

**LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT #54**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, January 11, 2021 7:00 p.m.**  
**Boardroom @ LCC School, Coleridge, NE 68727**

**Attendance taken at 7:00 p.m.**

Carol Erwin: Present  
Jay Hall: Present  
Angela Johnson: Present  
Dan Kuhlman: Present  
Samuel Recob: Present  
Grant Settje: Present  
Scott Taylor: Present  
Dustin Thompson: Present  
Present: 8.  
Brianna Campbell: Present  
(Student Board Member)

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. on January 11, 2021 in the Board Room at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School, Coleridge, Nebraska. The meeting notice was published in the January 6, 2021 issue of the Laurel Advocate, posted at the LCC Elementary/High School-Laurel and LCC Middle School- Coleridge, posted at U.S. Post Office- Coleridge, U.S. Post Office- Laurel, Security Bank- Coleridge, Security Bank- Laurel, Citizens State Bank- Laurel, and posted on the school web site. Said notice stated agenda is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's office during normal business hours. Board members were emailed notice. In addition to board members, the following were present: Superintendent Jeremy Christiansen, Elementary Principal Paige Parsons, Middle School Principal Mark Leonard, and High School Principal/Activities Director Ken Swanson. Members of the public were present and welcomed. The meeting was duly called to order by President Jay Hall at 7:00 p.m. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Attention was directed to a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act posted in the room.

**II. BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE**

President Jay Hall administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Board members Carol Erwin, Samuel Recob, and Dustin Thompson. The re-elected Board members recited and signed the Oath of Office.

**III. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD – ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

**III.1. NOMINATION/ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

President Jay Hall turned the meeting over to the Superintendent. Superintendent Jeremy Christiansen opened nominations for President. Motion to nominate Carol Erwin for President passed with a motion by Jay Hall and a second by Scott Taylor. Motion to cease nominations for president passed with a motion by Dan Kuhlman and

a second by Dustin Thompson.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea,

Taylor: Yea, Thompson: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0

Carol Erwin was elected President. Superintendent Christiansen turned the meeting over to Erwin, newly elected President.

### **III.2. NOMINATION/ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT**

Nominations for Vice President were opened. Motion to nominate Dan Kuhlman for Vice President passed with a motion by Grant Settje and a second by Sam Recob.

Motion to cease nominations for Vice President passed with a motion by Jay Hall and a second by Grant Settje.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea,

Taylor: Yea, Thompson: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0

Dan Kuhlman was elected Vice President.

### **III.3. NOMINATION/ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

Nominations for Secretary were opened. Motion to nominate Dustin Thompson for Secretary passed with a motion by Scott Taylor and a second by Dan Kuhlman. Motion to cease nominations for Secretary passed with a motion by Grant Settje and a second by Jay Hall.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea,

Taylor: Yea, Thompson: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0

Dustin Thompson was elected Secretary.

### **III.4. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER**

Motion to appoint Sheri Krei as Treasurer passed with a motion by Sam Recob and a second by Dustin Thompson.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea,

Taylor: Yea, Thompson: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0

Sheri Krei was appointed Treasurer.

### **III.5. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY**

Motion to appoint Megan Greiner as Recording Secretary passed with a motion by Jay Hall and a second by Grant Settje.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea,

Taylor: Yea, Thompson: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0

Megan Greiner was appointed Recording Secretary.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda as provided passed with a motion by Dustin Thompson and a second by Scott Taylor.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea, Taylor: Yea, Thompson: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0

#### **V. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the December 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting; minutes of the January 4, 2021 Board Retreat Meeting; Treasurer reports; the General Fund bills in the amount of \$78,570.93; and the projected payroll in the amount of \$517,316.83 passed with a motion by Sam Recob and a second by Grant Settje.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea, Taylor: Yea, Thompson: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0

#### **VI. EXCUSE ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS**

All board members were present. No action was taken.

#### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Doug Nelson, Wayne County resident, addressed the board.

#### **VIII. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

##### **VIII.1. FACULTY AND STUDENT REPORTS**

LCC Agriculture Education teacher Tejlor Strobe and FFA organization officers were present to provide an update to the Board of Education.

##### **VIII.2. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

Student Board Member Brianna Campbell presented her report. The boys and girls basketball teams and the wrestling team are preparing for upcoming events. The chorus is working on music for the Lewis and Clark Conference Choir and District Music Competition in the spring. SkillsUSA students are preparing for the state convention in the spring. The Quiz Bowl team is preparing for the KTCH radio quiz bowl competition in January. The Speech team has begun practices.

##### **VIII. 3. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

High School Principal Ken Swanson presented his report. Maddy Graham and Brianna Campbell finished champion and runner-up and qualified for state FFA in Employment Skills. The junior high quiz bowl team finished runner-up and qualified for state. LCC students who received NCPA Academic All-State honors are: Delaney Hall and Sarah Karnes, golf; Matthew Nelson and Dillon Olson, cross country; Erica Wolfgram, volleyball; Deagan Puppe, football. The first semester ended January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Middle School Principal Mark Leonard presented his report. Middle School students took a bus to both The Embers and Parkview Haven in Coleridge to sing Christmas carols from outside the residents' windows. They also made Christmas cards for the residents. The Middle School is preparing to take several statewide assessments in conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Education. A Middle School Student Assistance Team (SAT) has been developed to help students who are currently struggling academically and/or behaviorally.

