

LADD COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
DISTRICT #94
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2022

Galetti called the regular meeting of the Board of Education District #94 to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll

Present: Quinn, Piccatto, Coutts, Gambiani, Kirkman
Absent: Fiocchi, Galetti

Attendance

Jay McCracken, Dana Dawson, Staci Wood, Amanda Bickett, Holly Flanagan, Noah Hollinger

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence

None.

Consent Agenda Approval

A motion was made by Piccatto and seconded by Coutts to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Roll: Aye: Quinn, Piccatto, Coutts, Gambiani, Kirkman Nay: none. The motion carried unanimously.

Invitation to Address the Board

Noah Hollinger made a short presentation to the board regarding his plans for new seating and over all changes he would like to make to the Library.

Principal's Report

Covid update: As COVID cases are on the rise all around us, Ladd School is seeing an increased number of positive cases and quarantines since the return from winter break. In the past few weeks, we have reached as many as 50 students (27%) out for COVID-related issues. We have also had to briefly place two classrooms into remote learning. At this time, we are very fortunate to be able to continue to fully staff the building and keep students in school. Teachers and staff remain diligent about procedures and student safety to increase our chances of continuing to do so.

New Guidance: New quarantine guidance from ISBE and IDPH was released late Tuesday, January 11, aligning with the CDC's newly shortened 5-day quarantine recommendations. This new guidance was explained to parents via email updates on Wednesday, January 12, and school quarantine policies were reduced to five days for symptomatic students, close contacts, and positive cases. All students returning from a five-day quarantine will be required to fully mask at all times, both indoors and outdoors, for an additional five days. This shortened guidance did give us the ability to bring back a number of our students that were in quarantine and get them back into the classroom.

Remote Learning Plan vs E-Learning Plan: An updated Remote Learning Plan has been included in your packets. The updated plan formalizes the remote learning

procedures used when students are quarantined and unable to attend in person. Districts can utilize remote learning plans to address quarantines at any time needed without outside approval. Remote learning plans can also be used for adaptive pauses with the approval of the Local Health Department and the Regional Office of Education. E-Learning Plans can be adopted by districts to be utilized for all students in emergency situations, such as extreme weather, in place of canceling school. E-Learning Plans require a public hearing and Board approval before submitting to the ROE for final approval. Should the district need to call Emergency Days for weather or lack of staff, an E-Learning plan must be in place. Districts without an E-Learning Plan would need to make up missed days at the end of the school year.

Registration : We have begun planning for next year's registration process. This year we will be holding in person registration for all students. Parents will be able to pre-register online, if they choose, and will be expected to attend our in person registration days to finalize registration. All parents will be expected to show proof of residency at this time and will be able to pay fees, sign up for the bus, receive pick up and drop off times, sign up for the after care program, and pick up their devices. This will allow us to streamline our process, ensure we have accurate enrollments and accurate records.

Superintendent's Report

- a. Transportation Update – Transportation is much improved compared to the beginning of the year – we consistently have two busses for the routes.
- b. Financial Update Mid-year Budget Update – A short slideshow presentation was giving with the fund balance updates.
- c. Maintenance Grant was approved.
- d. Phone System Update – We are moving forward with the phone system update
- e. Board Retreat Agenda – Mr. McCracken gave the board an agenda for the board retreat.

Unfinished Business:

Esser 3 grant is still being worked on.

Triple I Conference. Jane gave a few points from the conference.

New Business

We would like to create a new committee for the Ladd Hall of History. This project will be part of Ms. Dawson's community outreach project.

There was no need for Executive Session.

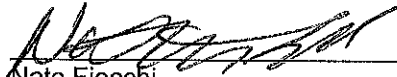
Action Items

1. PRESS Board policy second reading and approval. Motion by Piccatto second Coutts. Roll: Aye: Quinn, Piccatto, Coutts, Gambiani, Kirkman Nay: none. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Approve Mileage rate increase for 2022. Motion by Piccatto second Coutts. Roll: Aye: Quinn, Piccatto, Coutts, Gambiani, Kirkman Nay: none. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Accept the resignation of Cheryl Young as Library/Floating Paraprofessional. Motion by Quinn second Coutts. Roll: Aye: Quinn, Piccatto, Coutts, Gambiani, Kirkman Nay: none. The motion carried unanimously.


4. Schedule special board meeting for board retreat on January 27th. Motion by Quinn second Coutts. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Approve the certified seniority listing. Motion by Coutts second Quinn. Roll: Aye: Quinn, Piccatto, Coutts, Gambiani, Kirkman Nay: none. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Review and Approve the Updated Remote Learning Plan. Motion by Quinn second Piccatto. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Approve Alexandria as the web based library system. A quote was included in the board packet. Motion by Coutts second Quinn. Roll: Aye: Quinn, Piccatto, Coutts, Gambiani, Kirkman Nay: none. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Approve resolution for TRS supplemental savings plan. Motion by Coutts second Gambiani. Roll: Aye: Quinn, Piccatto, Coutts, Gambiani, Kirkman Nay: none. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Piccatto and seconded by Coutts at 6:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice.



Nate Focchi
President



Jane Piccatto
Secretary