LEROY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order

President Kevin Daugherty called the regular board meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the media center at the Jr./Sr. High School.

B. Roll Call

Present were Kevin Daugherty, Andy Johnson, Bryon Owens, and Jennifer Tarr. Superintendent Gary Tipsord was also present. Administrators Erin Conn, Maggie Baughman, Jeff Baughman, and Steve Reschke were also in attendance. Board members Wendy Dooley, Tracey Holoch, and Bob Spratt were absent.

C. Approval of the February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Bryon Owens, seconded by Andy Johnson, to agree to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented. 4 yeas 0 nays 3 absent. Motion carried.

D. Approval of the February 15, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Jennifer Tarr, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2018 Special Meeting as presented. 4 yeas 0 nays 3 absent. Motion carried.

E. Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Bryon Owens, seconded by Andy Johnson, to approve the consent agenda (payroll, Treasurer's Report, Bills, Imprest Fund and Activity Funds) as submitted.

Payroll for February, 2018 in the amount of $338,538.17 plus board contributions as follows:

$7,687.32 to Internal Revenue Service for FICA;

$6,905.18 Internal Revenue Service for Medicare;

$30,316.60 to Blue Cross Blue Shield for major medical insurance;

$35,891.91 to Teachers' Retirement System for 9.0% employer contributions;

$2,325.53 to Teachers' Retirement System for .58% employer contributions;

$3,366.50 to Teachers' Health Insurance System for .80% employer contributions; and

$10,913.10 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for 11.87% support staff retirement.

Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2018 as follows:

	CASH IN BANK	INVESTMENTS
a. Education Fund	534,797.55	1,098,875.53
b. Building Fund	448,825.44	343,417.09
c. Bond & Interest	960,507.53	261,293.78
d. Transportation Fund	179,870.20	171,668.39
e. IMRF/FICA	134,757.03	108,917.69
f. Site & Construction	0.00	0.00
g. Working Cash Fund	846,132.06	846,132.06
h. Tort	(29,292.35)	(26,818.16)
i. Life Safety	67,942.15	67,942.15

Bills as follows:

a. Education Fund	106,075.13
b. Building Fund	35,347.80
c. Bonds & Interest	
d. Transportation Fund	1,174.42
e. Site and Construction	
f. Lease	
g. Tort	10,748.32
h. Life Safety	866.90
i. IMRF/FICA	
j. Paid by Journal Entry	6,830.70

Reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of $2,697.30.

Declare 2007 Dodge Caravan, VIN 2D4GP44L97R116709 as excess property.

LeRoy Elementary School Activity Fund for the month of February, 2018 and LeRoy High School Activity and Athletic Funds for the month of February, 2018.

Bob Spratt arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Yeas: Kevin Daugherty, Andy Johnson, Bryon Owens, Bob Spratt, Jennifer Tarr
Nays:
Absent: Wendy Dooley, Tracey Holoch

F. Public Comment to the Board

None.

G. Comments from Visitors to the Board.

None.

H. Academic Spotlight.

Members of the Third Grade Team (Caitlyn Ptasienski and Sherri Morgan) presented to the Board on their strategies for working with their third grade students.

Wendy Dooley arrived at 7:10 p.m.

I. Administrative Reports.

Clarifying Questions

1. Mrs. Erin Conn: See attached report.
2. Mr. Jeff Baughman: See attached report.
3. Mr. Steve Reschke: See attached report.
4. Mrs. Maggie Baughman See attached report.
5. Mr. Gary Tipsord: See attached report.

J. Old Business.

1. A motion was made by Bob Spratt, seconded by Wendy Dooley, to agree to approve the Board Policy Amendments without any option statements, as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards. 6 yeas 0 nays 1 absent.

   Yeas: Kevin Daugherty, Wendy Dooley, Andy Johnson, Bryon Owens, Bob Spratt, Jennifer Tarr
   Nays:
   Absent: Tracey Holoch

2. Discussion was held regarding the March 2, 2018 State of the Schools.

3. Discussion was held regarding the initial draft of the district's financial forecast and the rationale to support the current projections.

4. A motion was made by Andy Johnson, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to approve the proposed school calendar for SY2018-19 as submitted by the calendar committee. 2 yeas 4 nays 1 absent. Motion failed.

5. A motion was made by Wendy Dooley, seconded by Bob Spratt, to agree to set the fee structure as submitted for SY2018-19. 6 yeas 0 nays 1 absent. Motion carried.

K. New Business.

1. A motion was made by Bob Spratt, seconded by Wendy Dooley, to agree to the purchase of the property at 809 S. Century Dr., LeRoy, Illinois currently known as the LeRoy Preparatory Academy, for a purchase price of $264,000. 6 yeas 0 nays 1 absent. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Andy Johnson, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to renew the district's membership in the Illinois High School Association for SY2018-19. 6 yeas 0 nays 1 absent. Motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Wendy Dooley, seconded by Bob Spratt, to agree to appoint the Superintendent of Schools to prepare the FY19 Budget. 6 yeas 0 nays 1 absent. Motion carried.

