

**LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPROVED MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting
Virtually via Zoom

January 20, 2021

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Angst, Patrick Dolan, Natalie Elkins, Jason Michels, Maggie Sayles,
Andy Hagerty, Renee Gutzman

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Matt Shastal, Krissy Pratt

Election of Officers

Proposal # 31

Motion by Angst to nominate Dolan as President. Seconded by Sayles. No further nominations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 32

Motion by Elkins to nominate Sayles as Vice-President. Seconded by Hagerty. No further nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 33

Motion by Dolan to nominate Angst as Secretary. Seconded by Gutzman. No further nominations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 34

Motion by Dolan to nominate Michels as Treasurer. Seconded by Elkins. No further nominations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gutzman to close nominations. Seconded by Michels. No further nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Newly elected President Dolan took over the leadership of the meeting.

Motion by Sayles to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2020, regular board meeting.
Seconded by Michels. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to approve the December 2020 Treasurer's reports.
Seconded by Angst. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Angst to approve the December 2020 Warrants:

December Accounts Payable:	\$ 396,036.71
December EFT/ACH Transfer(s) -	\$ 11,528.53
December Payroll:	\$ 612,561.09
December Building and Site:	\$ 12,400.00
Capital Projects	\$1,199,836.47

Seconded by Michels. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 35

Motion by Sayles to approve committees as follows, the appointments of the board to serve on the committees:

Finance, Curriculum, Policy, – Entire Board
Building and Facilities – Dolan-Chair, Sayles, Hagerty
Extra-Curricular – Michels-Chair, Elkins, Gutzman
Scoutten Scholarship – Sayles-Chair, Elkins, Hagerty
Shiawassee School Board Association – Angst
Shiawassee Regional Education Service District – Gutzman
L.E.A.F. – Dolan, and Elkins as Co-Chair
School Improvement Committees – Hagerty (H.S.), Gutzman (M.S.), Michels (E.S.)
Community Relations Committee – Sayles-Chair, Elkins, Gutzman

Seconded by Michels. Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Proposals

From Delegations and Visitors

From Non-Staff Communications and Reports

- The Board received certificates of recognition for their service to the community from Representative Graham Filler

From Superintendent and Staff

- Superintendent Shastal acknowledged that January is School Board recognition month. On behalf of the students, staff, and community, he thanked the board for all of their hard work, dedication, and over 68 years of combined service to the children in this district.

Superintendent Shastal also congratulated the Board on their new positions for the 2021 calendar year. He also discussed the vaccine rollout for LCS staff. The rollout has been delayed due to a lack of vaccines. The Shiawassee Health Department is proceeding with vaccines in age order for school districts as vaccines become available.

-Superintendent Shastal updated the Board on the 2020-21 budget. The student count seems to be holding steady right now. The February count does not impact the 20/21 budget. Currently, have an \$11 million budget with many “ins and outs” and adjustments to the many line items. We are on track to amend the 20/21 budget in February.

-Superintendent Shastal gave an update to the Board on the 2021-22 budget. Preliminary work on it has started here in the district. Still watching the student count, we have 92 seniors and only 34 pre-schoolers and kindergarten round-up in April. Many considerations are going into the district’s budget for next year; student count should hold pretty steady, additions to staffing, potential additions to students programs, curriculum, and equipment, of course, whatever decisions are made at the state level in regards to state aid. The governor will be presenting her budget on February 12th.

-Superintendent Shastal gave a Legislative Update. The State Revenue Estimating Conference revealed that the State has a \$1.1 billion surplus in the School Aid Fund and they are projecting another surplus of \$900 million for the 20/21 school year. The governor is supposed to present her budget by 2/12/21.

-Superintendent Shastal gave an update on the bond construction and finance. He wants to plan another walkthrough with the Board, they are targeting the 1st week of February. He is amazed at the progress and how everything is coming together.

-Superintendent Shastal gave an update on the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. He recommends extending the current COVID Learning plan through February. Looking at ways to extend to full days, starting with a day or two a week and moving forward from there. Currently, LCS is averaging 75 – 80% F2F vs. 20 – 25% virtual attendance for students in the district.

-Superintendent Shastal gave an update on the Greater Laingsburg Waste Reduction Partnership. He spoke with Ron Underhill and Terry Link regarding site development and building design and that is underway. He also spoke with SET SEG to verify the insurance coverage and liability.

From Board Members:

-Site Acquisition: Paula Willoughby is looking into getting grants for the Phase II Environments study so they will wait on the city for more information.

-Request from high school student to graduate early: The Board acknowledged, and congratulated the student.

Board Committee Reports – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Proposal # 36

Motion by Angst to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Laingsburg Community Schools 2021 Refunding Bonds. Seconded by Michels. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel

Proposal # 37

Motion by Elkins to hire Paul Phillips, Special Education Teacher with a February 1st start date contingent upon proper certification with the MDE. Seconded by Sayles. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 38

Motion by Angst to approve the Resolution to Reaffirm the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan.
Seconded by Gutzman. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Business

Meeting Dates

Walk-through of construction – February 2, 2021, at 4 p.m.

Regular Meeting – February 17, 2021

Regular Meeting – March 17, 2021

Preview of Topics for Future Agendas

2020-21 General Fund Budget

2021-22 General Fund Preliminary Budget

General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendation

Executive Session – for the purpose of employee negotiations

Motion by Sayles to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Seconded by Angst. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Angst, Board Secretary