

Loup City Public Schools Board of
Education Regular Session
Monday, April 13, 2020 7:30 PM Central

Loup City Public Schools Library Board Room
800 North 8th Street
Loup City, NE 68853-0628

Cindy Ericson: Present, Scott Friesen: Present, Tami Heil: Present, Wayne Klein: Present, Eric KowalskiE: Present, Janelle Krzycki: Present, Jamie Lewandowski: Present, Ron Mroczek: Present, Loraine Panowicz: Present. Present: 9.

1. Call Meeting To Order:

3 members of the board were present via Zoom.

1.A. Pledge of Allegiance

1.B. Announce Open Meetings Act - Posted in Meeting Room

1.C. Publication of Meeting

Ron and Janelle

2. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Loraine Panowicz, seconded by Jamie Lewandowski, to approve the agenda as presented.. Motion Carried

Ericson: Yes, Friesen: Yes, Heil: Yes, Klein: Yes, KowalskiE: Yes, Krzycki: Yes, Lewandowski: Yes, Mroczek: Yes, Panowicz: Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

3. Consent Agenda:

Welcome to Jacob Hunter who will be our new math teacher for the 2020-21 school year. He will be completing a transitional certificate with UNK.

3.A. Reading and approval of the minutes from March 9, 2020

The minutes were corrected to reflect percentages of package raise and salaries of administrators.

Motion by Janelle Krzycki, seconded by Tami Heil, to approve consent agenda with the correction to item 5 on March 19, Item 8 to include pkg increase, and salary.. Motion Carried

Ericson: Yes, Friesen: Yes, Heil: Yes, Klein: Yes, KowalskiE: Yes, Krzycki: Yes, Lewandowski: Yes, Mroczek: Yes, Panowicz: Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

3.B. Reading and Approval of Minutes from the special meeting on March 19, 2020

Requested to correct adjournment of 8:30pm and record the vote.

3.C. Approve the contract of Jacob Hunter for Secondary Mathematics

4. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the March Financial Report:

The report shows a higher than normal expenditure due to a double payment by NDE. It had to be expensed to be returned.

Motion by Jamie Lewandowski, seconded by Wayne Klein, to to approve the payment of all bills and vendors with the exception of Ericson Ford.. Motion Carried

Ericson: Yes, Friesen: Yes, Heil: Yes, Klein: Yes, KowalskiE: Yes, Krzycki: Yes, Lewandowski: Yes, Mroczek: Yes, Panowicz: Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

Motion by Scott Friesen, seconded by Eric KowalskiE, to to approve the payment of Ericson Ford.. Motion Carried

Ericson: Abstain (With Conflict), Friesen: Yes, Heil: Yes, Klein: Yes, KowalskiE: Yes, Krzycki: Yes, Lewandowski: Yes, Mroczek: Yes, Panowicz: Yes
Yes: 8, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

5. Hearing of the Audience:

Members of the public all spoke via Zoom. Tina Treffer spoke about the concern with the schedule, room usage and her concern about building. Trent Loos spoke about concerns in budgets and the current economic situation.

6. Discussion Items:

6.A. Discussion of the possible Cooperative Athletic Handbook for 2020-21

The board reviewed some possible changes to the ALC handbook and received feedback from board members.

7. Action Items:

7.A. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action on 2nd reading of changes to graduation requirements beginning with the class of 2024

Graduation requirements will change with the class of 2024. These changes would add personal finance to the list of requirements, and reduce the number of math requirements to align with the state but would require all students to take Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II. The mathematics changes will make students take more rigorous math courses that will align with the ACT and NSCAS, it will also allow Algebra I taken in the 8th grade to count as credit aligning us with other school districts and NDE guidelines.

Motion by Ron Mroczek, seconded by Wayne Klein, to approve the revision of Policy 611.07 Graduation Requirements to begin with the class of 2024 with the addition of 90 elective credits and 250 total credit hours.. Motion Carried

Ericson: Yes, Friesen: Yes, Heil: Yes, Klein: Yes, KowalskiE: Yes, Krzycki: Yes, Lewandowski: Yes, Mroczek: Yes, Panowicz: Yes
Yes: 9, No: 0

7.B. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the renewal of ALICAP for the school year 2020-21.

ALICAP is a cooperative insurance program for all school districts in the state and has been economical for LCPS.

Motion by Loraine Panowicz, seconded by Tami Heil, to approve the renewal of our ALICAP insurance policy for the 2020-21 school year.. Motion Carried

Ericson: Yes, Friesen: Yes, Heil: Yes, Klein: Yes, KowalskiE: Yes, Krzycki: Yes, Lewandowski: Yes, Mroczek: Yes, Panowicz: Yes
Yes: 9, No: 0

7.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve an extension of the Return to Work Agreement for the duration of unanticipated school closure.

