

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Lopez Island School District #144
January 30, 2020
Library Media Center
6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE:

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Board Member Greacen requested Item a of the Consent Agenda be moved to the regular agenda's Financial Report, item d.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action)

a. Regular Board Meeting of 12/17/19

Board Member Steckler moved and Board Member Guenther seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

IV. UPDATES:

- a. Sexual Harassment Investigation: *Board Member Guenther presented his report. The investigators are continuing their efforts. Results will be forthcoming at their discretion.*
- b. Levy Lid Relief Efforts: *Board Member Holding outlined the issues and concerns. Encouraged all interested persons to write letters to legislators. Lopez School District supports SB6344, as this bill will best solve our current funding problem, by providing the most relief throughout San Juan County school districts. Administration will send out information to families.*
- c. Safety Review Team: *Richard Tetu, Jennell Kvistad, Hazel Arden and Jim Ghiglione presented the highlights and key points of the plan. Additions have been made since the draft and are included in the recommendations. Many are procedural, not monetary recommendations. Part I: includes the 100 public comments received, Part II: Committee Recommendations. Committee feels that a formal, permanent safety team needs to be established. Strongly urges there to be a formal safety committee established, separate from Safety Review Team. See written report attached. Mr. Tetu stood and thanked the Safety Committee members (by name) for their time and commitment to the process. Board discussion followed regarding implementing the committee's work. Board Member Holding requested Board Member Greacen and Mr. Auckland to work together to develop recommendations. The School Board noted their appreciation to all members of the committee: Richard Tetu, Jennell Kvistad, Hazel Arden, Alissa Ball, Karla Alcazar, Jim Ghiglione, Chris Greacen, Teri Linneman, and Sergeant Scott Taylor. The work of the safety committee will be added to the next School Board agenda.*
- d. Electric School Bus: *Board Member Greacen presented the findings of the team. Grant received from Washington Department of Ecology up to \$325,000 awarded January 8, 2020. Up to \$50,000 can be used for the charging infrastructure. OPALCO has stepped forward to work with the school district. Board Member Holding thanked the committee for their work.*
- e. Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) – *Renee Palermo addressed the Board and announced that the local organization was approved by the State PTSA January 29, 2020. She shared the newly elected PTSA officers: President: Serena Adams, VP Communications and Membership: Sheila Woodington, VP Fundraising and Volunteers: Renee Palermo, Treasurer: Claudia Rempel, Secretary: Jane Fuller. Renee asked for ideas how they can help the district. Board Member Holding asked the local PTSA to support the legislation, since the State PTSA also is supporting the bill.*

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- V. DELEGATIONS: This item permits an individual or group to address the Board without having to go through the procedure to get on the formal agenda. Due to time, we ask that all delegations be limited to five minutes per individual or group.
- *Community member shared support for Miss Grace, which prompted Board Member Poole to state that she has been assigned to work with staff regarding the classroom situation. Mr. Auckland spoke to how staff is included in the process. The District's Risk Management support and the local Fire Marshall will be involved in the discussion.*
 - *Parent shared that both of her children have been experiencing bullying at school. Mr. Auckland addressed parent's concerns and process. He apologized to the parent, Board Member Holding asked for Administration to keep the Board informed of the continuing situation. Also asked that they communicate with the parent on a more regular basis.*
 - *Community member asked for clarification why he's not allowed on the campus to watch basketball games. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Auckland escorted the community member out of the building. The Board requested that the Sheriff be present at all future School Board meetings.*
 - *(At 7:55PM, Board Member Holding called for a ten-minute recess. Meeting reconvened 8:04PM)*
 - *Community member shared with the board his school life on Lopez and spoke in support of Miss Grace's concerns. Requests that Mr. Auckland grant Miss Grace her room request. Ms. Poole shared that the whole staff is working on the concern.*

VI. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

Board member Greacen moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, Board Member Poole seconded. Passed unanimously.

