

NORTH LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14

Minutes of Regular Meeting: April 10, 2023

The Board of Directors met publicly, on April 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct the business of the District and the meeting was open to the public and available remotely on Zoom by request.

CALL to ORDER: 2022-23 Board Chair Scott Duffner called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Roll Call of Board Members**

Scott Duffner:	Present
Mark Herinckx:	Present
Shane Forman:	Present
Dwight Roth:	Present
Buck Church:	Late – <i>Arrived @ 5:52 PM</i>

Also Present: Superintendent Gail Buermann, VP / AD Jim Missel, Board Secretary Janet Waldron, and 3 patrons of the district.

2. **Review of the Agenda**

Changes:

Discussion:

Motioned by: Shane Forman

Seconded by: Dwight Roth to approve the April 10, 2023 Agenda as presented.

Vote: Aye-4 , Nay - 0, Absent -1

Result: Motion Carries

3. **Approval of the Minutes**

Changes: No changes made

Discussion: No further discussion

Motioned by: Mark Herinckx

Seconded by-Shane Forman to approve the March 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes.

Vote: Aye –4, Nay- 0, Absent -1

Result: Motion Carries

4. **Review of the Bills**

Bills are presented for Board Member review:

Discussion:

Questions: Why was the First Student bill so high? *It was a 5-week bill and we had many trips on this month's bill.*

5. **Public Comment:**

A. Leon Baker: discussed the Supreme Court decision regarding the Bremerton Coach who led prayer for his team. Leon read a passage, which stated.

“The intention of the first amendment was to prevent all rivalry among Christians. The religion established by the Supreme Court is biblical Christianity.” Mr. Baker admonished the board to “Please uphold the word of God. You are responsible to Him as to the policies you put forth”.

B. Jon Murphy: gave a prepared statement about the apathy levels among our youth and the suicide and depression rates. Mr. Murphy then stated his objection to the school handling of a parent complaint that he distributed a religious themed t-shirt to the girls’ basketball team and let the board know that he sought legal counsel from Tyler Smith and Associates. According to Mr. Murphy, this attorney weighed in with his opinion that the district was not following school law. Mr. Murphy stated: I encourage the school board to begin using this attorney instead of the liberal attorneys through the liberal teachers’ association and further stated: “The enemy decides who we can play, where we can play and how much time is on the clock. This attorney is available; the ball is in your court do this how the Lord guides you”.

Discussion: Shane and Buck would like to go on record that they would like to meet with Mr. Smith and they feel that OSBA has been taking us in the wrong direction over the past 10 years. Gail reminded the board that OSBA is not the board’s attorney of record. The board’s attorney of record is Garret Hemann Robertson and that they vote on this at their Annual meeting.

6. New Business

A. None at this time

7. Superintendent’s Report

A. Budget/Financial:

Speaker(s): Gail Buermann

Attachments: A1, A2

Reports:

1. Enrollment/Registration Report was presented: We had lots of movement with about 10 students enrolling and 10 students leaving so we are still down 10 students over the start of the year.
2. Sara’s financial report was presented: There is a big upward swing in our projected year-end cash balance. This is due to a few things, but mostly adjustments in our State School Fund. When ODE's February estimate for 2022-23 revenue came out, I noticed that we showed \$110k of forest fees in our local revenue, except it wasn't "forest fees" - it was "state managed timber". This mistake was corrected after the March SSF payment, making for very large April and May payments.
 - Because it is such an uncertain thing, I have not included those forest fees in any projections, either for the current year's May Correction or for next year's budget doc. However, if I were to estimate what those three years of forest fees would be, I would put it at \$319k. The actual amount we might receive would be adjusted down

because of the impact to the overall SSF pot of money (it's not a dollar for dollar exchange), but it would obviously be a substantial amount of money.

- The May Correction is hard to estimate this year because of potential fluctuations in our transportation grant. I believe we'll have a negative correction of around \$34k, offset by whatever the adjustments to our 2021-22 transportation grant amount turn out to be. The negative May correction stems from receiving about \$4k more in local taxes than anticipated, and having about 3 fewer ADMw than estimated. As is normal this time of year, our overall expenses are coming in well below what is projected on the report, especially under the Service Object 300. This is because in early months of the year, any under-expense of this line item gets added to later months in the year in case we have a big project or need that arises in the spring, as sometimes happens

ACTION(S): No action items

B. Maintenance/Facilities:

Speaker(s): Gail Buermann

Attachments: None

Reports:

1. Maintenance Report: No report from Gary at this time
2. Dugout Container Purchase: \$12,000 for two containers.....**ACTION**
 - Size: 40'L x 8'W x 9'H (1' taller than standard)
 - 1 trip containers
 - Will cut side out on site
 - Duane Hand will offload
 - Will set behind cement slab so we can add an overhang eventually and have a covered area over the container and slab.
 - Side Note: These have already been ordered to get them here ASAP. ☺
3. Gym AC Purchase.....**ACTION**
 - Approximately \$150K for elementary gym to be included in 2023-24 budget, but installed summer 2023, pending ODE approval.
 - Sara is trying to get this funded by the ESSER III grant, but ODE requires board approval of this expenditure first.
 - I am asking that you approve the purchase of the AC using ESSER III funds in the amount of \$150,000.
 - If this expenditure is NOT approved by ODE, then we will come back to the table and decide if we want to make the purchase or not.
4. Greenhouse Fund Allocation.....**ACTION**
 - We have \$100K in the ESSER III fund that we would like to use for the greenhouse construction.
 - Sara is trying to get this funded by the ESSER III grant, but ODE requires board approval of this expenditure first.
 - I am asking that you approve \$100K of ESSER III funds be allocated for the construction of the greenhouse.

