

LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT #54
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, December 10, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Boardroom @ LCC School, Coleridge, NE 68727

Attendance taken at 7:00 p.m.

Rich Brandow: Present
Carol Erwin: Present
Jay Hall: Present
Betty Jo Leapley: Present
Samuel Recob: Present
Steve Schutte: Present
Tyler Specht: Present
Dustin Thompson: Present
John Wolfgram: Present
Present: 9.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School, Coleridge, Nebraska. The meeting notice was published in the December 5, 2018 issue of the Coleridge Blade and 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 the 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 Jay Vance, and High School Principal/Activities Director Ken Swanson. Members of the public were present and welcome. 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 Betty Jo Leapley and a second by Rich Brandow.

Rich Brandow: Yea, Carol Erwin: Yea, Jay Hall: Yea, Betty Jo Leapley: Yea, Samuel Recob: Yea, Steve Schutte: Yea, Tyler Specht: Yea, Dustin Thompson: Yea, John Wolfgram: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the November 12, 2018 Regular Meeting; Treasurer reports; the General Fund bills in the amount of \$85,277.04; the Depreciation Fund bill in the amount of \$29,772.00; the Building Fund bill in the amount of

\$852.50; the transfer from the QCPU Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$21.85; the Cooperative Fund bill in the amount of \$301.00; and the projected payroll of in the amount of \$492,625.78 passed with a motion by John Wolfgram and a second by Rich Brandow. Rich Brandow: Yea, Carol Erwin: Yea, Jay Hall: Yea, Betty Jo Leapley: Yea, Samuel Recob: Yea, Steve Schutte: Yea, Tyler Specht: Yea, Dustin Thompson: Yea, John Wolfgram: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0

IV. EXCUSE ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS

All members were present. No action was taken.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

VI. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

VI.1. FACULTY/STUDENT REPORT

High School Principal Swanson introduced the high school student council advisor Angie Roberts. She introduced student council members Hunter Pehrson and Izac Reifenrath. Pehrson and Reifenrath reported on the activities of the high school council so far this year and plans for future projects. The student council has 26 members in grades 9-12. They sponsored several homecoming activities with goals to get the community involved. This included a community bonfire with a hotdog feed and an LCC athlete meet and greet, skits, and entertainment. Other activities were class games, school spirit points, recess buddies, class skits, decorating, and theme days. The freshman class won a pizza party for the most spirit. The student council set up and carried out the coronation and dance. They have worked with the dance team and coaches to host pep rallies.

A pink out day with activities was held in October in honor of people who have been impacted by breast cancer. A Halloween costume party was held in October with students invited to wear costumes to school. The sophomore class was awarded an ice cream party for the highest percentage participating. A winner in each class was awarded a gift certificate to be used in Laurel.

The student council worked with the administration and local veterans to plan the Veterans Day program with cookies and coffee served to the veterans and their families following the program. The high school, middle school, and elementary student councils held a fun food drive competition in November to see which building could donate the most pounds of food to a local food pantry. The high school won with over 350 pounds of food. As their prize, High School Principal Swanson wore turkey attire to school the following day. Overall, close to 1000 pounds of food was donated and delivered. Santa for Seniors found the student councils selling approximately 600 dozen donuts, earning over \$2000. This money will be used to purchase gifts and put together gift bags for the residents at both the Laurel and Coleridge nursing homes. The students plan to deliver the bags and visit the residents. The student council has declared December 21st as "Ugly Sweater Day" at LCC. The student council will be serving cookies and coffee at the end of the day to show their appreciation to the staff and

students for supporting student council activities.

Fundraisers this year have included the donut sales with the funds strictly for the Santa for Seniors program, and working the concession stand.

Future goals are Little LCC Champs for elementary students, a winter informal dance, hand sanitizers for the hallways, LCC Senior Friends with senior citizens, starting a spirit club, and attending 2019 NE Student Council Advisory State Convention.

Pehrson and Reifenrath thanked the board and administration for the support of student council activities and for inviting them to present at the meeting. Board members commended them on all their activities and thanked them for attending the meeting.

VI.2. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary Principal Parsons reported the CHIP program had been completed for students in kindergarten and 4th grade. The elementary collected 320 pounds of food for the local food drive. Congratulations to Mr. Garthoff and the K-4 students for a well-received Winter Concert. Mrs. Parsons attended CPI's Nonviolent Crisis Intervention program to become a school trainer. All the elementary and high school paras, principals, and mental health team members have received the training. The middle school staff will be trained in the near future.

Middle School Principal Vance congratulated the November Bulldog Bucks Winners: Kassidy Koch, Olivia Hanson, Tyler Recob, Julia Johnson, Dylan Taylor, Berniece McCorkindale, Kolby Casey, Andrea Schilousky, Dalie Paulsen, and Ella Hartung. The Wellness Partners health screening will be held during the January in-service day for staff. AQuESTT classifications and NSCAS assessment results are scheduled for public release on December 21st. He provided a list of upcoming activities.

