

**LADD COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #94  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 20, 2011**

President Piccatto called the regular meeting of the Board of Education District #94 to order at 7:03 p.m. following the Budget Public Hearing.

**Roll**

Present: Fiocchi, Giordano, Morrow, Mosbach, Quinn, Victor, and Piccatto  
Absent: None

**Attendance.** Michelle Zeko, Deb Pinter, Keith Burkman, Gary O. Becket, Lindsay Vaughn, Karen Podobinski, Barb Kromphardt, Pam Beck

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Correspondence**

**Thank You.** Heather Linnig thanked the Board for the money provided for her classroom supplies.

**Consent Agenda Approval**

Mrs. Zeko requested that the monthly bills be removed from the consent agenda. There was a correction to the bills. Check #26090 for \$525 was voided and replaced by Check #26127 for \$475.

A motion was made by Quinn and seconded by Morrow to approve the remaining consent agenda items. The motion carried unanimously by voice.

A motion was made by Victor and seconded by Morrow to approve payment of the monthly bills with the correction. Roll: Aye: Victor, Morrow, Quinn, Giordano, Mosbach, Fiocchi, and Piccatto. Nay: None. The motion carried.

**Invitation to Address the Board**

Teacher Pam Beck requested that one or two mini-courses offered this year be mural painting. Mr. Heredia, our guest art teacher would assist the classes with painting murals in the library and halls with Board permission. Consensus was to allow the painting.

**Request To Be On The Agenda**

**Kevin Heid** of First Mid-State was not present at this point of the meeting, but arrived during the Superintendent's Report and was given the floor. The call date for our building project bonds is approaching. He presented two options for restructuring our current bonds. One option keeps the same repayment timeline, lowers the tax rate on bonds and interest, and would provide an estimated savings of \$27,476. The second option shortens the repayment timeline, keeps the tax rate the same, and would provide an estimate savings of \$78,052. Mr. Heid was directed to prepare the paperwork to re-issue the bonds on the 7-year schedule at a \$78,052 savings for the district for the October 17, 2011 meeting. It will be put on the agenda.

Keith Burkman, Gary Becket, and Karen Podobinski, members of the Leepertown Board of Education updated the Board on the timeline for the required paperwork for the state legislature for a possible re-organization of our school districts. They each spoke of the strengths of their district that included their great staff, pre-K program and after school program funded by grants that would transfer, great technology, and achieving AYP the last two years. Mrs. Zeko and Mrs. Giordano reported they saw many positive things when they visited Leepertown last week. During discussion, our Board expressed concerns with the liability to our district for their building, the cost of its demolition if needed, the projected EAV and future state aid payments, concern whether the state's promised incentives would be paid, special education needs, and the possible need for a part-time principal. Tax rates should the districts re-organize were discussed. Mrs. Zeko will work on financial projections for the Ladd Board. Mr. Burkman, Mr. Becket, and Mrs. Podobinski were thanked for their presentations and their time.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Sixth Day Enrollment. The sixth day enrollment was 185, but we are currently at 184.  
DIBELS/MAP Assessment. DIBELS and MAP testing have been completed. This year we added Science assessment. The results will be discussed at the teacher meeting tomorrow. ISAT results from last spring will go home with Progress Reports on Friday.

2011 Audit. Copies of the audit were distributed. The auditor will come to a meeting if the Board would like them to report. They recommend that we pay \$4,431 to IMRF to keep the rate we pay low. This was added to the budget.

Discipline Report. The report was not available for the meeting due to software issues.

Ladd Foundation. The Foundation is planning a Rip's Night on October 3. They are looking for volunteer bakers to donate items and selling tickets for \$6.00 each.

PTO. The September agenda was included in the packets. They have just completed their fall fundraiser, Club's Choice. The figures are not out yet.

Maintenance Report. Reviewed the report distributed at the meeting.

Planning Document Update. Updated pages for October were distributed. There are conflicts with next month's meeting date. Consensus was to change the meeting date to Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Unfinished Business:**

None

### **New Business**

Possible Reorganization with Leepertown. Further information will be gathered for the next regular meeting.

Memorial Gift. The Trevier and Garland families would like to donate a bench in memory of their parents, Pat and Glenn Trevier, to be located in the front of the school for parents/grandparents to use while they are waiting for students to be dismissed from school. After discussion, consensus was for the purchase of a red bench with a matching garbage can using the donation of the Trevier and Garland families.

Staff Christmas Party. It is Softail's turn on the rotation. We will check with them for possible dates if we can get a private room.

First Readings of Board Policies. First readings were held for the following policies: 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedures, 4:15 Identity Protection, 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board, 2:140 Communication to and from the Board, 2:150 Committees, 2:250 Access to Public Records, 3:40 Superintendent, 3:50 Administrative Personnel other than the Superintendent, 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal, 5:150 Personnel Records, 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal, 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year, 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction, 6:160 English Language Learners, 7:270 Dispensing Medication, 4:110 Transportation.

### **Action Items**

Budget Approval. Mrs. Zeko recommended that the Board adopt the budget as presented. A motion was made by Morrow and seconded by Quinn to approve the 2011-2012 budget as recommended. Roll Call: Aye: Morrow, Quinn, Giordano, Mosbach, Fiocchi, Victor, and Piccatto. Nay: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Application for Recognition of Schools. A motion was made by Giordano and seconded by Mosbach to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools for 2011-2012 as recommended. The motion carried unanimously by voice.

School Improvement Plan. A motion was made by Quinn and seconded by Victor to approve the School Improvement Plan as recommended. The motion carried unanimously by voice.

Release Executive Session Minutes. After review, a motion was made by Victor and seconded by Mosbach to release the executive session minutes except those dated July 15, 2003 and April 2, 2001. Roll: Aye: Victor, Mosbach, Fiocchi, Morrow, Quinn, Giordano, Piccatto. Nay: none. The motion carried unanimously.

Concussion Policy. A motion was made by Fiocchi and seconded by Quinn to adopt Concussion Policy 7:350. The motion carried unanimously by voice.

Concrete Work. A motion was made by Quinn and seconded by Giordano to accept the bid for concrete work from Pottinger Concrete construction LLD for \$2,200. Roll: Aye: Quinn, Giordano, Mosbach, Fiocchi, Morrow, and Piccatto. Nay: Victor. The motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:40 p.m. by Giordano and seconded by Mosbach. The motion carried unanimously by voice.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

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John T. Piccatto, Sr.  
President

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Marie Giordano  
Secretary