

Louisville Public School

Board Meeting
March 6, 2023

President Mixan called the regular Board meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present by roll call: Christiansen, Witte, Heard, Quam, Mixan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Notice of the meeting and where the agenda was made available for public inspection was posted, per Board Policy, and had been mailed to all Board members mid-week prior to the meeting. The notice of meeting was posted in the MS HS Lobby, the Louisville Post Office, the lobby of Pinnacle Bank of Louisville, and the Omaha World Herald and Cassgram. The Open Meeting Act information was posted as required.

Correspondence: Card from the Faubion family

Board member Witte made a motion to approve the following consent agenda a.) minutes of the February 6th, 2023, Regular board meeting; b.) the treasurer's report; c.) the general, building, reimbursement, and activity fund bills; seconded by Christiansen. Roll Call vote: Members voting aye: Witte, Christiansen, Heard, Quam and Mixan. Motion carried 5-0.

General Fund March Bills

Airgas-rent argon	\$220.16
AGiRepair-iPad repair	\$149.00
Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture-Bond projects	\$2,242.50
Amazon Business-Mtc., class, nurse, library, tech and office Supplies	\$3,427.78
American Reading Company-Development days	\$2,800.00
BSN Sports, LLC.-FG SW license	\$132.66
Cass County Sheriff's Office-SRO Contract	\$8,032.00
Cassgram-Help wanted ad	\$78.00
City of Louisville-Sanding lots, water	\$1,152.21
Culligan - bottled water	\$198.80
Delta Electric, LLC-Temporary furnace, Gym curtain/outlets	\$3,626.25
Eakes Office Solutions-Annual copies	\$1,384.99
Echo Group, Inc.-Lamps, electrical supplies	\$412.79
ESU #3-SLP and SPED services	\$60,587.09
Grainger-Mtc. Parts	\$131.90
Helm Service-HP repairs	\$5,133.45
Hilton Garden Inn Omaha-State Wrestling hotel	\$2,444.87
Holiday Inn Express Columbus-District Boys Wrestling hotel	\$1,169.55
Hometown Leasing-Copier lease	\$1,399.79
Jones, R.-District Girls Wrestling food/gas	\$168.06
Just for Kids-January OT/PT	\$2,260.50
KSB Law-Jan & Feb legal fees	\$2,955.00
Leaf-Go Guardian annual licensing	\$6,880.57
Lou's Sporting Goods-Wrestling uniforms	\$700.95
Mahoney Fire Sprinkler, Inc.-Sprinkler repair	\$1,900.00
The Market-FACS/meeting supplies	\$713.03
Mathis, S.-Interview supplies	\$89.25
MCS-Maintenance supplies	\$945.68
Medical Enterprises, Inc.-Drug screens	\$324.00
Midwest Alarm-Service call	\$65.00
Mill Creek Auto - Class & Transportation Supplies	\$367.23
NASB-Annual Membership Dues	\$4,827.00
NCSA-McCoy workshop	\$60.00
NE.Association for the Gifted-NAG conference	\$300.00
NRCSA-Superintendent Search Services	\$2,625.00
Nebraska Furniture Mart-Office furniture	\$1,935.99
NETA-Conference	\$59.00
OneSource-background checks	\$255.00
OPPD-electricity	\$10,992.19

Papillion Sanitation-trash service	\$936.75
Pinnacle Bank CC-Testing, Golf bags, job post, Hagge conf., state cheer/dance, Dist Wr. Hotel & straps	\$3,984.25
Presto-X-Pest Maintenance Service	\$79.10
Ralston Public Schools-SpEd services 1st & 2nd Qtr 22-23	\$3,553.55
Ramada G.I.-State Dance/Cheer hotel	\$2,259.20
Schmitt Music Omaha-Trombone slide/repair, reeds	\$181.98
Schmitt, N.- District wrestling gas	\$48.16
Staples-Office supplies	\$199.74
Taylor Quick Pick-Fuel	\$3,561.28
Unite Private Networks, LLC. - Network 2 mos	\$1,668.48
UNHS-Course fee	\$200.00
UNL-Conference, UNHS	\$230.00
Verizon-Transportation cell phone	\$53.55
WageWorks-monthly admin/compliance fee	\$193.00
WaterLink-Water treatment	\$958.00
Windstream-phone	\$1,022.61
WoodRiver Energy-Natural gas	\$7,901.30
Zweep, J.-World of Wheels	\$110.00
Total General Fund Bills	\$160,288.19
Sports Facility Maintenance, LLC.-Divider Gym Curtain	\$9,650.00
Total Building Fund Bills	\$9,650.00

The activity/lunch bills were submitted in the board packet.

Communication Item 1: Public Comments: None

Communication Item 2: LEA report: Melanie Reeves reported from many teachers about current student classroom activities and accomplishments.

Communication Item 3: Administrative report:

Mr. Farber stated that he is working with Mrs. Stanley to purchase new risers and shells for the music programs. He also provided information on the open LPS district position due to the departure of Mrs. Farber. The team has reorganized the district office and the new position will add support to data reporting, payroll, billing and other related services. This will provide additional financial controls that will help with access to federal grants and provide for backup coverage for critical duties. LPS hired Steph Apple who served as the business manager at Hershey Public Schools for the last 6 years.

Mr. Mathis mentioned the Holiday Craft Day on Friday, 3/10 and Kindergarten Roundup on Friday, 3/24. The school is purchasing gently used lockers for 5th/6th grade. Thanks to Mr. Bauers for finding a great deal. Mr. Mathis spoke of classroom changes and the master schedule for 2023-2024 as well as the projected population. He also shared the status of the Elementary hiring process for next school year.

Mr. Soester and Mrs. Casart did not give reports to the board.

