
    - Ongoing funding for unemployment Insurance
    - Increase LTFM revenues and allow roofs and pavement
  - MASA
    - Allow an increase of three percent to basic formula
    - Fund Summer term unemployment Insurance
    - Establish district whole harmless compensatory funding
    - LTFM flexibility and Increase
  - MSBA
    - Three percent increase to the basic formula
    - Ensure districts are held with harmless compensatory funding
    - Remove cap from LTFM and roof and pavement be added
    - Fully fund summer unemployment
    - Amend open meeting law from MN School Board Meeting to eliminate three-day notice
- Welcome new School Board Members Candice Anderson and Dan LaMott.
- Will be attending Phase One training with Candice and Dan on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **School Board Reports**

- Community Ed. - meet on Wednesday 01/08/25
- PTO - meet on Wednesday 01/08/25
- Facilities/Maintenance- in contact with Josh Eckstein
- Facility Planning - none
- Tech/Media - none
- Activities Committee - none
- Negotiations - none
- Meet and Confer - schedule a time after the meeting

- Policy - none
- Legislative - none
- City - none

### **New Business**

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Heimerl to approve the Resolution directing administration to make recommendations for reduction in programs and positions for 2025-26.

**Roll Call Vote: BH-yes, JE-yes, KC-yes, RH -yes, DL-yes, CA-yes.**

### **Old Business**

- None

### **School Finance**

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Engen to approve the fundraisers for softball: Tip night at Longhorns and Dipdiphorray (dips and seasoning)

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

### **Policy Administration**

- None

### **Personnel**

- None

### **Other Items for the Board**

- None

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM**

*Meganne Stifter-Knoll, Clerk ISD #424*