

LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT #54
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, May 10, 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: Absent
Grant Settje: Present
Scott Taylor: Present
Dustin Thompson: Present

Present: 7 Absent: 1.

Sam Recob arrived at 7:03 p.m.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. on May 10, 2021 in the Board Room at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School, Coleridge, Nebraska. The meeting notice was published in the May 5, 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 Erwin 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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CHANGES TO AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as provided passed with a motion by Angela Johnson and a second by Grant Settje.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Absent, Settje: Yea, Taylor: Yea, Thompson: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the April 12, 2021 regular board meeting; Treasurer report; the General Fund bills in the amount of \$73,013.37; and the projected payroll in the amount of \$534,460.47 passed with a motion by Angela Johnson and a second by Dan Kuhlman.

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

Yea, Thompson: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

IV. EXCUSE ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS

Motion to approve the absence of Sam Recob passed with a motion by Grant Settje and a second by Dan Kuhlman.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Absent, Settje: Yea, Taylor:
Yea, Thompson: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No member of the public signed in to address the board.

VI. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

VI.1. FACULTY AND STUDENT REPORT

Alex Specht, LCC Senior, requested an opportunity to address the Board of Education to share her personal journey engaging with mental health supports provided by the school district.

VI.2. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary Principal Paige Parsons shared her report. Kindergarten round up was held on April 19th. There are currently 18 incoming Kindergarten students, with a prospective number of 20. The Elementary and Middle School will be hosting summer school at the Laurel campus throughout the month of June and one week in August. Students can attend by invitation. First graders learned about Arbor Day and its origins in Nebraska and had the opportunity to plant a maple tree on the playground.

Middle School Principal Mark Leonard shared his report. There were ten students who completed the Battle of the Books. Several middle school students played in the LCC Concert Band at District Music Contest, where they received an Excellent rating. Middle school students had the opportunity to go with the High School FFA to experience the procedures and operations that went into planting a crop test plot. Mrs. Kvolts and several members of her High School Quiz Bowl team came to the Middle School to host a quiz bowl contest for 7th and 8th grade students. The American Legion Auxiliary Post #114 in Coleridge, along with the National Americanism Division, sponsored this year's Americanism Essay Contest. Piper Cunningham, 6th grade student, won first place at the district level, and her essay will be entered to represent the northwest region for a chance at national recognition.

High School Principal Ken Swanson shared his report. Plans for student pre-registration for classes for the 2021-2022 school year are underway. FBLA students competed at State FBLA. Tyler Lubberstedt, Ethan Cross, and Cael Hartung qualified for Nationals. The Lewis & Clark Conference track meet was held May 1st. The boys team finished in 3rd place and the girls finished in 10th place. Mr. Harrington and Mrs. Hallman took students from their classes to tour Heritage Homes on April 16th. The athletic banquet was held on April 16th, and honors/awards night was held on May 11th. Ninth grade

students toured the WSC and NECC campus with Mr. Gottula as part of an exploration grant. FFA students planted their test plot on April 27th. Baccalaureate was held on May 5th and graduation will be held on May 15th.

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

VI.3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Christiansen presented his report. LCC School will be offering a daily summer lunch service at both school campuses in Laurel and Coleridge. The lunch program will begin on June 7th and will continue through July 30th. Meals will be available Monday through Thursday from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. The school is not obligated to, nor will it plan to offer delivery service or take-out options. Board of Education members are encouraged to attend the graduation commencement ceremonies on May 15th. LCC will be hosting a year-end staff luncheon on Wednesday, May 19th.

VI.4. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

VI.4.1. POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING- APRIL 29, 2021

Angela Johnson reported on the policy committee meeting. The committee discussed topics including student enrollment numbers, graduating class size data, and the annual financial report.

VI.4.2. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING- MAY 4, 2021

Carol Erwin shared her report. The committee discussed topics including the Spanish program, pre-registration, possible new classes, dual credit/college credit, and the math curriculum adoption process.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

VII.1. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH REGARD TO A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, ON TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021, POSING THE BALLOT QUESTION TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, TO PAY FOR ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING FACILITIES, AND TO PAY FOR THE NECESSARY FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT AS RELATED TO SAID IMPROVEMENTS.

