

**Lavina Public School
Regular School Board Meeting
November 11, 2020**

On Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Ben Lehfeldt called the regular school board meeting to order. Trustees Lee Burroughs and Jennelle Wallis, Superintendent Nicole Hanson and Clerk Julie Sperry were in attendance. Guests present were Francine Jansen, Jen Peters, Tracy Zuhoski, Randy & Jana Hutzenbiler, and Brittany Boehm. Lea Ann Zinne, Rena Kouba, Kelli Schwehr and Kim Kopetzky joined the meeting on Google Meet.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lee made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Jennelle 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Public Participation/Comments: Jen Peters spoke about teachers sharing their political views with students. She talked about respect and having consistent expectations. Randy Hutzenbiler reminded the Board that they must uphold the law according to Montana Administrative Code 10.55.701.

Communications:

- **Trustee's report:** Lee and Ben reported receiving anonymous letters which they could not address.
- **Student Council:** None
- **Teacher's organization:** The Jr. Class took the ASVAB test. The Paleontology class went on a field trip to the Lehfeldt Ranch. Honor Roll has been posted for the 1st Quarter and an Awards Assembly was held on Nov. 6.
- **AD's Report:** Francine reported:
 - Jr. High girls basketball is underway. There are 25 girls out for the season. We have played 3 games so far.
 - We hosted the District 5C Volleyball Tournament October 29-31. Our team played 3 games in the tournament.
 - The football team went to Medicine Lake for a playoff game on October 24th.
 - High School Basketball practice begins December 7th with our opening game on January 2nd.
 - MHS is meeting on November 23rd and the District 6C is meeting on November 24th. We have received the proposed basketball schedule.
 - The new activity bus is due here around the end of the month.
 - We are using the NFHS camera. During the Championship game of the volleyball tournament there were 400 views.

Superintendent's Report:

Backpack Program: We have started a backpack program at school to help kids that may need a little extra food on the weekends. We are partnering with Doreen Rech and the Roundup backpack program for the first month. They have agreed to purchase the food with the idea of us being self-sustaining. I am looking for people or businesses to donate funds to cover the cost of food. Currently we have 12 students benefiting from food on the weekends.

Boiler Inspection: The boiler was inspected yesterday. We passed inspection but that said, Sam is telling me that the boiler is in rough shape. I have a call into Snowy Mountain Development to get the ball rolling with a grant to purchase a new system.

Jigsaw Consulting: One of my personal goals this year is to provide meaningful feedback to teachers inside the classroom. Feedback is given by me via walk-throughs, Monday memos, email correspondence, and evaluations. I want evaluations to be meaningful and helpful so I have hired Jo Swain to help me through my first year. She is an expert at the State adopted Danielson Framework which is also the Lavina teachers' preferred model. Currently Dr. Swain is helping me with non-tenured teachers' evaluations.

Roof: One of our windstorms blew the cover off of the hatch right over Mr. B's classroom. The problem was discovered by Mr. B when his roof began to leak from snow melt. Since then, we discovered that the hatch was rotten and the insulation and ceiling tiles needs to be replaced. Our school's insurance MSGIA is helping us with the claim which may or may not be covered by insurance. We are also trying to figure out if the insulation and the ceiling tiles have asbestos. If asbestos is found, we have to hire a special company to remove the asbestos and fix the ceiling in Mr. B's room.

Maternity Leave: Lynsey is very close to her delivery day! The staff is very excited for her. Sharon Parker will be her sub while she is out for eight weeks.

Recognition of Students: Friday, November 6th, we had an awards assembly to recognize the academic achievements of students. We also recognized punctual students.

Music Christmas Concert: Mr. MacMurdie has composed a letter to parents in K-12 that asks for them to vote on an option regarding a music concert. Option 1 is to have a music concert during the day. The performance will be recorded and then posted online for families to view. Option 2 is for the concert to be held on two separate nights during the week. One night will be for the elementary, (K-6) the other will be for the high school and junior high (7-12).

Shout outs: I wanted to give a shout out to Francine and the staff that volunteered to help out with the Class C volleyball tournament. We had four days to plan for the tournament and I feel that Lavina did an outstanding job!

COVID Update: Currently our numbers are at 6, which means we are under the Governor's mask mandate. Our mitigation efforts include extra cleaning, social distancing, and wearing masks or shields. I am also working with Central District Health and families to prevent the spread of COVID in our school as best as we can.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1. **Student Activity Accounts:** Lee made a motion to close Class of 2018, Class of 2019, Class of 2020, transfer balance in advertising to BPA, close Advertising, and open Class of 2026, Class of 2027, Class of 2028, and Class of 2029. Jennelle 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Jennelle made a motion to approve the bills and payroll as presented. Lee 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Jennelle 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Chairman of the Board

District Clerk

Date

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