

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Lopez Island School District #144
June 18, 2020
5:00 p.m.
Special Board Meeting Minutes

[Meeting Link can be found on LISD Website](#)

Following the recommendation of the San Juan County Health Department and LISD school measures to control the coronavirus, public involvement in the meeting will be by computer or phone conference utilizing this link. Thank you for understanding of the need for this measure.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE:

CALLED TO ORDER AT 17:11. ATTENDED BY ALL BOARD MEMBERS WITH REMOTE PARTICIPATION FROM COMMUNITY.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Food Services

Chair Holding reports that it will not be possible for the District to continue delivering meals to students over the summer. Superintendent Auckland explained that the grant would only cover the food but not staff expenses. Also shared a letter from Food Service Manager John Shaw to families including information on state support for food over the summer and potential LIFRC resources as reported by Barbara Schultheiss. All of this information will be distributed to families via Skyward and to all of the homes that currently receive meal deliveries in English and Spanish. The link for the state support program is already posted on the website.

b. Resolution 19/20-9: Technology Capital Projects Levy

Chair Holding distributed additional language that will need to be approved for the Resolution. Del Guenther performed roll call: Board members Poole, Greacen, Steckler, Guenther and Chair Holding all voted Yes. Resolution approved unanimously.

c. 2020-21 Budget

Board member Greacen presented a recap and update on the current budget status. Emphasized that current potential reductions are temporary and that we will likely be facing a similar situation next year. Suggestions for community support of the District were offered. Board member Poole offered concurrence with the presentation, and Chair Holding spoke to reduction in state funding. Board member Steckler gave appreciation to former teacher Kurt Jacobs for his recent donation.

Kendra Lewis presented a letter to the board on behalf of the LEA membership including new proposals to return over \$300,000 to the budget. Chair Holding suggests a meeting next week to review these proposals. All Board members expressed appreciation of the collaborative nature of this letter.

Bill LeDrew reports he and Kirm Taylor are working on a draft initiative to generate donations from taxpayers in place of the Levy Lid reduction of funds.

Samantha Olson gave an update on the potential for a Lopez Parks & Rec District, which she is concerned may not be a viable option within even 5 years. It will continue to be researched, but she does want to manage expectations/false sense of hope for the near future. At this time, donations to the Booster Club are most welcome.

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Becca Peter expressed frustration of possibility for elementary school classrooms merging and wonders what that process might look like. Also spoke about unknowns around athletics and suggested community based sports for one year instead of WIAA sports.

Jeanna Carter expressed thanks to School Board for willingness to collaborate and will email some questions for the budget committee and NCESD.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Holding announced a change in regular board meeting from June 24th to Tuesday, June 30th at 5pm. All board members in approval.

Chair Holding expressed appreciation for the Senior graduation ceremonies.

Chair Holding announced that after 11 years of service, the June Board meeting will be his last as a Board member.

Motion to adjourn by Board member Greacen (along with thanks to Chair Holding for dedicated years of service), seconded by Board member Steckler (also expressed gratitude to Chair Holding). Unanimous approval to adjourn at 18:39.

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