Motion to approve the Resolution calling for a Special Election as follows:

A RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION IN CEDAR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0054 (LAUREL CONCORD COLERIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA; AND RELATED MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CEDAR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0054 (LAUREL CONCORD COLERIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The Board of Education (the "**Board**") of Cedar County School District 0054 (Laurel Concord Coleridge Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "**District**") hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) The District is duly organized as a Class III school district under Sections 79-102 and 79-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, maintaining both elementary and high school grades under the direction of a single board of education and embracing territory having a population of more than 1,000 and less than 150,000 inhabitants.

(b) It is necessary that funds paying the costs of additions, renovations and improvements to existing facilities of the District (the “**Project**”).

(c) To pay the costs of the Project, it will be necessary for the District to issue general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed \$18,500,000.00.

(d) A proposition for the issuance of bonds for such purposes has not been submitted to the electors of the District within six months preceding the date of the special election called by this Resolution.

Section 2. A special election (the “**Election**”) is hereby called and shall be held in the District on July 13, 2021, at which Election there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition (the “**Proposition**”):

“Shall Cedar County School District 0054 (Laurel Concord Coleridge Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska issue its general obligation bonds in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Eighteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$18,500,000.00), for the purpose of paying costs of additions, renovations and improvements to existing facilities of the District together with related site improvements; and providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such facilities; such bonds to be issued from time to time, to bear interest at such rate or rates, to be sold at such prices and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by, or determined at the direction of, the Board of Education; and

“Shall the District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due?”

The ballots to be voted on and cast at such Election shall have printed thereon the foregoing Proposition with the words “FOR such Bonds and tax” and “AGAINST such Bonds and tax” following the Proposition.

Electors voting in favor of the Proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “FOR such Bonds and tax” following the Proposition, and electors voting against the Proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “AGAINST such Bonds and tax” following the Proposition.

Section 3. Notice of such election shall be published at least 42 days prior to such election by the Election Commissioner of Cedar County, Nebraska (the “**Election Commissioner**”). Notice of such election shall also be given to the qualified electors of the District for 20 days prior to such election and a copy of the sample ballot shall be published one time not more than ten days nor less than three days prior to the election, or as otherwise provided by law, such notice and sample ballot to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District.

Section 4. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution not later than fifty days prior to July 13, 2021 to the Election Commissioner, who shall designate the polling places (if applicable), appoint the election officials and otherwise conduct the Election as provided by law. The District hereby agrees to reimburse the Election Commissioner for the expenses of conducting the Election.

Section 5. The form of ballot and form of notice for the Election shall be in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as **Attachment I**, utilizing the appropriate provisions for an election held by mail or at polling places and with such other additions and changes determined appropriate by the Election Commissioner. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed in conjunction with the Election Commissioner conducting the Election, to arrange for the printing of the necessary ballots for the Election and to do all other things and to take all other appropriate or necessary action in order to cause the Proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the District as above provided.

Section 6. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the President and Secretary of the

Board are hereby authorized and directed to (a) cause the form of ballot and form of notice approved herein and attached hereto as **Attachment I** to be published in accordance with such laws, with such changes therein as the President or Secretary of the Board, in consultation with counsel to the District and bond counsel, deem necessary to conform to such laws, and (b) take all further actions necessary to comply with all publication and filing deadlines and other election procedures and requirements as may be necessary or proper to submit the Proposition described in **Section 2** hereof to the qualified electors of the District on the Election Date.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage as provided by law.

passed with a motion by Dan Kuhlman 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.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items on the agenda.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE AND BULLETINS

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

X. UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND WORKSHOPS

Board members were reminded of upcoming meetings and workshops.

**X.1. TRANSPORTATION, BUILDING, & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING-
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021 (7:00 A.M. – LCC BOARD ROOM/LAUREL)**

**X.2. POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING- TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021 (7:00 A.M. –
LCC BOARD ROOM/LAUREL)**

**X.3. REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING- MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021
(7:00 P.M. – LCC BOARD ROOM/LAUREL)**

XI. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Cedar County School District #54

Submitted by:

Megan Greiner
Recording Secretary

Attested by:

Dustin Thompson
Secretary of the Board