

**Lavina Public School
Regular School Board Meeting
May 9, 2023**

On Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7:01 p.m. Chairman Jennelle Wallis called the regular school board meeting to order. Trustees Dan Peters and Ben Lehfeltdt, Superintendent Nicole Hanson and Clerk Julie Sperry were in attendance. Guests present were Francine Jansen, Rena Kouba, Destiny Birdwell, Adam Milligan, Jaylyn Thaut, Sarah Lyda, Danielle Peters, KJ Fauth and Josh Wolff. Joining the meeting on Google Meet were Tonya Garber and Lisa Carpenter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ben made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Communications:

- 1. Trustee's report:** None
- 2. Student Council:** Jaylyn reported they are having concessions at play day tomorrow and election of officers on May 19th.
- 3. Teacher's organization:** Lisa listed the activities this month: FCS Garment Showcase, play day, Honor Society induction, 3rd and 4th grade wax museum, ROARS program ending next week, 1st and 2nd grade science fair, highway and town clean-up, BPA National Leadership Conference.

Marie Baird joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

- 4. AD's Report:** High school track has district on Friday. Jr. High district is on Monday. Josh has been working on the football field. Most of our schedules for next year have been finalized. Francine will attend the Class C Caucus in June. Plans are being made for basketball and volleyball camps this summer. The gym floor will be resealed this summer. We are getting bids for new baseboards for the gym. Sports physicals will be held in Lavina on May 16th.
- 5. Maintenance Report:** Josh passed his boiler test and received his license. The boiler is shut down for the season and will be cleaned on June 1st. The mowers and tractor have been readied for summer. The roller for the football field is here from Broadview. The sidewalk was looked at and we are waiting for a bid to repair the water drainage problem. Josh is getting bids for flooring for the locker rooms and hallway and the gym baseboard. Maintenance request forms have been sent to the staff.

Reorganization of the Board:

- 1. Swearing in of Newly Elected Trustee:** Jennelle Wallis was given the oath of office by Marie Baird, County Superintendent of Schools.
- 2. Call for Nominations for Chairperson:** Dan nominated Jennelle for Chairman, Jennelle nominated Ben for Chairman. After a secret ballot vote, Jennelle Wallis was elected Chairman of the Board.

3. **Election of Vice-Chairperson:** Ben nominated Dan for Vice-Chairman, all in favor. Dan Peters was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board.
4. **Appointment of Clerk:** Jennelle made a motion to appoint Julie Sperry as Clerk for a one year term. Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
5. **Swearing in of Clerk:** Julie Sperry was given the oath of office by Marie Baird, County Superintendent of Schools.

Public Participation/Comments: Marie spoke about the costs to the county associated with the CBDG grant.

Marie left the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Superintendent's Report:

- Adam Milligan discussed the surveys that were completed by students, staff and parents. Adam left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.
- KJ Fauth reported on the Beef to School program and two modular homes he has for sale. KJ left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.
- We were approved for the National Historic Registry at the state level.
- Curriculum update for K-8 will be math this year and reading next year.
- A boiler pre-construction meeting is set for May 17th. June 5th will be ground-breaking.
- Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Sanguins are attending a teacher recruitment fair in Bozeman tomorrow.
- Grants have been submitted for Title IV and Coal Board.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. **Review and Comments on the Analysis of Brownfields:** Tonya Garber presented the analysis of the Brownfield's Assessment. Ben made a motion to move forward with the boiler removal process. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Tonya left the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

2. **Seniors:** Dan made a motion to approve the graduation hat designs as presented. Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
3. **Diplomas:** Ben made a motion to approve diplomas for the five seniors who are all in good standing. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Danielle and Jaylyn left the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

4. **Resignations and Open Positions:** Ben made a motion to accept the resignations of Samantha Painter, Heidi Newsom, Kristina Rentz Hand and Amanda Francisco and open the positions of elementary teacher, social studies teacher and special ed aide. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Destiny left the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

- 5. Hire Teachers:** Jennelle made a motion to hire Sarah Lyda for social studies teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed. Ben made a motion to hire Cedar Martin for elementary teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Jennelle 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Sarah left the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

- 7. Renew/Non-Renew Classified Contracts:** Ben made a motion to renew the following classified staff contracts as presented: Josh Wolff, Samantha Fish, Kyle Francisco, Desiree Moyers, Rena Kouba, Raquel Sanguins, Francine Jansen, Kayla Maki and Jessica Dodds. Jennifer Montgomery and Malissa Morrill will also be offered contracts for special ed aides. Jennelle 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
- 8. Classified Staff and Clerk Wages:** Ben made a motion to increase starting pay for classified staff to \$11.50 and raise current staff wages by 2% plus \$.50 per hour. Jennelle 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
- 9. Renew/Non-Renew Bus Driver Contracts:** Ben made a motion to renew bus driver contracts for Kelly Beckett, Charlie Egge, Francine Jansen and Susan Wood. Jennelle 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
- 10. County Transportation Committee Representative:** Ben made a motion to appoint Dan Peters as representative to the county transportation committee. Jennelle 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
- 11. Transportation Agreement with Roundup School District:** Dan made a motion to approve the transportation agreement with Roundup School District for the 2023-2024 school year. Ben 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
- 12. Lavina Teachers Association MOU:** Ben made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with LTA to waive Sharon Parker's perfect attendance stipend. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.
- 13. Summer Maintenance Projects:** No action was taken.

Lisa left the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Rena left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Ben made a motion to approve the bills as presented and pre-approve payroll and certified payout. Jennelle 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Ben made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Dan 2nd, all in favor, motion passed.

Chairman of the Board

District Clerk

Date

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