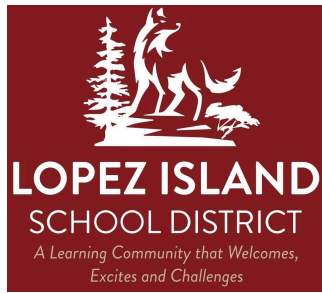


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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Lopez Island School District #144
January 24, 2024
Multi Purpose Room/LISD Zoom
6:00 PM
Board Meeting Minutes

[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 Price-Morris, Vice-Chair Carrier, Director Murphy, Director Taylor

Staff present: Superintendent Smith, Dr. Martin, K.Moore, J.Hammond, S.Jones

ASB present: R.Ervin-Mclean

Chair Price-Morris called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Vice-Chair Carrier led the flag salute. Chair Price-Smith gave the land acknowledgement.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chair Carrier moved to approve the agenda. Discussion: none. All voted in favor and the agenda was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. [Regular Board Meeting of December 20, 2023](#)

B. [Special Board Meeting of December 28, 2023](#)

*Chair Price-Morris asked for corrections or comments. There were no changes. **The minutes were approved as read.***

V. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Payroll for the month December \$215,557.67

B. Consideration to approve:

1. [AP Check Summary, Warrant Numbers 118310 through 118352, totaling \\$82,894.40](#)

2. Contract for Certified Employment, Provisional, Counselor (R.Ellis)

3. Contract for Certified Employment, Provisional, Music (N.Vliet)

4. Contract for Certified Employment, Provisional, Sp Ed-Special Needs (R.Prust)-revised

5. Contract for Certified Employment, Provisional, Sp Ed- Special Needs (H.Hatch)-revised

6. Contract for Classified Employment, School Nurse (S.Hurley)

7. Contract for Classified Employment, Health Room Assistant (K.Lovejoy)

Director Taylor moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Discussion: what was the investigation fee of \$945.45 for? This was to audit the payroll fraud issue from the fall.

All voted in favor of the Consent Agenda.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

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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 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.

No public comment

VII. RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE:

Chair Price-Morris thanked Superintendent Smith, Principal Martin and Transportation Director Linneman for checking on the roads and getting our kids safely to and from school during the snow days. She also thanked each for the clear and prompt communication. She expressed thanks to Superintendent Smith for ensuring the school entrances were shoveled. The Vice-Chair also thanked each for getting up early to check the roads.

***Director O'Connell joined the meeting via Zoom.** He had questions about the approved Consent Agenda and asked to go back. The chair inquired about the nature of his concerns and the board discussed options to address his comments.*

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

[January Enrollment](#)

[Board Financial Report](#)

K.Moore shared the December 2023 financial report via slides. She also shared the enrollment report. January enrollment dropped to an average of 225.25. This is a trend that is consistent with the last 2 years.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

A. Elementary & Secondary School Report

Dr. Martin started with a PTSA update since their representative could not attend this meeting. (See below.) She shared Elementary and Secondary school updates via slides. [January Principal Report](#)

B. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Smith shared an update via slides highlighting the work he's been engaged in since starting this month. [January Superintendent Report](#); [Budget Town Hall Feb 1, 2024](#)

X. UPDATES:

A. Associated Student Body (ASB)

ASB Rep. R.Ervin-Mclean reported ASB is hosting a middle school dance this Friday. She addressed the need for chaperones. They are planning a High School dance, advisories for the upcoming month and they had their first meeting with the superintendent.

B. Transportation Director - Teri Linneman

T.Linneman joined to share an update about our electric bus and provide information for consideration if a grant will be pursued to purchase a second electric bus. For the first several months, the bus was not in commission for a number of reasons. Additionally, the current bus does not operate properly in the cold. This bus only gets 80 miles per charge versus 120 miles per charge anticipated. Lack of charging stations on the mainland and the low mileage per charge

