

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

<u>REGULAR</u> TYPE	<u>LMS Library</u> PLACE	<u>6:00 P.M.</u> TIME	<u>March 8, 2021</u> DATE	<u>Monday</u> DAY
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Present

Jenna Loveless, President
Jim York, Vice President
Pam Todd, Treasurer
Shep Sheppard, Secretary
Bill Capps
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, March 8, 2021 at which time were present the following officers and members of said Board: Loveless, York, Todd, Sheppard, Capps and Dewey present. Dr. Smith, Supt. of Schools was also present.

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

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

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

- a) Approve minutes of the February 23, 2021 regular board meeting.
- b) Approve financials and 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 February/March voucher List.

Individuals, Delegations & Correspondence: None

Superintendent's Report

2020-2021 Budget Amendment
Sheppard made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget amendment, seconded by Todd. (Sheppard, Capps, Dewey, Todd, York and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

MSBA Policy Update 2020A
Todd made a motion to approve MSBA Policy Update 2020A, seconded by York. (Capps, Dewey, Todd, York, Sheppard and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

ESSER Funds
The District received notice of the second allocation of ESSER funds. We have been allocated \$933,656. DESE guidance provides 15 allowable uses for the money. The uses are intentionally broad, and the same as the last round of funding. Some thoughts for consideration: new camera system, boiler at elementary, HVAC central office, device replenishment, hand sanitizer monthly payments, hot spots as needed. This is not a cash windfall, federal money is always reimbursed. We have to spend the money to collect it.

Meriwether Update

The abatement people projected being finished by March 5. We will wait for the “clean letter” from Terracon, and then issue the check. Our solicitation notice for demolition bids ran in the Press Journal on March 3 and will again on March 10. Bids will be due by April 1, 2021.

2021-2022 District Calendar

Capps made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented, seconded by Sheppard. (Dewey, Todd, York, Sheppard, Capps and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

New Business

2020-2021 Budget

Dr. Smith is going to “roll over” the budget this month and begin working on the 2021-2022 version. We will have significant changes in our financial position over the next few months-release of the withholds, ESSER II funds, and the remaining use of the allocation from ESSER I. We will not be buying a bus next year (we are on an every other year rotation at this point.) The boiler at elementary is on its last legs (might be able to use bond funds because it is HVAC). We have a couple of other HVAC projects that might qualify as well. I plan to begin the bid process for a new camera system district-wide. All of these could be completed with the leftover bond funds after taking Meriwether down. At this point, we do not know the final cost of demolition. We will also have access to ESSER II funds.

Summer School Plan

Todd made a motion to contract with Catapult Learning for the 2021 Summer School program, seconded by Sheppard. (Todd, York, Sheppard, Capps, Dewey and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

Graduation Ceremony Options being considered

Mr. Heggemann updated the Board on potential graduation plans.

Recommendation for additional track coach

The Board agreed that the District should hire an additional track coach. We will post the opening internally for one week.

Hardin Scholarship committee

Capps made a motion to appoint Sheppard and Todd to the Hardin Scholarship Committee, seconded by Dewey. Sheila Patton reminded the Board that Todd’s daughter was eligible to apply for the scholarship. Capps amended his motion to appointment Sheppard and York. (York, Sheppard, Capps, Dewey, Todd and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.

Principal Reports

Principal reports were provided in the packet and all principals were present.

Announcements

Spring Break - March 15, 2021 thru March 16, 2021
LHS Prom - April 24, 2021

Adjournment

Sheppard made a motion at 6:45 p.m. to adjourn from open session to executive session for matters related to employee employment and/or dismissal of staff; as per section 610.021), seconded by Dewey. (Sheppard, Capps, Dewey, Todd, York and Loveless voted yeah.) Motion carried.