

LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Approved MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

August 19, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice President Rourke at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Angst, Mark Burley, Renee Gutzman, Andrew Hagerty,
Michael Rourke, Maggie Sayles

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jason Michels

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Matt Shastal, Julie Nosek, Krissy Pratt

Motion by Burley to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2025, regular board meeting.
Seconded by Angst. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to approve the July 2025 Treasurer's Report.
Seconded by Hagerty. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to approve the July 2024 warrants:

1. Accounts Payable - \$336,468.40
2. Payroll - \$647,998.74
3. ACH/EFT/Transfers - \$ 22,814.55
4. Building & Site - \$ 16,400.00

Seconded by Angst. Motion carried unanimously.

From Delegations or Visitors – None

From Non-Staff Communications and Reports – None

From Superintendent and Staff

-Superintendent Shastal spoke about opening day. We are welcoming back students and families this week. Open houses are this week, and fall sports are underway. The high school band has been practicing its marching show since late July. Our entire staff has worked tirelessly to be ready to welcome back our students. We have reduced the number of bus routes from 6 - 8 runs down to 5.5 - 7 runs. School of Choice closed in early August to help us staff appropriately.

-Superintendent Shastal gave an update on district staffing. We are in great shape. We will look to add staffing throughout the year as needed.

-Superintendent Shastal gave a Legislative Update.

-Superintendent Shastal gave an update on our 2025-26 budget. Current deficit is \$958,967, which includes a per pupil increase of \$250 and \$50,000 in retirement support. The number of students we budgeted for was 1100, and currently we have 1104 with schedules in PowerSchool.

-Superintendent Shastal gave a Strategic Goal Planning Update. The ECEC parking lot is almost complete. TowerPinkster shared a rendering to move the kindergarten to the elementary building. They will be at the LES on September 3rd at 5 pm the the Bond Concept/Rendering.

From Board Members – None

Board Committee Reports – None.

Unfinished Business –

Motion by Sayles to approve the Board Bylaws and Policy Update(s).

Board Bylaws and Policy Update(s) – Review, 2nd Reading

Bylaws –

Bylaw 0131.1 – Bylaws and Policies (Revised)

Section 1000 – Administration – None

Section 2000 – Program

Policy 2264 – Nondiscrimination On The Basis Of Sex In Education
Programs Or Activities (Rescind)

Policy 2266 – Nondiscrimination On The Basis Of Sex In Education
Programs Or Activities (Revised)

Section 3000 – Professional Staff – None

Section 4000 – Support Staff – None

Section 5000 – Students

Policy 5320 – Immunization (Revised)

Policy 5330 – Use of Medications (Revised)

Policy 5330.01 – Epinephrine Auto-Injectors (Revised)

Policy 5610 – Emergency Removal, Suspension, and Expulsion of
Students (Revised)

Section 6000 – Finances – None

Section 7000 – Property

Policy 7510 – Use of School Facilities (Revised)

Section 8000 – Operations

Policy 8320 – Personnel Files (Revised)

Policy 8500 – Food Service (Revised)

Policy 8510 – Wellness (Revised)

Section 9000 – Relations – None

Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business -

Personnel -

The Board acknowledged the retirement of
MaryLou Smith, Secretary

and the resignations of:

Laura Morrill, Secondary Teacher

JR Nixon, JV Football Assistant Coach

Katelynne Turpin, Preschool Instructor

Proposal #7

Motion by Angst to approve the contract with Melissa Phillips, Athletic Trainer. Seconded by Gutzman. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #8

Motion by Sayles to approve the recommendation to hire Logan Hagerty, Middle School Head Football Coach. Seconded by Angst. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #9

Motion by Burley to approve the recommendation to hire Julio Casares, JV Football Assistant Coach. Seconded by Angst. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #10

Motion by Sayles to approve the recommendation to hire Howard Malitz, Bus Driver. Seconded by Gutzman. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #11

Motion by Angst to approve the District Curriculum Guide as presented. Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #12

Motion by Gutzman to approve the Agreement with the Laingsburg Transportation Association MEA/NEA as presented. Seconded by Hagerty. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Business

Meeting Dates – September 9, 2025

Preview of Topics for Future Agendas

District Enrollment

2024-25 Audit

Motion by Sayles to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Seconded by Angst. Motion carried unanimously.

Renee Gutzman, Board Secretary