

**LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT #54**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, September 14, 2020 7:15 p.m.**  
**Boardroom @ LCC School, Laurel, NE 68745**

**Attendance taken at 7:15 p.m.**

Carol Erwin: Present  
Jay Hall: Present  
Angela Johnson: Present  
Dan Kuhlman: Present  
Samuel Recob: Absent  
Grant Settje: Present  
Tyler Specht: Absent  
Scott Taylor: Absent  
Dustin Thompson: Present

**Present: 6. Absent: 3.**

Brianna Campbell, Present  
Student Board Member

Sam Recob joined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Tyler Specht joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was convened at 7:15 p.m. on September 14, 2020 in the Board Room at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School, Laurel, Nebraska. The meeting notice was published in the September 9, 2020 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, High School Principal/Activities Director Ken Swanson, Middle School Principal Mark Leonard, Elementary Principal Paige Parsons, and Student Board Member Brianna Campbell. Members of the public were present and welcomed. The meeting was duly called to order by President Hall at 7:15 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.

**I.1. OATH OF OFFICE – STUDENT MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD**

New Student Board Member, Brianna Campbell, recited the oath of office under the guidance of President Hall.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CHANGES TO AGENDA**

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

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Absent, Settje: Yea, Specht: Absent, Taylor: Absent, Thompson: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 3.

### **III. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the August 27, 2020 Special Meeting/Budget Workshop; Treasurer report; the General Fund bills in the amount of \$285,421.78; the Employee Benefit Fund bills in the amount of \$87,377.00; the Cooperative Fund bills in the amount of \$12,397.17; and the projected payroll in the amount of \$484,192.30, with the removal of the invoice and payment identified as DAS STATE ACCTG – STATE OF NEBRASKA passed with a motion by Dan Kuhlman and a second by Angela Johnson.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Absent, Settje: Yea, Specht: Absent, Taylor: Absent, Thompson: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 3.

### **IV. EXCUSE ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS**

No action was taken regarding absent board members.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **VI. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

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

Sherie Lundahl, LCC TeamMates Program Co-Coordinator and Match Facilitator, was present to share a brief report on the 2020 mentoring program kickoff.

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

Student Board Member, Brianna Campbell, presented her written report. Students in the high school are adjusting well to new safety measures and precautions. Homecoming Week is this week. The senior class is working on figuring out their class flower, motto, and song. The dance team is preparing two dances. Science Club has started their recycling program and community service projects. The choir is working on conference choral music pieces.

#### **VI.3. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

Elementary Principal Paige Parsons presented her report. Our fall benchmark for the Nebraska Reads Act has been completed, with 52 students in grades K-3 receiving an individualized reading improvement plan. The Elementary will begin reading interventions this week. Nebraska recently updated their K-12 Social Studies standards. NDE will begin work on revising and updating ELA standards.

High School Principal/Activities Director Ken Swanson presented his report. Mrs. Groene is partnering with local businesses to place students in work-based learning opportunities. This semester there are 33 students enrolled in 54 courses

for college credit. High School and Middle School assemblies were hosted on August 26<sup>th</sup> concerning the safety sweeps to take place at LCC. Fall sports are underway. NOVA Fitness delivered a new treadmill to the Laurel fitness center and a new recumbent bike to the Coleridge fitness center. Homecoming Week is September 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.

Middle School Principal Mark Leonard presented his report. The middle school completed their semester bus drill and first fire drill. Mr. Leonard attended an ESU 1 Principals meeting via Zoom. The fall hearing screening was completed for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mr. Leonard helped with the Coleridge Community Clean-Up. The JH football and volleyball teams had their first games this week. The PBIS system has gotten off to a good start at the middle school.

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

#### **VI.4. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent Christiansen presented his report. He provided personnel updates to the board. A driver’s education instructor through NECC reached out to the school regarding driver’s education for LCC. Communication was shared with district families regarding the USDA waiver allowing for free breakfast and lunch meals for all students from September 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> (or as long as funds are available).

#### **VI.5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **VI.5.1. TRANSPORTATION, BUILDINGS, & GROUNDS – AUGUST 18, 2020**

Dustin Thompson discussed the facility improvement project, future facility projects, and transportation topics.

##### **VI.5.2. FINANCE COMMITTEE – AUGUST 25, 2020**

Sam Recob discussed the proposed budget for consideration and fund balances.

#### **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **VII.1. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET.**

Motion to approve the 2020-2021 school year budget as provided passed with a motion by Dustin Thompson and a second by Dan Kuhlman.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea, Specht: Yea, Taylor: Absent, Thompson: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

##### **VII.2. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE 2020-2021 TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION.**

Motion to approve the Final Tax Request Resolution as presented:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Cedar County School District No. 14-0054 a/k/a Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School is obligated to pay ongoing expenses and increasing expenditures to operate the school; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it needs to collect more property taxes than it collected in the prior year; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2020 the Board published notice in a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, said notice was published at least five days prior to the Board's special meeting; and

WHEREAS, said notice included the required items as specific in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1601.02;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Cedar County School District No.14-0054 a/k/a Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School, that the Board has considered and approved the property tax request for the following year, as follows:

1. The amount of the property tax request is \$6,790,990.00.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by a decrease 3.3%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.705351 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School District proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.716848 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School will be less than last year's operating budget by one percent (1%).

passed with a motion by Sam Recob and a second by Dustin Thompson.

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Specht: Yea, Taylor: Absent, Thompson: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

### **VII.3. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH REGARD TO SCHOOL VEHICLE PURCHASES.**

Motion to approve the purchase of the 2020 Ford Transit XL from Diers Ford as provided 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,

Specht: Yea, Taylor: Absent, Thompson: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Motion to approve the purchase of the 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe LS from Norfolk Chevrolet Buick GMC as provided 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,

Specht: Yea, Taylor: Absent, Thompson: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

### **VII.4. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH**

**REGARD TO A SITE SURVEY PROPOSAL.**

Motion to approve the site survey proposal from JEO Consulting Group passed with a motion by Dan Kuhlman and a second by Carol Erwin.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea,  
Specht: Yea, Taylor: Absent, Thompson: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

**VII.5. CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH REGARD TO DRIVEWAY REPAIR.**

Motion to approve the estimate for removal and replacement of the driveway at the Middle School from Dennis Anderson Construction passed with a motion by Grant Settje and a second by Angela Johnson.

Erwin: Yea, Hall: Yea, Johnson: Yea, Kuhlman: Yea, Recob: Yea, Settje: Yea,  
Specht: Yea, Taylor: Absent, Thompson: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

**VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**VIII.1. SCHOOL FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Superintendent Christiansen discussed the School Facility Improvement Project.

**VIII.2. SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND HEALTH GUIDELINES**

The updated health guidelines were discussed.

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE AND BULLETINS**

Updates from NASB and NRCSA 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. REGULAR BOARD MEETING- MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 (7:00 P.M. – LCC BOARD ROOM/COLERIDGE)**

**X.2. NASB STATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE- NOVEMBER 18-20, 2020 (OMAHA)**

**XI. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 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