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- prevents the district from taking the bus off island for field trips. The cost to run the bus is about \$0.76 per mile and the cost for a diesel bus is \$0.91 per mile.*
- C. Technology Committee - Jesse Hammond
J.Hammond provided an update with slides outlining survey results and options to move forward. [Technology Report](#)
- D. Lopez Education Association (LEA)
LEA President R.Hamilton thanked all of the board members for their service. The LEA is looking forward to working with the new superintendent. They are glad to see the calendar on the agenda. LEA will participate in the Town Hall next week. WEA reps have been consulting for what they can offer for advocacy to help our small district. LEA hosted the end of the year holiday party. They will be hosting the June staff party. They thanked Martha and District staff for hosting the monthly staff treats. LEA holds elections this month. They thanked Director Carrier and Director O'Connell for working with the LEA to resolve an issue positively.
- E. Public School Employees (PSE)
PSE President D.Steinbrueck stated that some PSE work their 'union blue' shirts and will be doing so every Wednesday to show support for each other. She noted K.Lovejoy is attending a school nurse training through WSU. K.Ferrigario and D.Garcia, bus drivers, will be attending training this Friday and Saturday. Cook Holtz will attend a pizza workshop at the WSU Bread Lab. welcome S.Hurley as the nurse and Ioin in the kitchen. This year is a bargaining year for the PSE. They look forward to resuming labor management meetings with the new superintendent.
- F. Parent, Teacher, School Association (LIPTSA)
Dr. Martin gave each School Board director a gift to acknowledge how much they appreciate their service to the school. They gave a special gift to Vice-Chair Carrier for her service as the chair. LIPTSA is organizing a chili fundraiser this weekend. They will also be hosting a talent show later in spring to raise funds for yearbooks.

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Financial Committee
The board committee As information is gathered, the committee will share with the community. S.Murphy added that the Financial Committee would like to get a detailed report of the budget activity and they will review and share with the board to be sure they can avoid going in the red for the remainder of the school year.
- B. Balanced Calendar Committee
D.Guenther gave a report of recommendations from the Balanced Calendar Committee, The goal was to find changes in the calendar that would specifically benefit students. Research was based on other schools' experiences with alternative schedules. Many recommendations were around shorting the summer break and extending the school year. The committee focused on other changes specific to the island community. For example, many students miss school because of the amount of time required for ferry travel (appointments, sports travel, early departure for family travel). The committee recommended 4 changes: a full week off at Thanksgiving, several Fridays off, The recommendations would shorten the summer by approximately 2 weeks. General stakeholders were consulted and a survey was sent out to families. The committee recommends that the board adopt both changes for the 24/25 school year.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

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- A. [Policy 1220 Board Officers and Duties of Board Members - First Reading](#)
- B. [Policy 1225 School Director Legislative Program - First Reading](#)
- C. [Policy 1210 Annual Organizational Meeting - First Reading](#)

Chair Price-Morris introduced the policies 1220, 1225 and 1210 as policies that dictate the Legislative Representative election date and transition time. Discussion: consider amending the policy of 1220 and change elections from event to odd years. The legislature has two sessions in a two year cycle with the first year being a longer session to make policy changes. Another suggestion was to consolidate the elections to all be held together during the Annual Board Organization meeting, but the legislative rep would assume the position in July as currently stated.

Director Murphy asked if the part of policy 1210 that states a newly appointed director cannot serve as chair should be removed from the policy. The board discussed the options to move forward.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

*Director O'Connell brought up the option for the board to reconsider the approval of the Consent Agenda in order to identify problems he identified. **Director Taylor moved to reconsider the approval of the Consent Agenda. The board approved unanimously. Chair Price-Morris moved to adoption of the Consent Agenda. Discussion: items 4 & 5 where one particular word 'dedicated'. The word 'designated' should be replaced with 'dedicated'. Contracts for Counselor and Music Teacher did not mention the job title. He suggested that those details be added in. Director O'Connell moved to change contracts for Consent Agenda Items 4 & 5 (Contract for Certified Employment, Provisional, Sp Ed-Special Needs (R.Prust)-revised and Contract for Certified Employment, Provisional, Sp Ed- Special Needs) to change the designated to dedicated. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously. Vice-Chair Carrier moved to adopt the Consent Agenda with the changes approved. No discussion. The motion was approved unanimously. Chair Price-Morris rescinded her motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. No Discussion. The board approved the motion unanimously. Chair Pride-Morris moved to adjourn. All voted to approve unanimously. Chair Price-Morris adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.***

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