

Special Meeting/Goals Workshop

July 10, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine Community School District met in special session on Monday, July 10th at 4:03 p.m. at the LM Admin Office at 14478 170th St, Letts IA. Directors present included Scott Wilson, Carol Whittaker, Bryce Hoben and Jeff Riggan. Barbara Thompson was absent. Also present was Supt. Mike Van Sickle via zoom and acting secretary Amanda Wetzel.

Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Hoben moved and Riggan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Whittaker arrived at 4:05p.m.

Board Secretary Charles Domer arrived at 4:08p.m. Acting Secretary Amanda Wetzel continued to take meeting notes.

3. Old Business.

3a. Reconsideration of purchase of Curriculum

Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded a motion to remove Ghost Boys from the PermaBound order as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Goals

The board reviewed their previously set board goals. The board indicated they wanted to realign the objectives to reflect their current vision. Following discussion they agreed on the following objectives for each goal:

- Quality School Environment

Weekly random classroom visits by administration to ensure the cell phone policy is being enforced as written. Provide anonymous reports to the board quarterly on results. Cell phones should be stored in a receptacle or container at the entryway of a classroom or in a student's locker during class time. The exceptions should be lunch, pass time, and possibly homeroom. Suggestions to strengthen the absentee problem and bring recommendations to board.

- Qualified and Dedicated Employees

Continue to use Teacher Quality money to promote voluntary TLC cycles. Survey on the effectiveness of PLCs committees

- High Student Achievement

Implement a Character Counts feedback on students to parents along with grades. Design a plan to help improve the Junior High and freshman classes with failing grades.

- Excellency in Extra Curricular

Provide the board with an updated LM Hall of Fame guidance for membership regarding coaches and FFA. Review compensation for Extra Curricular duties ensuring we are staying competitive and looking at longevity. Establish an Industrial Tech Club.

- Financial Solvency

Maintain 20% solvency rate in the budget and pass PPEL vote. Research Possible Bond Question for Fall 2024 vote. A consensus was reached to put these objectives on the July 17th regular agenda for review and action.

Personnel

Resignations: Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded to approve the following resignations: Brennan Gerst: JH Assistant Baseball & Assistant Girls Basketball Coach and Rebecca Ford: Elementary Special Education Teacher. Motion carried 4-0.

Hires: Hoben moved and Whittaker seconded to approve the following hires: Amanda Elliott: District Librarian, 24 days. Motion carried 4-0.

Voluntary Transfers: Whittaker moved and Riggan seconded to approve the following voluntary transfer: Jamie Runnells from HS Paraeducator to Industry Technology upon needed certification as deemed by the superintendent. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Whittaker moved and Hoben seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Scott Wilson, President

Charles Domer, Secretary

Amanda Wetzel, Acting Secretary