L. Enter Executive Session.

1. A motion was made by Wendy Dooley, seconded by Bob Spratt, to agree to enter into executive session at 8:12 p.m. 6 yeas 0 nays 1 absent. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Wendy Dooley, seconded by Bob Spratt, to return to open session at 9:50 p.m. 6 yeas 0 nays 1 absent. Motion carried.

M. Discuss, Consider, and Approve Personnel and Employee Contractual Issues.

1. A motion was made by Bob Spratt, seconded by Jennifer Tarr, to grant the leave of absence of Molly Schneman effective March 23, 2018 through the end of the 2017-18 school year. It is also requested that she notify the school district by July 1, 2018 as to her return for the 2018-19 school year. 6 yeas 0 nays 1 absent. Motion carried.

2. The list of Part Time Temporary employees was recognized by the Board of Education for March 12, 2018 as submitted.

N. Adjournment

A motion was made by Andy Johnson, seconded by Bryon Owens, to agree to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 p.m. 6 yeas 0 nays 1 absent. Motion carried.

President

Secretary

Student Achievement

- PARCC Testing – March 12th – 23rd.
- SY18-19 Kindergarten Round-up: April 3rd from 6 -7PM in kindergarten classroom. Parents and SY18-19 kindergarten students.
- GRIT Assemblies continue very positive and promote leadership and strength of character. Recently awarded: Emily Mennenga, Miah Schultz, Tate Erwin, Adison Hahn & Mrs. Schoenwetter.
- Spring Concert Dates
  - Grades 1 & 2 – March 20
  - Grades 3 & 4 – April 5
  - Kindergarten at the softball fields – April 25
  - Grades 5 & 6 – May 15
- It Takes Heart to be a Hero!
  On Friday, February 23rd, Mrs. Kathy Schoenwetter lead LeRoy Elementary School students in Jump Rope for Heart with Mr. Mark Tate as our local, favorite DJ. Leading up to JRFH, Mrs. Schoenwetter's enthusiasm was contagious throughout every grade level. Students learned the benefits of jumping rope while raising funds for children with special heart needs. Through Mrs. Schoenwetter's GRIT & PERSEVERANCE she has unselfishly taught over 20 years of LeRoy students about Jump Rope for Heart, service for others, and helped to raise over $215,204 since 1997. Mrs. Schoenwetter is our Hero! We thank her for all of her service to LeRoy Schools as she approaches retirement at the end of the school year. THANK YOU for teaching our students GOOD HABITS and HEALTH & how to live STRONG and HEALTHY LIVES!

Finance

- Activity Account

Community Relations

- State of the Schools—Positive community engagement! Student presenters did an excellent job representing LeRoy Schools. Special Thank You to our student presenters – Jacob Holoch, Donovan Alford, Chase Cooley & Logan Ashworth.
- AHA Jump Rope for Heart— Thank you to our DJ, Mr. Mark Tate. Students collected over $14,000 for American Heart Association.
- Follow Leroy Elementary School on Facebook
  - 270 followers
- Elementary News
  - Monthly Newsletter sent via Skyward
  - Crumbaugh Library & Museum News included

Facilities

- Researching LES kitchen needs – consider replacing a few steam tables and adding heat lamps (Summer 2018)
- Spring break cleaning schedule has been set. Multi-purpose room floor will be scrubbed and waxed.

Erin Conn, LES Principal

Student Achievement/Professional Development

- Tyson Brent IESA Wrestling State Qualifier
- JH PARCC Testing March 12-16
- HS State Assessments April 10th
  - Juniors SAT
    - Dismissed after
  - Freshmen and Sophomores PSAT
    - Spread the Word to End the Word event after to including watching Radio at the Princess Theatre courtesy of Student Council and LIFE
  - Seniors community service activity
- School Safety Principal's Open Forum
- LeRoy/Tri-Valley Unified Basketball Game
- Spring Band/Chorus Concert 3/15
- Panther Night 4/7

Finance

- Activity Accounts

Facilities

- We continue to discuss options for ongoing capital improvements in the JH
  - Drop ceiling and new lights in the renovated classrooms
  - Update JH bathroom
- This would complete core classroom renovations

Community Relations

- Facebook over 1,100 followers
- Twitter over 400 followers
  - @LeRoyCUSD2
- JH/HS Building Site
- Junior High Teacher Google Site
  http://ljh.leroyk12.org

Student Achievement/Professional Development

- Three students receive awards from Ladies Auxiliary for Essays
  - Cole Vedder
  - Zach Crawley
  - Galen Bauman
- 4 new students integrated into culture
  - 2 LES, 1 each from Heyworth and Blue Ridge
- Lincoln Museum 2/21
- U of I Engineering Open House – 3/5
- Food Bank – 3/16
- Winter Benchmarking scores
  - MCAP (Math concepts and Applications) 100% at grade level
  - MAZE (Reading comprehension and context) all but one student at grade level (100%)
- 6 students set to graduate in May, one over summer.
- HOI PD day – Feb 16th @ ISU Braden Auditorium. Keynote: Dr. Adolph Brown
- SAT-9: 3 students
- SAT-10: 4 students
- SAT:1