High School Principal/Activities Director Swanson congratulated Lorna Maxon and Erica Wolfgram for earning Volleyball All-Conference 1st Team honors, and Delaney Ehlers and Kinsey Hall for earning Honorable Mention. Football All District honors went to Izac Reifenrath, Noah Schutte, and Cutter Haberman, and Honorable Mention awards went to Noah Stone, Ethan Williams, Ty Erwin, Austin Hall, and Cael Hartung. The One-Act play completed the season finishing 5th at districts. Winter sports are underway. Mrs. Milliken and Mr. Gottula administered an ACT writing prompt to the sophomores. Coach Sims and Coach Kvolts accompanied 12 LCC student athletes from grade 9-11 to an NSAA Sportsmanship/Leadership Summit in Norfolk. High school paras and Mr. Swanson participated in the CPI training presented by Mrs. Parsons. Freshmen and Mr. Gottula attended a career exploration workshop at Wayne. NWEA Winter MAP testing is the week of December 10. High School Winter Concert is December 20. The end of the 2nd quarter and 1st semester is December 21. NSAA Moratorium is December 22-26. Second semester begins January 7.

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

VI.3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Christiansen thanked the Board members for completing the superintendent evaluation and for meeting with him in the small groups. He is completing evaluations for each principal. Each Board member will receive a copy of the Annual Financial Report and Audit for 2017-2018 conducted by Dana Cole & Company. He recognized the dedicated service of the retiring Board of Education members.

The written Superintendent's report is available at the Office of the Superintendent.

VI.4. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

VI.4.1. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS - NOVEMBER 26, 2018 AND DECEMBER 4, 2018

Jay Hall reported the Negotiations Committees have met four times and will be meeting before Christmas break.

VI.4.2. TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING/GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING - NOVEMBER 27, 2018

Dustin Thompson reported on the fire alarm update. An Asbestos Management Plan meeting is next week. Rasmussen Preventive Maintenance Services have visited with Superintendent Christiansen and the district will receive reimbursements totaling \$2084 for overcharges. The Board was updated on the status of the activity bus and bus #18. Update was given on the Elementary renovation project. Projects for consideration have been discussed including "Alumni Corner" design, high school/elementary hallway ceiling grid/tiles/lighting, high school/elementary front windows, signage and canopy removal, and middle school outdoor activity area/playground.

VI.4.3. POLICY/LIBRARY BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING - NOVEMBER 27, 2018

Betty Jo Leapley reported the following were discussed by the committee: definition of immediate family; superintendent evaluation models; Board Policy 1300 on fundraising; samples of Early Separation Policy; Board Policies in the 5000 series related to students; and the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Laurel - Community Learning Center. All items will be discussed with the new board of education members in January and February.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

VII.1. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

Motion to approve the first semester evaluation for Superintendent Jeremy Christiansen and immediately place the evaluation in his personnel file. Passed with a motion by Rich Brandow and a second by Tyler Specht.

Rich Brandow: Yea, Carol Erwin: Yea, Jay Hall: Yea, Betty Jo Leapley: Yea, Samuel Recob: Yea, Steve Schutte: Yea, Tyler Specht: Yea, Dustin Thompson: Yea, John Wolfgram: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

President Schutte thanked the board members for completing the evaluation. Board members met with either President Schutte or Vice President Erwin, and Superintendent

Christiansen in committees to review the evaluation. President Schutte presented the compiled evaluation review. The evaluation document includes the four areas of Budget/Finance Leadership, District/Community Leadership, Vision and Planning Leadership, and Leadership. Superintendent Christiansen met 100% of the criteria in all four areas.

VII.2. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE SALE OF USED LAPTOP COMPUTERS

Motion to approve the sale of used laptop computers at the established fair market resale value to certificated faculty and school board members upon completion of service to the school district passed with a motion by Samuel Recob and a second by Dustin Thompson.

Rich Brandow: Yea, Carol Erwin: Yea, Jay Hall: Yea, Betty Jo Leapley: Yea, Samuel Recob: Yea, Steve Schutte: Yea, Tyler Specht: Yea, Dustin Thompson: Yea, John Wolfgram: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0

VII.3. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE 2017-2018 ANNUAL AUDIT

Motion to approve the 2017-2018 annual audit as presented passed with a motion by Betty Jo Leapley and a second by Steve Schutte.

Rich Brandow: Yea, Carol Erwin: Yea, Jay Hall: Yea, Betty Jo Leapley: Yea, Samuel Recob: Yea, Steve Schutte: Yea, Tyler Specht: Yea, Dustin Thompson: Yea, John Wolfgram: Yea
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VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VIII.1. RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS' DEDICATED SERVICE TO LCC SCHOOL

Superintendent Christiansen stated we wish to recognize the dedicated service of the following Board of Education members to LCC School:

Steve Schutte - 8 years of dedicated service

Betty Jo Leapley - 16 years of dedicated service

John Wolfgram - 12 years of dedicated service

Richard Brandow - 12.5 years of dedicated service

(This represents a total of 48.5 years of Board experience and service.)

Appreciation was also expressed for the 14 years of service by former Board member Robert Colwell. Everyone was invited to stay for cake following the meeting.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE AND BULLETINS

A thank you card was read from the Eleanor Carlson family following the funeral. A thank you note was shared from a Roy Stohler regarding the Veterans Day program. A card and a \$200 donation for the Giving Tree at the school was received from the employees of Menford Electric, the contractor working on the fire alarm update.

X. UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND WORKSHOPS

Board members were reminded of upcoming meetings and workshops.

X.1. BOARD MEMBER-ELECT ORIENTATION - MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

(6:30 PM - CENTRAL OFFICE)

X.2. REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019 (7:00 PM -

MIDDLE SCHOOL/COLERIDGE)

XI. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Cedar County School District #54

Submitted by:

Betty Jo Leapley
Secretary of the Board