Communication Item 4: Board member communication: none

Communication Item 5: Board Committee Reports: The board will discuss committee items later in the meeting.

Information items:

1: Mr. Farber mentioned the upcoming board meetings and retreats as listed at the end of the minutes. No community comments at 3 of those meetings.

2: District policies 5015-5022 were given to the board to review. They will be voted on next month.

3: Mr. Farber explained that 4 companies have bid for providing lunch service for the next 5 years at LPS. There will be a walkthrough on 3/8/23. A bid will be brought to the board meeting for approval in the next few months. Mr. Farber thanked Mrs. March for her hard work on the RFP.

4: The board was given last year's option enrollment data. The administration is working on projections for next year and will have an option enrollment document for approval in June.

Action items:

1: Board President Mixan asked for action to fill the board position vacated by John Winkler on January 24, 2023. Board member Christiansen commented on options that were not taken. Heard made a motion to appoint Micah Kohles, to complete the term of Mr. John Winkler on the LPS school board starting March 6th, 2023 and ending the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January, 2025, seconded by Quam. Members voting aye: Heard, Quam, Witte and Mixan. Members voting no: Christiansen. Motion carried 4-1.

President Mixan read a resolution to appoint a new board member and asked for a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution is available at LPS. Heard made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Quam. Members voting aye: Heard, Quam, Witte and Mixan. Members voting no: Christiansen. Motion carried 4-1. Mr. Kohles was sworn in by Mr. Mixan.

2: The board has decided to move forward in the fall with a bond election. No action needed at this time.

3: The district needs lockers due to student growth. LPS has access to some gently used lockers from an area school and is working to have them installed by August 2023. No action is needed at this time.

4: The negotiations team recommended a \$2 hourly increase for para educators, moving the base salary from \$12/hour to \$14/hour. Board member Quam made a motion to increase para-educator pay by \$2.00 for the start of the 2023-2024 school year, seconded by Heard. Members voting aye: Heard, Quam, Kohles, Witte and Mixan. Members voting no: none. Christiansen abstained. Motion carried 5-0. No Discussion.

5: The negotiations team presented the LPS counteroffer for the 2023-2024 school year Negotiated Agreement. This agreement is available at LPS. Board member Witte made a motion to accept the increase in certified teacher salary and benefits as presented, seconded by Christiansen. Members voting aye: Kohles, Witte, Christiansen, Quam, Heard, and Mixan. Members voting no: none. Motion carried 6-0. No Discussion.

6: Personnel:

Board member Christiansen made a motion to accept the resignation of certified staff members Kristi Holl, Kurt Finkey, Adam Vogt and Clint Little at the end of the 2022-2023 school year; seconded by Heard. Members voting aye: Witte, Christiansen, Heard, Quam, Kohles and Mixan. Members voting no: none. Motion carried 6-0. Comments: Board member Mixan thanked everyone for their service to LPS and Heard agreed. Mr. Mathis said the Elementary will recognize Allen and Holl at the end of the year.

Board member Witte made a motion to approve Angelica Young as the 2023-2024 Elementary Special Education Teacher at MA +8, pending a successful background check; seconded by Quam. Members voting aye: Christiansen, Heard, Quam, Kohles, Witte and Mixan. Members voting no: none. Motion carried 6-0. No Comments.

7: Board member Heard made a motion to approve district policies 5008-5014 as presented, seconded by Christiansen. Members voting aye: Heard, Quam, Witte, Christiansen, Mixan. Members voting no: none. Kohles abstained. Motion carried 5-0. No comments.

8: NRCSA representatives Rob Hanger and Fred Helmink presented the board with 17 candidates that applied for the open Superintendent position. The first 14 candidates were presented in open session. NRCSA recommended going into closed session for the final three candidates to prevent possible needless injury to the reputation of the applicants during the discussion.

At 8:32 Quam motioned for the board to move into Executive session, seconded by Christiansen. Members voting aye: Witte, Quam, Kohles, Heard, Christiansen, Mixan. Motion carried 6-0.

At 8:42, Kohles motioned for the board to end closed session, seconded by Witte. Members voting aye: Witte, Quam, Heard, Christiansen, Mixan, Kohles. Members voting no: none. Motion carried 6-0.

After discussion of the candidates, Witte made a motion to select five finalists and one alternate, seconded by Quam. Members voting aye: Witte, Quam, Kohles, Heard, Christiansen, and Mixan. Members voting no: none. Motion carried 6-0. President Mixan announced the finalists for the Louisville Public Schools Superintendent search:

Kolin Haecker Superintendent, Bruning-Davenport Public Schools, Bruning, NE;
Kaela Heneger Elementary Principal, Springfield-Platteview Community Schools, Springfield, NE;
Summer Stephens Superintendent, Churchill County School District, Fallon, NV;
Drew Wagner Elementary Principal, Fort Calhoun Schools, Fort Calhoun, NE;
John Whetzel Superintendent, USD 114-Riverside Schools, Elwood, KS

The board finalized the interview schedule and interview questions for the candidates.

Future Board Calendar:

Special Board Meeting - March 17, 2023- 8:00 AM LPS facility (No public comments)

Board Retreat – March 21, 2023 -8:30 AM KSB Law Firm, Lincoln, Ne. (no community comments)

Board Retreat - April 5, 2023- 6 PM High school music room with John Spatz from NASB (no community comments)

Regular Board Meeting - April 10, 2023- 6:30 PM High school music room

As there was no other business before the board, President Mixan called for a motion to adjourn. Board member Christiansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Witte. Members voting aye: Witte, Quam, Kohles, Heard, Christiansen, and Mixan. Members voting no: none. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.

President

Secretary