



LAKE OF THE WOODS

Lake of the Woods School ISD #390
September 28, 2020
Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM
ITV Room/Zoom

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Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by Chairperson Trask at 7:03 PM.

Members Present: Chair Corryn Trask, Vice Chair Robyn Sonstegard, Clerk Lynnette Ellis, Treasurer Tim Lyon, Director Boyd Johnson, Director Jeff Bircham

Others Present: Superintendent Jeff Nelson, Business Manager Crystal Olson, High School Principal Mary Merchant

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Sonstegard Second by Ellis to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Sonstegard Second by Ellis to approve the consent agenda with the change move Stephanie Plutko's leave request to new business.

- a. Approval of Minutes
- b. Approval of Invoices and Statements
- c. Approval of Personnel-Resignations, Retirements and Appointments
 - i. Leave requests
 1. Stephanie Plutko- Professional leave request
 - ii. Appointments
 1. Bryan Sathre- Head football
 2. Allen Cauble- Asst Football
 3. Austin Hiemstra- Asst Football
 4. ~~Brent Noble- Asst Football~~
 5. Brent Cole- JH Football
 6. Jill Olson Head- Volleyball
 7. Karlene Stay- Asst Volleyball
 8. Tate Moeller- Asst Volleyball Coach
 9. Gabriel Olson- Part-time custodian
 10. Nathan Solar- Welding Instructor
 11. JP Sweet- JH football

Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Trask asked if there were any Board Presenters, there were none.

Chair Trask asked if there were any Written Communications, there were none.

Old Business

Motion by Ellis second by Birchem to approve second reading of Policy 808: COVID-19 Face Covering Policy

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Ellis second by Lyon to approve Consideration to set public hearing for Monday, October 26 at 7:00 PM for property tax abatement not to exceed \$28,440 over 5 years.

Discussion:

Johnson thinks the school should stay out of this entirely as this is the tax payers money that was intended to be used by the school. It would make the school look bad to be giving up money now and then in the future going for a referendum asking for more money. He proposed if we did this to go on a prorated scale of giving 100% the first year and work our way down to 20% the last year.

Lyon looks at it as an all or nothing thing; it's not so much the amount whether the tax payers are willing to give this up. Sending this to a public hearing where the constituents have their chance to come and share their opinions on the matter can't hurt.

Johnson agreed that if no one shows up to the public hearing then it will be up to them to represent their constituents. He doesn't agree with using public money to give to a private entity to use towards multi-million dollar improvements. We aren't going to lose the grocery store if we don't give them this money, that would be a different story. One of the big plans is to add another coffee shop. When we are looking at going for a referendum in the near future how can we look the tax payers in the eye and say we need more money, yes we did just give some away but now we need more.

Roll Call Vote: Ellis Y, Johnson N, Trask Y, Sonstegard Y, Lyon Y, Birchem N
motion passes.

New Business

Motion by Johnson second by Lyon to approve unpaid professional leave for Stephanie Plutko options for compensation may be discussed at a later time.

Discussion:

Nelson explained that this position is very much needed. Right now she is working in the teletherapy department as a paraprofessional, we are also paying a full time speech pathologist to work directly with students via teletherapy. With this degree she would be able to provide some of those services without the teacher. She would still be working under a licensed speech pathologist but would be able to provide much more direct services than she is now and may save the district money in the future. This is her final 2 semesters. There may be some options to discuss in the future. Lyon mentioned that maybe we could put her under contract for 5 years or something if we were to provide some assistance now. Nelson stated this is all a slippery slope as we understand the need but what is offered to one person sets a precedence to what we should offer to all staff furthering their education. Not that it's not possible but more research needs to be done.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Lyon second by Ellis to approve the Athletic Facilities Lease Agreement with the Baudette Area Arena for the period of July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Discussion:

Birchem added that they now have figure skating up and running, some new coaches and he has been hearing a lot of positive feedback from the community.

Sontegard asked for clarification on the amount, Nelson confirmed that it was the same as last year.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Sonstegard second by Ellis to approve resolution 2020/2021-007 accepting donation for elementary music from North Star Electric Cooperative Community trust operation round-up
Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Ellis second by Lyon to approve Resolution 2020/2021-008 Certifying Proposed Tax Levy for 2020 payable 2021
Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Ellis second by Birchem to approve Resolution 2020/2021-009 appointing Jeff Nelson, Superintendent, as Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) and Crystal Olson, Business Manager to act as the IOwA to add and remove names only for Lake of the Woods Independent School District 390.
Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Lyon second by Sontegard to approve Resolution 2020/2021-010 accepting donation for the backpack program from MT Carmel Welca
Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Birchem second by Lyon to approve memorandum of understanding with Northwest Community Action- Head start for adult meals for the 2020-2021 school year

Discussion:

Sontegard asked for clarification as to why it is for adult meals only not children. Nelson and Charlton confirmed that the children are all qualified under free and reduced applications, this contract is for the head start employees as head start pays for their meals.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Sonstegard second by Ellis to approve contract for meals with Busy Bee's daycare

Discussion:

Lyon asked about the free meals going until December 31 or until funding runs out. Charlton added that they are getting free meals for the children right now. When the summer food program runs out we will then use this contract. They will be billed for meals monthly, we have to charge them the full adult price because they are not students so we don't get any reimbursements from the state.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Lyon second by Ellis to approve contract for meals with Little Explorers daycare

Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Trask asked if there were any Board Presenters, there was none.

Adjourn by Chair Trask at 7:43 PM.

Board Chair, Corryn Trask

Date

Clerk, Lynnette Ellis

Date