The board discussed continuing the agreement through the remainder of the current school year to end on May 20, 2020.

Motion by Loraine Panowicz, seconded by Ron Mroczek, to to approve the Return to Work agreement as presented through the remainder of the unanticipated closure.. Motion Carried

Ericson: Yes, Friesen: Yes, Heil: No, Klein: No, KowalskiE: Yes, Krzycki: Yes, Lewandowski: No, Mroczek: Yes, Panowicz: Yes
Yes: 6, No: 3

7.D. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve summer maintenance projects including carpet, painting, moving of the business manager and concrete repairs.

The board is looking at our normal summer maintenance in buildings. The board will look at paint, carpet, and some concrete repairs for the summer of 2020. The building committee will discuss bids and report back to the board.

Motion by Wayne Klein, seconded by Scott Friesen, to proceed with carpet, moving business office, paint, concrete replacement and asbestos abatement under the direction of the building committee.. Motion Carried

Ericson: Yes, Friesen: Yes, Heil: Yes, Klein: Yes, KowalskiE: Yes, Krzycki: Yes, Lewandowski: Yes, Mroczek: Yes, Panowicz: Yes
Yes: 9, No: 0

7.E. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to address graduation requirements for 2020. With the unanticipated closure the board will remain with 250 credits. Requirements will stay the same and students will be contacted if they are in jeopardy by the high school principal and school counselor.

Motion by Wayne Klein, seconded by Tami Heil, to to approve the resolution.. Motion Carried

Ericson: Yes, Friesen: Yes, Heil: Yes, Klein: Yes, KowalskiE: Yes, Krzycki: Yes, Lewandowski: Yes, Mroczek: Yes, Panowicz: Yes
Yes: 9, No: 0

7.F. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action for the Wall of Fame 2020

Due to the uncertainty with a commencement ceremony the board discussed not having inductions this year but giving all current nominations an additional year of eligibility.

Motion by Wayne Klein, seconded by Loraine Panowicz, to suspend wall of fame for one year, all.. Motion Carried

Ericson: Yes, Friesen: Yes, Heil: Yes, Klein: Yes, KowalskiE: Yes, Krzycki: Yes, Lewandowski: Yes, Mroczek: Yes, Panowicz: Yes
Yes: 9, No: 0

8. Leadership Reports:

8.A. School Board Committee/Training Reports

8.B. Elementary Principal Report

Mr Reikofski discussed how the students will be getting their enrichment materials and the support provided by the teaching staff. He complimented the staff and support staff for their work.

8.C. High School Principal Report

Mr. Asche discussed the schedule change due to the unanticipated closure and the move to remote learning. Students have 4 days of classes and meet with their teachers on Zoom. A new grading procedure was introduced to encourage students to participate and to ensure they move forward.

8.D. Superintendent's Report

Ms Simpson discussed the closure and some of the work being done in the building. Thank you to all of the teachers and staff for their dedication.

9. Future Meetings/Reminders:

Next regular session is May 11, 2020 at 7:30pm. If current conditions exist it will be on Zoom again. Link to meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94419197970>

10. Shouts Outs!

11. Strategy session to discuss and receive legal advice related to pending Open Meetings Complaint filed by Cheri Kowalski, Roseann Wilson, Dianna Dethlefs, Jerry Dethlefs and Tina Treffer.

The board has adopted a motion to enter closed session to conduct a strategy session and receive legal advice related to a pending Open Meetings complaint.

Motion by Tami Heil, seconded by Janelle Krzycki, to I move that the board to enter closed session to conduct a strategy session and receive legal advice related to a pending Open Meetings complaint.. Motion Carried

Ericson: Yes, Friesen: Yes, Heil: Yes, Klein: Yes, KowalskiE: Yes, Krzycki: Yes, Lewandowski: Yes, Mroczek: Yes, Panowicz: Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

Motion by Ron Mroczek, seconded by Janelle Krzycki, to come out of the strategy session with no action taken at 10:37pm.. Motion Carried

Ericson: Yes, Friesen: Yes, Heil: Yes, Klein: Yes, KowalskiE: Yes, Krzycki: Yes, Lewandowski: Yes, Mroczek: Yes, Panowicz: Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Tami Heil, seconded by Jamie Lewandowski, to to adjourn at 10:38pm.. Motion Carried

Ericson: Yes, Friesen: Yes, Heil: Yes, Klein: Yes, KowalskiE: Yes, Krzycki: Yes, Lewandowski: Yes, Mroczek: Yes, Panowicz: Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0