Finance

- Activity Accounts
- Current Enrollment:
  - 19 students total
  - 6 from Blue Ridge
  - 2 frim Heyworth
  - 11 in-district
- 1 New Student meeting scheduled (out of district)

Community Relations

- Students employed at Arby's (2), IGA, Parkway Auto Laundry, Hail Automotive, and Olive Garden
- May 9th – Community Women's Breakfast speaker

Facilities

- Future Plans for facilities

March 12, 2018

INVOLVED COMMUNITY, COMPETITIVE STUDENTS, PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS
" OUR GRADUATES WILL BE COMPETITIVE IN A COMPLEX GLOBAL ECONOMY"

Student Achievement/PD

PreK: Attended PreK/ K Conference 3/8-3/9

- ★ **Lehr:**
  - **Units of Study:** Transportation:
    - Students made boats out of laundry baskets
    - Dirt Play dough for trucks
    - Sensory Table car wash
    - Cars used to paint in the art area
    - Math graphing with trains and cars,
    - Science experimented with foil boats and hot air balloons with vinegar and baking soda.
    - Engineering Paper air plane designing and flying
  - Total books read From September- February 4,206
- ★ **Winkle:**
  - **Units of Study:** Robots: 3 weeks learning about robots and coding.
    - Students played a beginner coding game and made a 9 square grid on the classroom floor to help them use directional cueing cards to move their robots to a dog.
    - Team work problem solving
    - Coding with Code-a-Pillar and Go robot mouse.
    - Building robots out of recycled materials.
    - Watched videos on robot team and the challenges and on robot designers.
    - Read robots books and sang some robot songs.
  - Total books read From September-February 5,484

Family Education:

- ★ Focusing on large motor movement on the playground and in the gym. We'll also begin working with children transitioning into our PK program next fall on handwriting tools (pull down, starting at the top, etc), counting, sorting, and color recognition/matching.

Panther Care:

- ★ Students will continue with their Garden Club curriculum with Anita Norton, working in the garden, pulling weeds, helping cultivate the soil, and begin observing the growth of flowers and veggies planted last spring and this fall. The kids were able to imitate what it would be like to be a bird, by building nests, cracking open seeds, using tweezers to pick up food. They finished up this Garden Club unit by going on a Bird Bingo walk.
- ★ STEAM Students continue to learn the design process by creating various structures using low cost materials. Recently, students have used toothpicks and marshmallows to build 3D creations as well as a contraption to transport a Lego man using a zipline.

Facilities

LES Facility Report (updated 3/7/18)

Finance

Community Relations

Family Education:

- Playgroup at Crumbaugh Library on Monday, March 5th.
- Footloose Friday at Crumbaugh Library on Friday, March 16th.

Lehr:

- Pioneer readers continue to volunteer in PreK
- Parent small did some positional word and letter formation activities.
- 7 ISU Special Ed students have visited for observations.
- Mrs. Lehr will be speaking at their class early in April.
- Parent involvement with further exploration of the this SeeSaw App. Mrs. Lehr has her newsletter, individual student letter and math assessments, and a sign up genius link for conferences in May. The parents have been pleased.

Winkle:

- Thanks you to Katie Buckley for sharing Ozobots, BB8 and Koji robots with us. Thank you to Noelle Norris for bringing in a robot from the Edwardsville robot team to share with us.

Panther Care STEAM:

- Follow @LeRoySTEM on Twitter to see what is happening with Panther Care STEM Club and other STEM activities in the district.
- Weekly trips to the Crumbaugh library, allowing those without a library card to sign up for one, check out books, finish homework, and focus on their reading level with their guided reading area.
- **Enrichment Camp Registration will be open March 13th.**

Student Achievement/Professional Development

- Our continued work with the IL-EMPOWER Pilot project has been good for our district. We have the potential of a $75,000 grant to assist in our assessment goals that were established as a part of AdvancED.
- Our Title grants were approved this week.
- Social Emotional Professional Development; what's the need look like and where do opportunities exist. David LaFrance, Principal at Oakland ELE in District 87.
- Challenges associated with a lack of substitute teachers.

Finance

- FRIS: Update in your E-Packet
  - EBF Base Funding Minimum
    - $75,718.92
  - SPED Private Facility
    - $6,877.35
  - AG ED
    - $2,273
  - State Lunch
    - $378.78
  - Transportation REG
    - $28,840.92
  - Transportation SPED
    - $20,875.38
  - PK Block Grant
    - $48,972
  - **Total: $183,936.35 as of March 8, 2018**
  - They have yet to voucher the 3rd quarter categorical payments.
  - We expect new money to flow in April.
- Trending Expenditure in your E-Packet
- Trending Revenue in your E-Packet
- Big Four Chart in your E-Packet

Facilities

- We continue to have some issues with our HS gym roof.
- Considering more bottle fillers to replace drinking fountains.
- We should have a list of anticipated summer projects next month.
- Long term planning, consider the documents from the State of the Schools report.
- Elementary Gym will be refinished over spring break.

Community Relations

- Annual State of the Schools Event
- IASB Cornbelt Regional Meeting
- IASB, New Director, Dr. Tom Bertrand
- Legislative Effort for Property Tax Relief