

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Loomis School, Media Center, Rm 117
101 Bryan St
Loomis, NE 68958-0250

Monday, October 14, 2024 7:30 PM

Holdrege Daily Citizen Posted Date: 10-7-2024
Loomis Post Office, Loomis Village Office, Loomis Public School Posted Date: 9-24-2024

Kelly Anderson: Absent, Gary Regelin: Present, Duane Schoff: Present, Scott Schukar: Present,
Mike Szekely: Present, Luke Thorell: Absent.

1. Call to Order

Motion to approve the meeting open at 7:30 p.m. and properly posted by advanced notice. Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Mike Szekely.

Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea

2. Welcome Guests

3. Approval of Absent Board Members

Motion to approve the absence of Kelly Anderson & Luke Thorell Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Gary Regelin.

Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the bills, and authorize the Board President and Treasurer to sign and validate all the checks and warrants as presented Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Scott Schukar.

Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea

Reviewed the Bill Roster.

4.1. Agenda

4.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

4.3. Bill Roster

4.4. Financial Reports

4.4.1. General Fund

Receipts \$759,438.25, expenses \$810,575.42, balance \$1,708,722.25

4.4.2. Investment Fund

Depreciation Fund: Receipts \$8,516.28, expenses \$21,129.00, balance \$1,034,915.57
Bond Fund: Receipts \$39,977.40, expenses \$0, balance \$367,523.61

4.4.3. Activities Fund

Receipts \$36,215.71, expenses \$38,822.60, balance \$114,578.61

4.4.4. Nutrition Fund

Receipts \$18,946.66, expenses \$46,543.08, balance \$83,130.54

4.4.5. Building Fund

Receipts \$8,978.11, expenses \$0, balance \$139,868.17

5. Introduction of Speakers

Booster Club - Lindsey Hays told about some of the things that the Booster Club has done. They provided a meal for the teachers at parent-teacher conferences, making donations for Loomis students to attend district fb game, giving to FFA students attending National Convention, they are hosting a Halloween party as a fundraiser. They are participating in Give to Grow to raise funds to build a track facility in the future.

6. Board Committee Reports

6.1. Negotiations

October is the beginning month for negotiations. One thing that needs to be at the forefront is to look into the negotiated agreement. We will wait to meet at the end of October when the insurance increases are out. I shared a list of items that were either suggested or discussed at the conference. Meeting October 28, 7:30 a.m.

6.2. Americanism

Discussion included suggestions for future speakers for our Veterans Recognition program and what we could do to find new key note speakers. Anne does an excellent job with the music and we will continue to have here students sing the national anthem. The program will be held on November 11th, 2024. We will continue to look for the new standards to explore new curriculum in the future.

We also discussed alternatives to having a speaker - possibly a patriotic presentation. We will continue to look for a speaker for the 11th. Next Meeting March 6th

6.3. Policy

We met on Oct. 4th to discuss 4 policies. Policy 4068 needed the sub per period changed to reflect the negotiated agreement. Policy 4031 needed the class period time changed to reflect the

current class period time of 48 minutes.

Policies 2007 - Reimbursement and Miscellaneous Expenditures and Policy 3040 - School Safety and Security were up to be reviewed. There are 2 action agenda items. 1. To approve the changes on policy 4068 and 4031

2. To approve the review of policy 2007 and 3040. I plan to work on getting the policies updated on Sparq in October. NASB suggested one section a month. I will get some times out to review those policies when the time comes. Next meeting is April 3rd.

6.4. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

I have some quotes for a dump trailer and the quote from Steve Wahls. CJ also has contacted Springers for a bid for the HS gym and the crow's nest roof. He has also called Rutt's to get a bid for the big AC on the HS side. Next meeting Nov. 5th

6.5. Preschool Advisory

We reviewed the old business and started on the new agenda. Right now, with the new law, there are 5 pk students that have to move on due to age, 6 that could either stay in pk or go to kindergarten and 9 students that can repeat pre-school. This will be a discussion point for the future meeting. Do we take 4-5-year-olds over 3-year-olds, or do we look at our options for an alternative kindergarten?

