

**Lavina Public School
Regular School Board Meeting
May 14, 2019**

On Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:01 p.m. Chairman Ben Lehfeldt called the regular school board meeting to order. Trustees Lee Burroughs and Craig Jensen, Superintendent Duane Walker and Clerk Julie Sperry were in attendance. Guests present were Scott and Kim Kopetzky, Craig Mattheis, Josh and Francine Jansen, Erin McLean, Anna Rasmussen, Rena Kouba, and Jennelle Wallis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lee made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Craig 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Reorganization of the Board:

1. **Swearing in of Newly Elected Trustee:** Ben Lehfeldt was given the oath of office by Craig Mattheis, County Superintendent of Schools. He had been elected by acclamation for a three-year term.

Allen Grammens and Koree MacMurdie joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

2. **Call for Nominations for Chairperson:** Ben nominated Lee for Chairman, Craig 2nd, all in favor. Lee Burroughs was elected Chairman of the Board.
3. **Election of Vice-Chairperson:** Lee nominated Craig for Vice-Chairman, Ben 2nd, all in favor. Craig Jensen was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board.
4. **Appointment of Clerk:** Ben made a motion to appoint Julie Sperry as Clerk for a one year term. Craig 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
5. **Swearing in of Clerk:** Julie was given the oath of office by Craig Mattheis, County Superintendent of Schools.

Public Participation/Comments: Francine asked about the expectations of teachers and the rehiring process. Mr. Walker and the board members each spoke on the subject.

Communications:

- **Trustee's report:** None
- **Student Council:** None
- **Teacher's organization:** Koree and Kim reported on SBAC testing, the very successful Spring Fling, and tomorrow's MBI rock painting activity.
- **AD's Report:** Jr. High Track season finished well with both the 7th and 8th Grade girls taking 1st place at the District Track Meet. About one half of the High School track team qualified for the Divisional Track Meet. Impact testing has been completed and physicals were offered at the school. There might be a Coop meeting next week in Broadview. High School Fall sports practice will start August 16, 2019. The Athletic Banquet will be held in Broadview on May 20th.

Allen Grammens and Craig Mattheis left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Superintendent's Report:

I RECEIVED AN E-MAIL THIS WEEK FROM NORTHWESTERN ENERGY THAT ARE PROPOSAL FOR A SOLAR PROJECT HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND THAT NORTHWESTERN IS WILLING TO PAY AN INCENTIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,540.00 TOWARDS OUR PROJECT. THIS AMOUNT IS SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT IF THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE SIZE OR COST OF THE PROJECT. OUR COST WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$13,590. IN ADDITION, WE WILL HAVE TO FUND THE ENTIRE AMOUNT UP FRONT THEN RECEIVE OUR INCENTIVE REIMBURSEMENT AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT. I WILL BE FOLLOWING UP WITH BOZEMAN GREEN BUILD AS TO THE DATES AND LOGISTICS OF THE PROJECT. JULIE AND I BELIEVE THAT SHOULD WE DO THIS, IT WILL NEED TO BE PUT INTO NEXT YEAR'S FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH TRENT WALLIS AND AIRCONTROLS OUT OF BILLINGS REGARDING THE REPLACEMENT OF OUR BOILER. THEY HAVE STATED THAT THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF REPLACING OUR CURRENT BOILER WITH PROPANE FIRED ONES FOR UNDER \$100,000.00. THIS HAS TRANSPIRED IN ONLY THAT LAST FEW DAYS, SHOULD WE BE ABLE TO DO THIS, WE WOULD NEED TO OBTAIN A LOAN FROM THE INTERCAP LOAN PROGRAM AND MAKE PAYMENTS FROM OUR BUILDING RESERVE MAINTENANCE PERMISSIVE LEVY. I WILL KEEP THE BOARD INFORMED OF THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT. I WILL BE TAKING SOME VACATION DAYS IN JUNE, I WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT THROUGH EMAILS, PHONES, AS WELL AS STILL BEING HERE IN LAVINA.

