

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

<u>REGULAR</u> TYPE	<u>LMS Library</u> PLACE	<u>6:00 P.M.</u> TIME	<u>November 16, 2020</u> DATE	<u>Monday</u> DAY
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Present

Jenna Loveless, President
Jim York, Vice President
Shep Sheppard, Secretary
Pam Todd, Treasurer
Jim York
Karl Dewey
Todd Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Absent

Be it remembered that the Board of Education of the Louisiana R-II School Board, Pike County, MO met in regular session at the Louisiana Middle School Library at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, November 16, 2020 at which time were present the following officers and members of said Board: Loveless, York, Dewey, Todd, Sheppard, and Capps. Dr. Smith, Supt. of Schools was also present.

Meeting called to order: Loveless called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: Sheppard made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dewey. (Todd, Sheppard, Capps, Dewey, York and Loveless voted yeah) Motion carried.

Consent agenda: York made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Todd. (Todd, Sheppard, Capps, Dewey, York and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

- a) Approve minutes of the October 26, 2020 Board meeting.
- b) Approve fund transfers. A fund transfer in an amount equal to certified staff salaries will be transferred each month from Fund 1 to Fund 2.
Approve October/November voucher List.

Individuals, Delegations & Correspondence: None

Superintendent's Report

December meeting date
The December Board meeting falls on the first day of Christmas break. Dr. Smith recommended moving it from the 21st to the 16th. The Board was in agreement.

School Calendar
Next month Dr. Smith will assemble a calendar committee. Dr. Smith asked if a four day week was still on the table for consideration. Dr. Smith is going to make a five and four day week calendar so the Board can see both.

Snow Day Plan
The District AMI (Alternate Method of Instruction) plan has been approved by DESE. Rumor on the street is that the District will not have snow days anymore. Dr. Smith plans to use the six days we have built into the calendar before invoking the AMI.

Meriwether Building

Tarracon did a site visit and is preparing the bid documents for abatement. FSG is working on demolition specs and bid documents.

New Business

Board Election

We have three open seats this year: Pam Todd, Marvin Brown and Karl Dewey. Filing will begin on December 15 at 8:00 a.m. and end on January 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Swim Team Details

The Y has notified the District that they would like to switch coaches for our swim team. Ryan Griffin and Nick Heggemann are on board and it makes sense to Dr. Smith too. An explanation was included in the packet.

New Quarantine Guidelines

On Thursday the Governor and DESE introduced new guidance on student and staff quarantine. Essentially, if the District has a mask mandate and it is being followed - close contacts in the classroom will not have to quarantine. The governor, Dept. of Education and local Health Department are all recommending a mask mandate for schools. One of our biggest challenges right now is getting quarantined kids to complete school work. If we can cut down on the quarantines - we will help student achievement and lighten the load on teachers - and most importantly - protect the health and education of our students. Sheppard made a motion to create a mask mandate plan at Louisiana RII per Governor, DESE and PCHD recommendation that includes requiring masks for all kids, 3rd grade and up, seconded by Todd. (York, Dewey, Todd, Sheppard and Loveless voted yeah. Capps voted no.) Motion carried.

Principal Reports

Nick Heggemann was present with a report on his building. A report from Stacy Hamlett and Bobby Spoonster was provided in the packet.

Adjournment

Todd made a motion at 6:30 p.m. to adjourn from open session to executive session for matters related to employment of staff and contract negotiation as per Section 610.021, seconded by Sheppard. (Capps, York, Todd, Dewey, Sheppard and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

President

Secretary