



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Lopez Island School District #144  
June 16, 2023  
Multi Purpose Room/LISD Zoom  
3:00 PM  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

[Meeting Link can be found on LISD Website](#)

Following the recommendation of the San Juan County Health Department and LISD School measures to control the coronavirus, in-person attendance is limited by social distancing and Zoom meeting access is available.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

*Directors present: Chair Carrier, Vice-Chair Guenther, Director Rabel, Director Taylor, Director O'Connell. ASB present: Ana-Sophia Rempel. Staff present: Superintendent Murray, Principal Martin, Principal Fordham, Financial Manager K.Moore, Tech Director J.Hammond, Administrative Assistant S.Jones.*

*A quorum was present. Chair Carrier called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.*

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

*Vice-Chair Guenther led the flag salute. Chair Carrier led the land acknowledgement.*

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

*Director Rabel moved to approve the Agenda. No adjustments. All voted in favor. (5/5)*

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Regular Board Meeting of May 24, 2023

*Director Taylor moved to approve the Minutes of 5/24/23. No discussion. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved. (5/5)*

V. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Payroll for the month May 2023 \$458,664.96

B. Consideration to approve:

1. AP Check Summary, Warrant Numbers 117795 through 117795, totaling \$9,052.85
2. AP Check Summary, Warrant Numbers 117796 through 117851, totaling \$67,266.96
3. AP Check Summary, Warrant Numbers 117764 through 117793, totaling \$69,654.63
4. AP Check Summary, Warrant Numbers 117794 through 117794, totaling \$2,500.00
5. Contract for Classified Employment, HR Specialist (B.Stanford)

*Vice-Chair Guenther moved to approve the consent Agenda. No discussion. All voted to approve the Consent Agenda. (5/5)*

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

When called forward, individuals will identify themselves and proceed to make comments within the three (3) minute time limit established by the board. The board is not obligated to respond to questions or challenges made during the public comment period and the board's silence will not signal agreement or endorsement of the speaker's remarks. The board may control the time, place, and manner of public

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comment. The chair/president may terminate an individual's statement when the allotted time has passed and may interrupt a speaker to require the same standard of civility that the board imposes on itself.

*A member of the public spoke regarding OSPI information for Anacortes School and Lopez Island School and compared them, highlighting the differences.*

*A member of the public introduced himself as a candidate for School Board position. He also acknowledged Director Rabel's work on the board and thanked her.*

VII. COUNTY AND COMMUNITY ADVOCACY: Jane Fuller, San Juan County Council

*San Juan County Council Member Jane Fuller addressed the board regarding community and county advocacy. She took a moment to thank outgoing Director Rabel for her work with the board and shared her involvement in the community and school. She went on to let the Board know that the County Council does care about the crises the school district's are facing. She outlined past work with the Legislative Session attended by Director Rabel and Council Members. The Council will continue dialogue with key district stakeholders to work toward a solution. Superintendent Murray, Chair Carrier, Legislative Representative, Secondary Principal Martin, Outgoing Elementary Principal Fordham and two representatives from LEA and PSE were also invited to a meeting. She provided the entire board with a summary of why they met and what was discussed.*

*Vice-Chair Guenther asked how the affordable housing commitment from the County is going. The first part of the rezoning has been completed, but an additional zoning change needs to be done in order for the school to move forward. Currently, the Planning Department has a heavy workload and it will take commitment from the school to keep working with the county to make it happen soon.*

*Director Rabel asked that students be involved in stakeholder meetings. Council Member Fuller acknowledged the intent to include students through the PTSA as the next round of stakeholder meetings.*

VIII. RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE:

*Superintendent Murray read an OSPI letter regarding school buses outstanding inspection results.*

*Vice-Chair Guenther recognized the golf team and their coach, Richard Tetu, specifically the women and their championships, as well as the Academic Champions. He recognized the track team and their Coach Marina. The team that went to the State competition was the largest to attend ever. The ASB shared thank you cards for Director Rabel for working with students and for Kara Moore for working with the ASB.*

*Director Chair Carrier thanked everyone for continuing to show up and hopes everyone will get a bit of respite over summer.*

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT: Kara Moore, NWESD Business Services Manager

A. Monthly Financial Report

B. Update on 2023-2024 Budget Draft

*Financial Manager Moore shared the monthly report. She pointed out that some grant funds have yet to be collected, and therefore expenses are higher than revenues. Enrollment is 5 FTE lower than budgeted. That apportionment is given monthly so it is correctly accounted for in the Ending Fund Balance.*

*She shared the Budget Discussions timeline:*

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*July 12, 2023 - Budget Work Session*

*July 28, 2023- Budget Hearing*

*She shared Federal Revenues and the changes from 21-22, 22-23 and 23-24 school years. Superintendent Murray shared that next year, Elementary will receive Free lunches and breakfasts for all students based on our Free & Reduced student ratio. Additionally, Secondary students will receive breakfast after the bell to offer more equitable food services based on the Free & Reduced status of those students. Superintendent Murray noted that the PSE contracts will be available soon, however LEA contract numbers will not be available until early August.*

X. UPDATES:

A. Associated Student Body (ASB)

*Retiring teacher Richard Tetu left the position of the ASB advisor and Principal Martin approved teacher Kristen Maker as the new advisor. During the last week of school, the ASB hosted spirit week activities and on the last day of school egg hunt a grand prize.*

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

A. Superintendent Report

*Superintendent Murray presented a board report with a slide show. He shared responses to questions raised during public comment at the last meeting. The 180 Day Waiver was approved by OSPI. Elementary class teaching assignments were completed. Kendra Lewis will teach Kindergarten, Alison Mathis-Youde and Natalie McDonald will teach 1st, 2nd, and 3rd together, Lorri Swanson will teach 4th, Becca Hamilton will teach 5th and Brian Goff will teach 6th. Many of the 9 staff who were served a letter of non-renewal have been rehired. A new HR Specialist, Beth Stanford, was hired, as well as, an Elementary Custodian, John Stanford.*

XII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 22/23-7 WIAA

*To officially maintain membership in WIAA, the district's athletics association, a resolution is required. The board approved using WIAA for the 2023-24 school year. **Director Rabel moved to approve the Resolution 22/23-7. No discussion. Vice-Chair Guenther led a roll call vote: KT-yes, KC-Yes, SR-Yes, BO-Yes, DG-Yes. Resolution 22/23-7 was approved (5/5).***

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2023-2024 Minimum Basic Education Compliance Review

*Each year the school is required to complete the State Basic Education Board review for areas such as educational offerings, graduation requirements, instructional hours, High School and Beyond. Superintendent Murray has completed the SBE survey and answered questions from the directors.*

B. Board Vacancy

*The Board Director Vacancy was announced for the remainder of Director Rabel's position #1. Superintendent Murray shared the position requirements. The term expires 11/2025 and a posting calling for nominations and applicants will be posted on social media, on the LISD website, and lopezrocks.org as well as in at the school secondary and elementary locations and the LVM bulletin board. If more than five applicants apply, then the board would select the top five candidates. A new director needs to be selected within 90 days.*

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

*Director Rabel moved to adjourn. No discussion. Chair Carrier adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.*

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