- If this expenditure is NOT approved by ODE, then we will come back to the table and consider other options.
- 5. CAT 6 Cable Allocation.....**ACTION**
 - We need to replace our existing CAT 5 cable with CAT 6 so we can take advantage of our full bandwidth. Erate funds will pay for 80% of the project.
 - The total cost is estimated at \$42K.
 - Erate will pay approximately \$35K.
 - If approved, ESSER III will pay for \$8-10K.
 - Sara is trying to get this funded by the ESSER III grant, but ODE requires board approval of this expenditure first.
 - I am asking that you approve \$8-10K of ESSER III funds be allocated for the replacement of CAT 5 cable with CAT 6 cable.
 - If this expenditure is NOT approved by ODE, then we will come back to the table and consider other options.
- 6. Site Assessment
 - Scheduled for 4-17-2023 at 9:00 with Scott Vincent and Gary Addington; report to follow.
 - Any information noted will be shared with us; actions taken are in accordance with our priorities as a district.

ACTION(S): A2 and A3

B2 **Motioned by:** Shane Forman

Seconded by: Mark Herinckx to purchase two storage containers from – for \$12,000 to convert into baseball dugouts.

Vote: Aye -4, Nay- 0, Absent -1

Result: Motion Carries

Buck Church Arrived @ 5:52 PM

B3 **Motioned by:** Dwight Roth

Seconded by: Shane Forman to allocate \$150,000 from the ESSER III grant to purchase and install an AC unit in the elementary gym to be installed the summer of 2023 pending ODE approval.

Vote: Aye 5, Nay- 0, Absent - 0

Result: Motion Carries

B4 **Motioned by:** Shane Forman

Seconded by: Mark Herinckx to allocate \$100,000 from the ESSER III grant to build a CTE Greenhouse pending ODE Approval.

Vote: Aye –5, Nay- 0, Absent - 0

Result: Motion Carries

B5 **Motioned by:** Mark Herinckx

Seconded by: Shane Forman, to allocate up to \$10,000 of ESSER III funds to replace all CAT 5 cable in the school with CAT 6 cable in order to take advantage of our full bandwidth pending ODE approval.

Vote: Aye –5, Nay- 0, Absent - 0

Result: Motion Carries

C. Transportation:

Speaker(s): Gail Buermann

Attachments: C1, C2

Reports:

1. Monthly Report (*See attached*)
2. Bus Purchase Projection Chart Update (*See attached*)
 - Approve the purchase of a new 60 passenger bus, to be ordered by May 1, but included in the 2023-24 budget.....**ACTION**
 - This updated chart reflects the cost of purchasing a new bus as requested.
 - Jo found out from Western Bus that they have a 60 passenger that someone ordered then changed their mind.
 - She also found out from Western Bus that after the first of May there will be no more diesel buses sold. Jo and I have not heard anything about that. Sara from Western Bus is sending information.
 - That said, we need a new bus anyway, and a 60 passenger works well for us.
 - Jo is getting more information today, and we can make this purchase by May 1 if it fits our needs.
 - The purchase of a new bus is included on the updated chart and will be included in the 2023-24 budget.
 - The figures are estimated, not actual.

ACTION(S): C2

C2 **Motioned by:** Shane Forman

Seconded by: Buck Church to approve the purchase of a new 60-passenger bus from Western Bus to be ordered by May 1, 2023 on the 2023-24 SY budget cycle.

Vote: Aye –5, Nay- 0, Absent -0

Result: Motion Carries

D. Student Issues, Athletics/Activities:

Speaker(s): Jim Missel

Attachments: None

Reports:

1. Athletic Director's Report: Jim Missel gave his report. Attendance is a big issue. Wrestling placed 3rd overall out of the top 10 teams in the state for grades. Spring Sports numbers: Track -14, Baseball -16, MS Track -8. The dirt for the baseball field is working out great.

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E. **Academics, Curriculum and Assessment:**

Speaker: Jim Missel – (Cameron is absent)

Attachments: None

Reports:

1. Principal's Report: The reader board is up and running. Cameron talked to Bob Kelly and we might have some movement on a van but will know more tomorrow. Attendance is around 85% for the year for both ends. The Learning Fair and 8th grade parent meeting went well. We got some good feedback from parents. Tomorrow is the FFA banquet.

F. **Personnel/Human Resources:**

Speaker(s): Gail Buermann

Attachments: None

Reports:

1. Classified: Information –Resignation of Penny Koprek and hire of Corbin Coulter as night custodian.
2. Confidential: None at this time
3. Certified: None at this time
4. Administrative: None at this time
5. Extra Duty: None at this time

ACTION(S): No action items

G. **School Board Business, Policy Update:**

Speaker: Gail Buermann

Attachments:

Reports:

1. Legislative Update:
2. School Safety- Gail gave an update to the board on the following:
 - Update on SMART Training
 - Update on "I Love You Guys" Training

H. **Upcoming events/dates:**

As presented

8. **Executive Session**

A. No executive session

9. **Unfinished Business:**

A. SEI Filing: The amendment did not pass and the requirement to file is still effect.

B. Budget committee vacancies: No filers as yet. We could proceed without filling them but hopefully we can fill them.

10. Questions and Comments from Board Members:

11. Future Agenda Items

- A. Possible discussion of legal counsel to replace Garret Hemann Robertson.
- B. May 8th meeting moved to 6:00 PM

12. Adjournment

No further business presented; the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Scott Duffner, Board Chairman

Janet Waldron, Board Secretary

Minutes (to be) approved at the 5/8/23 Board meeting