- a. ~~General Fund: 114485 114532 -- \$55,133.69 and 114571 114588 -- \$24,248.07~~ Moved to Financial Report, item d.
- b. Capital Projects: 114533-114535 -- \$20,933.43
- c. ASB: 114536 - \$7323.75
- d. Payroll for the month of December 2019: \$380,159.80
- e. Consideration to approve Leave of Absence for Natalie McDonald, April 13 through end of SY 19/20 – Elementary Garden.
- f. Consideration to approve Certificated Leave Replacement Contract for Natalie McDonald, \$14,516.58 for SY 19/20.
- g. Consideration to approve Certificated Contract for Lila Chase, \$10,876.80 for SY 19/20.
- h. Consideration to approve Certificated Leave Replacement Contract for Isaac Berg, for SY 19/20.
- i. Consideration to approve Certificated Leave Replacement Contract for Arika Rapson, for SY 19/20.
- j. Consideration to approve Certificated Contract for Kristen Ryan, \$8112.05, for SY 19/20.
- k. Consideration to approve Employment Agreement for Kristina Soderlind, Parapro for SY 19/20.
- l. Consideration to approve Employment Agreement for Sara Jones, Leave Replacement Parapro for SY 19/20.
- m. Consideration to approve Stipend Contract for Renee Koplan, School Board Assistant, \$3000, for calendar year 2020.

VII. RECOGNITION & GRATITUDE

VIII. PARENT, TEACHER, STUDENT FORMATION

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT :

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- a. Monthly Budget Status Report- Nicole Courtney, NCESD Finance Manager.
- b. Update on General Fund Reserve burn rate. *Will be receiving an additional funds for our above budget enrollment in time to be reported and assessed in the February financial report.*
- c. Update on Capital Projects Fund reimbursement and capital projects closeout. *Nicole will be requesting the \$55,000 be transferred from the County to the district's general fund. In process completing the projects and wrapping up all invoices.*
- d. General Fund: 114485-114532 -- \$55,133.69 and 114571-114588 -- \$24,248.07 *(moved from Consent Agenda at board member request). Chris brought up a receipt from Gard Electric for \$97.29. Motion made to approve spending of funds minus the Gard Electric bill. Moved by Board Member Greacen, seconded by Board Member Guenther. Passed unanimously.*

X. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Info.)

- a. Lopez Education Association – *no report*
- b. Public School Employees – *no report*
- c. Associated Student Body – *Presented by Richard Tetu. State Patrol is not allowing the van to be decorated. Reader Board, elections coming up, solid ASB. Working through the budget process and accounts.*
- d. Principals' Reports – *Dr. Budke, Secondary : Sports in full swing, Naima Garcia (6th grader) won local Geography Bee, Rose Sale for the junior class, Intensives first week in April. Mr. Auckland thanked Dr. Budke for her work on Cell Phone Committee. Elementary : 4th and 5th graders went to Call of the Wild (play) in Bellingham. Snow makeup days are in discussion with LEA.*
- e. Superintendent's Report - *no report*

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Renovation Project Update – *Addressed at last meeting*
- b. Upgraded LISD Water System - Resolution 19/20-3 – *Addressed at last meeting*
- c. Policy 5404 – Final Reading – *Board Member Greacen moved, Board Member Poole seconded. Audience member asked where interested parties can view proposed policies prior to the meeting. Communication to parent community and public needs to be improved. Passed unanimously.*
- d. Policy Review – Special Meeting – *Will be addressed next meeting.*

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. International Field Trip Request to Japan – *Board Member Holding moved, and Board Member Poole seconded to approve the travel plans. Board Member Holding asked if all students have all appropriate vaccinations for international travel. Administration will monitor current health risks surrounding the coronavirus outbreak and will make changes if necessary at the appropriate time. Motion passed unanimously.*

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS:

None to discuss.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

None to discuss.

XV. REVIEW OF TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS:

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XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (no action will be taken in Executive Session). *The Board recessed to discuss potential litigation involving the school district. Commenced at 8:55pm, session adjourned at 9:50pm.*

XVII. ACTION ITEMS, IF NEEDED, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
No actions taken.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT:
Motion to adjourn by board member Steckler, seconded by board member Guenther. Adjourned at 10:00pm.

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