Old Business:

1. **Industrial Arts Program:** The position will continue to be advertised.
2. **Insurance Settlement/Vehicle Purchase:** Ben made a motion to reverse the decision made last month to purchase a new white bus with the insurance settlement and to purchase a new Ford Expedition and a used white bus instead. Craig 2nd, Ben and Craig in favor, Lee opposed, motion passed.

New Business:

1. **Senior Class – Cap Decor:** Craig made a motion to approve the four graduation cap designs as presented. Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
2. **Broadview/Lavina All-Sports Cooperative Interlocal Agreement:** Ben made a motion to renew the Broadview/Lavina All-Sports Cooperative Interlocal Agreement through 2022. Craig 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Anna Rasmussen and Erin McLean left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

3. **Resignations and Open Positions – Elementary & Maintenance:** Ben made a motion to accept the resignations of Sabrina Hiscock, 5-6 grade teacher, and Scott Kopetzky, head maintenance. Craig 2nd, all in favor, motion passed. Both positions are being advertised.

4. **Obsolete Sale Resolution:**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the trustees of the Lavina School District have determined that the following personal property of the District, located at 214 1st St. E., Lavina, MT are obsolete, undesirable, and/or unsuitable for school purposes.

WHEREAS, a description of the property is as follows:

Wooden Gym Bleachers – 5 sections, 96 feet x 4 inches total, 7 rows high

WHEREAS, the subject property is obsolete, undesirable, and/or unsuitable for school purposes because the items are outdated and/or have been replaced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lavina Public School District No. 2 hereby resolves to sell the property identified above because it is or is about to become obsolete, undesirable, and/or unsuitable for school purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this resolution shall, in accordance with § 20-20-204, be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District on May 23, 2019, The Times-Clarion, and posted in three public places in the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective fourteen (14) days after publication specified above unless appealed to a district court by a taxpayer in compliance with and as provided in § 20-6-604(4), MCA.

Ben made a motion to approve the Obsolete Items Resolution. Lee 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

5. **Rehire Groundskeeper:** Ben made a motion to rehire Jana Hutzenbiler as Groundskeeper for the 2019-2020 school year. Craig 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
6. **Renew/Non-Renew Classified Contracts:** Ben made a motion to renew contracts for the classified staff for the 2019-2020 school year: Sam Bechtold, Asst. Custodian; Jana Hutzenbiler, Head Cook; Charlene Ketcham, Asst. Cook; Rena Kouba, Administrative Asst.; Christy Jutila, Teacher's Aide; Raquel Sanguins, Library Aide; Kelly Bechtold, Bus Route Driver; Susan Wood, Bus Route Driver; Josh and Francine Jansen, Bus Route Drivers. Lee 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
7. **Classified Wages and Clerk Salary:** Ben made a motion to increase the Clerk's salary and the wages of the classified staff, with the exception of the Bus Route Drivers, by 3.5% and increase Activity Drive time to \$12.00 per hour and Activity Down time to \$10.00 per hour for the 2019-2020 school year. Craig 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
8. **Shared Teacher Agreement with Ryegate School:** Lee made a motion to renew the Shared Teacher Agreement with Ryegate School for the 2019-2020 school year. Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

9. **High School Diplomas for Graduation:** Ben made a motion to approve the seven Class of 2019 high school diplomas for graduation. Lee 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
10. **Transportation Committee:** Lee made a motion to appoint Ben as our representative on the Transportation Committee for the 2019-2020 school year. Craig 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
11. **Freeman & Gaffney Contract:** Ben made a motion to renew the contract with Freeman & Gaffney for tech services for the 2019-2020 school year. Lee 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
12. **2019-2020 Bus Routes:** Ben made a motion to approve the North Route as presented. Craig 2nd, all in favor, motion passed. Craig made a motion to approve the South Route as presented. Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed. Lee made a motion to approve the East Route as presented. Craig 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
13. **2019-2020 Meal Prices:** Ben made a motion to keep the meal prices for the 2019-2020 school year the same as they were this year. Craig 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Scott and Kim Kopetzky left the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Ben made a motion to approve the bills and payroll as presented with the exception of the voided check to Harlow's and pre-approve the certified staff final payroll. Lee 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Craig made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Chairman of the Board

District Clerk

Date

Date