Elementary Principal Paige Parsons presented her report. The winter AimsWeb benchmark was very successful for the elementary students. Every class made forward progress. All elementary grades participated in reviewing and practicing commonplace expectations throughout the building. Personnel updates and curriculum updates were provided to the board.

The written Principal reports are available at the Office of the Superintendent.

#### **VIII.4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Christiansen provided his written report to the Board. He discussed COVID topics, including the current impact on students and staff at LCC, and the upcoming vaccine. Staff members are eligible for vaccination during Nebraska's COVID-19 Vaccine Phase 1B. The vaccine will not be required, but is encouraged.

#### **VIII.5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee meetings to report on at this time.

### **IX. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **IX.1. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH REGARD TO SELECTION OF DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL.**

Motion to select Perry Law Firm as the school district's legal counsel passed with a motion by Dustin Thompson and a second by Grant Settje.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea, Taylor: Yea, Thompson: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

#### **IX.2. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH REGARD TO SELECTION OF DISTRICT NEWSPAPER.**

Motion to select the Laurel Advocate as the district's designated newspaper passed with a motion by Jay Hall and a second by Grant Settje.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea, Taylor: Yea, Thompson: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

#### **IX. 3. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH REGARD TO NONDISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE COORDINATORS.**

Motion to name the following nondiscrimination compliance coordinators: Jeremy Christiansen (Title VI, Homeless Student Liaison, and Safe and Drug Free Schools

and Communities); Ken Swanson (Title IX); and Alan Gottula (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disability Act) passed with a motion by Sam Recob and a second by Dan Kuhlman.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea,  
Taylor: Yea, Thompson: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

**IX.4. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH REGARD TO DESIGNATION OF DISTRICT DEPOSITORIES.**

Motion to designate Security Bank as the official depository for school district funds passed with a motion by Dustin Thompson and a second by Scott Taylor.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea,  
Taylor: Yea, Thompson: Yea  
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Motion to approve the Sponsorship Agreement with Security Bank effective from January 2021 through December 2025 passed with a motion by Grant Settje and a second by Sam Recob.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea,  
Taylor: Yea, Thompson: Yea  
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**IX.5. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH REGARD TO EXTENDING, AMENDING, AND MODIFYING THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK AGREEMENT WITH HAUSMANN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ENTERED INTO ON OR ABOUT JUNE 8, 2020, FOR PRE-BOND ISSUE SERVICES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AND RENOVATIONS TO EXISTING SCHOOL BUILDINGS.**

Motion to extend, amend, and modify the construction manager at risk agreement with Hausmann Construction for pre-bond issue services related to the proposed construction of a new high school building and renovations to existing school buildings passed with a motion by Sam Recob and a second by Grant Settje.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea,  
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**X. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**X.1. ORGANIZATION OF BOARD COMMITTEES**

The 2021 board committees were discussed and assigned as determined by the Board of Education: Committee on American Civics – Taylor (Chair), Recob, Settje; Curriculum/Instruction – Erwin (Chair), Johnson, Kuhlman, Recob; Finance – Recob (Chair), Erwin, Johnson, Kuhlman; Negotiations – Hall (Chair), Erwin, Settje, Taylor; Policy/Library Board – Johnson (Chair), Hall, Kuhlman, Thompson; TeamMates Liaison – Thompson (Chair); Transportation/Building/Grounds – Thompson (Chair), Hall, Settje, Taylor.

**X.2. BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS (POLICY 8272)**

Board members were provided a copy of the Code of Ethics (Policy 8272) to review.

**X.3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT**

Board members were provided a copy of the Conflict of Interest Statement from the Nebraska Accountability Commission. Board members were asked to review, complete, and sign and return to the Superintendent on or before the February board meeting.

**X.4. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2021-2022**

The application due date for Student Board Member for 2021-2022 is February 26, 2021. The Committee on American Civics will collect and review all applications.

**X.5. SCHOOL FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLANNING**

Board members discussed school facility improvement planning.

**X.6. BOARD VACANCY CREATED BY MOST RECENT ELECTION**

Mr. Christiansen discussed the various options relating to the board vacancy created by the most recent election.

**XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BULLETINS**

Updates from NASB and NRCSA were available for the Board's review.

**XII. UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND WORKSHOPS**

Board members were reminded of upcoming meetings and workshops.

**XII.1. REGULAR BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 (7:00 P.M. – BOARD ROOM/LAUREL)**

**XII.2. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021 (7:00 A.M. – BOARD ROOM/LAUREL)**

**XII.3. POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING – THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021 (7:00 A.M. – BOARD ROOM/LAUREL)**

**XIII. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

**Cedar County School District #54**

**Submitted by:**

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Megan Greiner  
Recording Secretary

**Attested by:**

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Dustin Thompson  
Secretary of the Board