

October 9, 2023

President Lanie Meyers-Mireles called the meeting for Lamar School District Re-2 Board of Education Regular meeting to order on Monday October 9, 2023 at 5:31 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices. Present: Directors Jake Chamberlain, Jerrod Grice, Cody Laughlin, Lanie Meyers-Mireles, and Shannon O'Bryan. Absent: Director Connie Jacobsen. Also present were our student board members, Vanessa Chairez, Drew Durst, and Hallie Mackey. Superintendent Chad Krug and Terri Farmer, Secretary to the Board, were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Among those in the audience that signed in were Rachel Dunning and Christi Ludwig.

AUDIENCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

It was moved by Director Chamberlain, seconded by Director Grice to approve the agenda. Members voting aye: Chamberlain, Grice, Laughlin, Meyers-Mireles, and O'Bryan. No: None. Motion Passed.

MOTION

Approve Agenda

It was moved by Director Laughlin, seconded by Director Chamberlain to approve the board minutes from the September 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Members voting aye: Chamberlain, Grice, Laughlin, Meyers-Mireles, and O'Bryan. No: None. Motion Passed.

MOTION

Approve Board Minutes

President Meyers-Mireles read thank you note from Zack Forbes for receiving the LEAF scholarship last year.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Update

REPORTS

Legislative Update

BOCES Update

Director Laughlin reported for Director Jacobsen, the BOCES board meet and introduced 3 new superintendents within the BOCES. Logan Smith has been hired as Special Programs Director, they are still looking to fill a few vacancies.

Student Board Members Update

Hallie and Drew summarized a 2021-22 DECA project about improving the employee experience. Vanessa provided an overview and update to our Portrait of a Graduate work. The work represents the character traits, and /or social-emotional competencies that students need to succeed in college, career, and life. A vote will go to students in grades 6-12, to pick between 2 images.

PRINCIPAL UPDATES

Mr. Adamson shared current enrollment at 288, 8th grade has 104, 7th grade 89, and 6th grade is 95. They have implemented a new programs, one is a Step program for disciplinary. Another program is Hall Pass, students sign out on their computer to go to restroom, nurse, get a drink, etc. This helps monitor who is in the hallways at what time and how long. Administrators can monitor it on their phones. Utilizing iXL daily for science, math, social studies and English during Eagles Nest class. It is a super useful program to help students with certain skills. On positive note, the school moved from priority improvement to improvement from the CMAS testing. It was great news since moved from pencil paper to computerized test. He has met with all the teachers to analyze the data and working on what adjustments, they need to make. He reviewed number of students in clubs and sport teams. He also shared that they will allow 6th graders to start participating in sports starting with boys' basketball.

Brandon Adamson

LMS

Mr. Eddy reviewed the activities that are in progress at the high school, including clubs and sports. Had student led conferences last week, had 170 scheduled and 120 showed up. We had a parent survey and talked to staff for feedback to better the conferences. Finished NWEA testing a few weeks ago for the fall. Had a ZOOM meeting to review the Hall Pass program to implement at the high school. School improvement plan is at performance level, moved up 3%. Testing data struggles, but graduation rate is good. He briefly responded to Drew and Hallie's report and shared a few things they have done. Increasing professional development day, staff appreciate, created several committees for different occasions. Have purchased a vending machine to help fund a social fund for activities with the staff. Technology help, with getting chrome books for all students, desktops and smartboards for staff. Have a program that staff can

Greg Eddy

LHS

complete if something needs fixed through the maintenance department. Have tried to eliminate extra duty assignments and added classified staff for duties. Mrs. Dunning said they started the year with 33 students and now at 42 and will have 3 new starting on Monday. 22 seniors as of now. Had first family engagement night, there were 19 families that attended. The first one more of a meet and greet and socialization. Plan to have 3 more before the end of year. Lamar Police Department came to the school as a guest speaker. It was great to share with the students how he got into the police department. We have entered 277 classes for our students and 72 classes have been completed. Send weekly progress reports home so they know if student is staying on track. They have 5 P/T conferences a year; the first one was a couple of weeks ago. Working with LCC every other week to work with the seniors. They show them what college is like, what LCC offers, and help with understanding FAFSA. Hoping to have them attend a family engagement night.

The architect for our stadium project provided updates on the work in place as well as the design for the concessions/restrooms/lockers. Soil samples were taken last week. Surveys are expected to be conducted this week. The project is running on time. In the days ahead, we will work to create a space on our webpage where updates and images can be shared as the project unfolds.

Dr. Krug shared that Phase 2 of the community survey will be made this week. Phase 2 works to answer questions from Phase 1 as well as inform on other topics so that we can prepare for a Phase 3 survey. We intend to have Phase 2 to the public by early November.

It was moved by Director Chamberlain, seconded by Director Laughlin to approve the consent agenda including payroll and bills for September. Members voting aye: Chamberlain, Grice, Laughlin, Meyers-Mireles, and O’Bryan. No: None. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Director O’Bryan, seconded by Director Grice to approve the following Travel Study Trip Requests: LHS DECA students to district at CSU-Pueblo on November 14, 2023 and LHS FFA students to National Convention in Indianapolis, IN on October 29 to November 5, 2023. Members voting aye: Chamberlain, Grice, Laughlin, Meyers-Mireles, and O’Bryan. No: None. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Director Chamberlain, seconded by Director Laughlin to approve the 1st reading of the following CASB board policies: AC, GBAA, GBEB, JBB, JK, JKA, JKD/JKE, and JKD/JKE-R. Members voting aye: Chamberlain, Grice, Laughlin, Meyers-Mireles, and O’Bryan. No: None. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Director Grice, seconded by Director O’Bryan to approve the resignation of Mayjoy George/Assistant Girls Basketball Coach/LMS (Extra Duty). Members voting aye: Chamberlain, Grice, Laughlin, Meyers-Mireles, and O’Bryan. No: None. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Director Grice, and seconded by Director Laughlin to approve the following hirings: Alyssa Aguilar/Special Education Paraprofessional/Parkview (Effective 9-11-23), Shanice Davis/Classified Substitute/District; Brian Dunning/Freshman Class Sponsor/LHS (Extra Duty), Valentin Flores Aragon/Boys Assistant Basketball Coach 7-8th/LMS (Extra Duty); Hector Daniel Gomez/Special Education Paraprofessional/Parkview (Effective 9-11-23); Jentsey Lucero/Special Education Paraprofessional/MHDC (Effective 10-16-23). Members voting aye: Chamberlain, Grice, Laughlin, Meyers-Mireles, and O’Bryan. No: None. Motion Passed.

Dr. Krug updated on our October Count numbers for this year. The window ends tomorrow, so will not have final numbers until later in the month. Showed photos of the food truck, still hoping to have it delivered this week. Re-2 Council/DAC is working on a basic staff handbook. District vision review of what the board liked at the previous meeting. They feel input from the students would be good. Dr. Krug will arrange for a meeting with Portrait of a Graduate committee. He reviewed the feedback from the PD days and the listening sessions. Shared the summaries of the community survey and highlighted some points of each section. Dr. Krug is set to release the summary on website soon.

Rachel Dunning

Lincoln Alternative

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Stadium Project

Magellan Strategies Survey – Phase 2

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION

Approve Consent Agenda
MOTION

Approve Travel Study Trip Requests

MOTION

Approve 1st Reading of Board Policies
MOTION

Approve Resignation

MOTION

Approve Hirings

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be Monday, November 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Lanie Meyers-Mireles, President

Connie Jacobsen, Secretary