

REGULAR MEETING of the SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION
Lester Prairie Public Schools
Monday, April 15, 2025 5:45pm
Lester Prairie School Media Center

Roll call was taken and the following board members were present: Jeff Engen, Brian Heimerl, Rebecca Heimerl, Candice Anderson and Dan LaMott. Administration present: Dr. Melissa Radeke, Mike Lee, Ross Scheevel, and Cheryl Bayerl **Guests:** Lauren Syrup - CESO, Cara Cline, Ryan Sinda, Daniel Mages and Kim DeBruyckere.

Call to order

- Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair B. Heimerl
- Welcome to the public and guests
- **Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by board member Jeff Engen

Agenda

- Motion by R. Heimerl 2nd by Anderson to approve the Agenda as presented and or modified
 - **Vote: 5 for, 0 against.**

Recognition of Communications since Last Meeting:

- Communication - Bulldog Bash was another success, 2B-Continued event(Dancing Like the Stars) - Lester Prairie School highlighted again in Boyd Huppert video
- Open dialogue - none

Minutes and Bills

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve consent agenda, the meeting minutes of the Regular Board meeting on March 17, 2025 and pay the bills (reviewed by R. Heimerl and LaMott) in the amount of:
 - o Board Bills: \$121,534.33
- **Vote: 5 for, 0 against.**

Administrative Reports

Mr. Lee K-12 Principal Report: - highlights

- Senior Class Trip went well, everyone enjoyed the trip. Lots of walking(10+ miles per day), Most indicated they enjoyed the experience but would prefer not living in New York
- In the middle of MCA testing, should be completed the last week of April
- 18 students took the ACT test on 4-8-2025 at City Hall
- 8th grade traveled to HLWW for an Art Exhibit. Trip was an Achievement and Integration experience. Students created exhibits representing their

cultural heritage or identity and students shared and answered questions about their works.

- Bakken museum presented "The War of the Currents", entertaining and educational. Sponsored by Great River Energy and The Bakken Museum.
- Accepted an award from 2B Continued for having all 9-12 grade students certified in Youth Mental Health 1st Aid.
- Graduation takes place before the next School Board meeting, need to let Dr. Radeke or Mr. Lee know if any board member will not be in attendance. School board will be seated on the stage.
- Cara Cline, Kindergarten teacher. Her emphasis in her classroom this year is on LETRS curriculum focused on word recognition, sounds, taking words apart and putting words together. Skills are practiced on a daily basis. She noted that several students have shown dramatic progress from starting the year not being able to recognize letters or even their own name to writing full sentences using fairly complex words.

Ross Scheevel AD/DoS - highlights

- Competitive Section placements have been completed, Football in Sec 2A, Volleyball moved to Sec 4 from Sec 2, Boys and Girls basketball still split between Sec 2 and Sec 4. Football districts still being organized
- Arbiter purchased rSchool so will be transitioning to the new platform
- Met with Doris and Luke from City of Lester Prairie to order materials for spring sports and discuss maintenance issues at the fields.
- Met with Hudl rep to discuss other revenue generating options for Hudl
- Met with facilities committee
- Met with rep from BSN sports, looking to develop relationship for uniforms and equipment going forward
- Attended MNIAAA conference in March, great information and networking opportunity.
- Will be sending out contracts and posting open coaching positions for fall 2025 activities
- Completed interviews and offered head football coaching position to Dr. Tyler Helland. Had 2 candidates apply.
- Spring activities are underway. Only have 1 cancellation so far, others have been rescheduled.

Dr. Melissa Radeke Superintendent Report: - highlights

- Enrollment - 429 Students, unchanged from last month.
- Board will hear a presentation from Lauren Syrup(CESO). Numerous efficiencies and labor saving measures will allow the district to not fill the Business Liaison position.
- Board will be designating EFT authority to Lauren Syrup(CESO) on behalf of Lester Prairie School District
- Board to consider approval of SWWC Technology phone quote. Result of transition from previous long distance carrier. Need system that can code calls. Quote includes new hardware and ongoing long distance program. Timeline for change over date in July. Paging system stays the same.

School Board Committee Reports

- Community Ed. - summer flyers ready, looking at future plans for driver's education program, Kids Depot - no summer program due to lack of participants, Pre-K to be rebranded "Little Learners Bulldogs"
- PTO - working on end of year events, looking for new members
- Facilities/Maintenance- Met April 11, discussed sidewalk project, 2028 roof project, South gym acoustics/lighting project, new phone system proposal, updating banners in north gym, batting cages and maintenance discussions with City/Park Board
- Facility Planning - none
- Tech/Media - meeting 4-8-2025- Infosec phishing training continues, only 10 devices sent in for repair, down from 75 in 2024, phone system upgrade required - quote from SWWC, Smartboard/Display replacement plan ongoing, Google Services sign off for 2025-26 school year
- Activities Committee - none
- Negotiations - none
- Meet and Confer - none
- Policy - 2 policy 2nd readings for March meeting/approval
- Legislative - none
- City -Still working on regular meetings with city to improve communication between city and school. Will attend next city council meeting.

New Business

- Center for Effective school Operations (CESO) Process Review with presentation by Finance Specialist Lauren Syrup.
- Science Curriculum Selection Process presentation by Student Success Coach Ryan Synda
- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Anderson to approve Amplify Science 3-Year proposal for grades K-8

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

- Motion by LaMott and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve SAVVAS Science 3-Year Proposal for grades 9-12.

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

Old Business

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Anderson to approve replacing sidewalks on High School and Elementary sides during the City Street Project.

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

School Finance

- Motion by Anderson and 2nd by LaMott to approve Tremco Patch and Repair Proposal for \$4,850.

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve designating authority to Business Manager Lauren Syrup for Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT's) on behalf of Lester Prairie Schools.

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Anderson to approve FY26 School Family Mental Health Service Agreement between Lester Prairie School District and Greater Minnesota Family Services.

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

- Motion by LaMott and 2nd by Anderson to approve SWWC Technology phone Quote.

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

- Motion by LaMott and 2nd by Anderson to approve following fundraisers:
 - **Cheer** - Firehouse Pizza (instead of Heggies)

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

Policy Administration

- Second reading discussion on policy **621 Literacy and the Read Act.**
- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve policy **621 Literacy and the Read Act**

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

- Second reading discussion on policy **423 Employee-Student Relationships.**
- Motion by LaMott and 2nd by Anderson to approve policy **423 Employee-Student Relationships.**

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

Personnel

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve the following contracts for:

Ashley Heckson - Spring Play Advisor

Emilie Vaske - Assistant Track Coach

Tyler Helland - Head Football Coach

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

- Motion by LaMott and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve **Joshua Dumas** as secondary science teacher for the 2025-26 school year.

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

- Motion by LaMott and 2nd by Anderson to approve 2025-26 contract for Kitchen Supervisor **Lori Bebo.**

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve lane change request for **Derek Litzau** from Step 5 BA to step 5 BA+10.

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve resignation of **Arlene Nowak** as High School Social Studies teacher effective June 30, 2025.

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Anderson to approve resignation of **Arlene Nowak** as C-Squad Volleyball Coach.

Vote: 5 for, 0 against

Other Items for the Board

- Reschedule June 2025 Regular Board meeting from June 16th to June 9th.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM

Jeff Engen, Clerk ISD #424