

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Lopez Island School District #144
May 7, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Special Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Link:
<https://zoom.us/j/93401037605>

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 18:07pm. Attended remotely by Board Chair John Holding, Board Members Chris Greacen, Del Guenther, Jenny Poole & Carol Steckler, and Superintendent Brian Auckland. Various school staff and community members also in attendance remotely.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chair Holding moves discussion items b. and c. to a. and b, also states that executive session is not necessary.

III. BOARD ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- a. *Lisa Geddes Leave of Absence Request, 2020-2021 SY. Move to approve by Board member Greacen, Board member Steckler seconded. Chair Holding excuses himself from discussion. Unanimous approval from the rest of the board, Chair Holding abstains.*
- b. *Natalie McDonald Resignation, effective Monday, May 4. Move to approve by Board member Steckler, seconded by Board member Poole. Unanimous approval from the board.*
- c. *Tech and Capital Operating Levy Chair Holding discussed the reasons behind renewal and benefits of our current tech levy, which will end after this year. Also discussed the water system needs and plan to move to a multi-well system. Initially the tech levy would include this cost, but it has been decided to separate the funding into a levy specifically for the enhanced water system (to be placed on the November ballot). Tech committee provided three options: remain at \$150,000 per year, increase to \$225,000 per year, or increase to \$300,000 per year. Superintendent Auckland explains how we could transfer expenses from the General Fund to the Tech Levy in relative increments based on option. This would include staff salaries, licenses & fees, and technology supplies. Chair Holding suggests potentially proposing \$275,000 per year for the tech levy to allow for a \$20-30,000 water system levy in November. Board member Guenther performs roll call: Steckler -Y, Greacen - Y, Poole - Y, Holding - Y, Guenther - Y. Resolution passes. Resolution will be submitted to San Juan County by 4:30pm tomorrow, May 8th.*
- d. *Update on Budget Process Chair Holding shared a power point on District Financial Trends from 2011-12 to 2019-20, prepared in collaboration with Trisha Schock from NCESD. Trisha confirmed that our decrease in General Funds of around \$400,000 is directly related to the Levy Lid, and predicts that the legislature will lean towards further budget cuts over the next few years. Chair Holding emphasized that this budget decline has been predicted and was explained in budget projection presentations over the last several years. The Board has worked to advocate for Levy Lid relief unsuccessfully. Superintendent Auckland gave an*

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overview of the budget committee and its progress. Chair Holding proposes a Special Board Meeting for next week to review proposals of the Budget Committee, May 14th at 6pm.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS :

V. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

VI. REVIEW OF TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS:

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (no action will be taken in Executive Session).
No executive session.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS, IF NEEDED, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Board member Greacen, seconded by Board member Poole. Unanimous approval to adjourn at 19:48.

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