We discussed changing the wording in the handbook for the number cap. We would change the 20th spot to be able to fill in with the agreement to drop due to a high need's student moving into the district. This will also be a discussion point for January.

It was suggested to add the priority list in black and white to the handbook. The list will be ordered as:

1. At risk - in district
2. Previous students
3. In-district students(new to the program)
4. Staff Children
5. Option students

If we did get more than 20 applications by the due date, then it would go by age.

We will try and remind parents to fill out the app regardless of whether or not they plan to send their student to kindergarten.

It was recommended to keep the tuition at \$150.

We did discuss the snack fee. The state requires that students have 2 options for snacks from 4 different categories. Right now, many of the students are selecting both options, which may drive the cost up. We will monitor the snack fund to see if there is a need for an increase in the snack fee and discuss it in January.

March 13th will be the due date for applications.

We discussed the playground and adding a small swing set, 3 donated tanks - 2 for sand boxes and 1 for flowers.

May 1st will be the open house - Katie and Ann would like to make changes to the open house

and will have a plan together for the January meeting.

We will need to set the start date for next year to correspond with a week after the k-12 students start. Next meeting Jan. 21st.

7. Administrative Reports

7.1. Activities Director

Mr. Squiers gave the records for fall sports, told about a youth volleyball tournament that Loomis is hosting Oct. 19. He is looking forward to the numbers of athletes we may have in the coming years and the anticipated number of coaches we may need for all the sports. Preparing coaching evaluations.

7.2. Principal

Thank you for letting me attend FKC 1st round volleyball. The first quarter ends on Friday! Great 1st quarter.

1. I have not had the discipline issues I have been accustomed to the past few years.

2. Substitute shortage is everywhere, but everyone has been pretty flexible to help out.

1. We should think about competitive options to entice more substitutes to sign up

1. One suggestion would be to pay subs as a long term sub after they have completed 10 days (Brady Public School does this as well as a couple of others).

2. Pay more per hour to stay competitive with the surrounding schools.

2. Encourage our paras to all get their sub certificates

1. Pay for the class

3. Parent Teacher Conferences

1. Preschool through 6th grade were all 95%-100% attendance

2. 7-12 teachers were 48% and lower. I don't think there were 7-12 teachers above 50%.

3. Sporting events coincide with P/T Conferences. If we found a night with no activities our attendance would go up.

4. Mr. Squiers is looking into changing some corresponding dates...not much luck so far.

4. Grant funds

1. We were allotted several thousands of dollars last year for our SEL (Social Emotional Curriculum) needs.

1. Purchased our current program

2. Hired Logan Collin, Behavioral Specialist

2. We were informed 2 weeks ago that we still had a few thousand dollars to spend. So:

1. We ordered a set of books for all staff (cooks, custodians, paras, ADMIN, teachers, bus drivers) and school board members. We also purchased a few extras for our regular substitutes. We will do a book study of sorts with this. More info to come. Enjoy your book! "Where to Start"

2. We ordered books for ALL students and will incorporate these into our SEL program.

3. We still had a few dollars left over that we could not get spent quickly enough. If we receive the grant this year, we have some more thoughts on using that money.

4. It's great to be a WOLF! Thanks, again, for the opportunity.

5. Mr. E

7.3. Superintendent

State Education Conference is coming up in Omaha, Superintendent evaluation schedule reviewed, new Board Member conference in Kearney. Sparq training for Board members on December 9 prior to the Regular meeting.

8. Public Forum

9. Recess

None taken

10. Action Agenda Items

10.1. Policy 4031 and 4068

Vote to approve the changes to policy 4068. Vote to approve the changes to policy 4031 Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Gary Regelin.

Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea

10.2. Review of policies 2007 and 3040.

Vote to approve the review of policies policy 2007 and policy 3040. Passed with a motion by Scott Schukar and a second by Duane Schoff.

Gary Regelin: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea

11. Closed Session

12. Next Meeting Date

The next Regular Meeting will be held November 11, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

14. Board Members Purchasing Health Insurance

No Board members are currently purchasing health insurance through the District.

Superintendent

Chairperson