

**MINUTES
LAMOTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT 43
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 19, 2015 4:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, LaMotte School District #43 was held on March 19, 2015 for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees. Chair Allen presided and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Amy Allen, Ken Miller, Karen Sipes Schmidt, Stacey Etchart

Staff Present: LeeAnn Burke, Supt./Principal, Michelle Clark, District Clerk

Public Present: Katherine Ivester, Tad Drake, Elizabeth Spyke

Pledge of Allegiance

Presiding Trustees Explanation of Procedures

The LaMotte Board of Trustees welcomes public comment on issues and concerns. Members of the community are given an opportunity to make brief comments to the board on any matter not included in the agenda. Comments on agenda items will be accepted when that item comes up during the meeting. Interested persons may also submit views in written form to the Clerk prior to the meeting, and those comments will be brought to the attention of the Board during the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

February 17, 2015 Regular Meeting

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 17, 2015.

Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Sipes Schmidt

Public Comment: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Supt./Principal's Report

In her report to the trustees Supt./Principal Burke presented to the Board:

- Supt./Principal Burke discussed the smarter balanced assessment and the required training to get everything set up. We hope to receive the testing results quickly due to the new format. Since this is a new test it will take approximately three years before solid results are seen after new curriculum is implemented.
- Supt./Principal Burke is working on the calendar for next year and we are waiting to review Bozeman School District calendar.
- Supt./Principal Burke explained the Spanish Teacher has until April 1st to tell us if she will be returning. The PE Teacher has expressed interest in returning next year but the Bozeman School might be increasing his hours. We will need to review schedules to see if it will work.
- The Art Auction will be held on May 20th and classes have begun working on their big projects.

Trustee Discussion and Reports

There was no discussion.

Financial Update

Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants and ACH payments.

Board Discussion: Trustees reviewed the warrants and ACH payments.
Motion to approve the accounts payable, payroll warrants and ACH payments.
Motion: Trustee Etchart
Second: Trustee Sipes Schmidt
Public Comment: None
Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Action Items

1. Preliminary Budget Review for 2015/2016 Year

Supt./Principal Burke stated we are expecting a projected increase of \$45,000 in budget authority for FY16. The District has not increased the contribution to staff insurance in a number of years. Previously the District contribution covered most of the expense for single person coverage. Since the District has not increased the contribution amount in a few years we have fallen behind. The Board discussed options for creating a flex account for classified staff and the possibility of offering health coverage. Supt./Principal Burke stated the school budget cannot afford to cover fully but we can look at different options available. The remaining funding for this year is healthy so we will be purchasing an additional 15 Chromebooks with a charging cart.

2. Permission for the Middle School Montana History overnight trip

Elizabeth Spyke stated after much debate it was decided that we will be heading to Butte for the History trip. We will have a living history underground tour at the Museum of Mining and will stay overnight in Butte. The next day we will go to Deer Lodge to the Old Montana Prison. The trip will take place on May 21st and May 22nd.

Supt./Principal Burke stated the school will cover transportation costs up to \$1,000.00 as we have done in the past. We will also have an aide traveling with them on the trip this year.

Motion to approve the Middle School Montana History overnight trip.

Motion: Trustee Miller
Second: Trustee Etchart
Public Comment: None
Motion passed unanimously

3. Personnel action – Contract Addendum

Supt./Principal Burke stated as in the past when the sixth contract is signed for certified staff a \$2,500.00 bonus is earned. Mr. Drake became eligible in August 2014.

Motion to approve the contract addendum as presented.

Motion: Trustee Miller
Second: Trustee Etchart
Public Comment: None
Motion passed unanimously.

Policy

1310	District Policy and Procedures	First Reading
3210	Equal Education, Nondiscrimination and Sex Equity	First Reading

3231 Searches and Seizure
3600 Maintenance of School Student Records
5125 Whistleblowing and Retaliation
5336 Compensatory Time and Overtime

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Board Discussion: Trustee Sipes Schmidt asked if the wording in policy 3600, page 5 line 20 should be listed as the parent or eligible student. The wording in the rest of the document is listed as the parent or eligible student except in the sentence. The Board discussed policy 5336 and the update for calculation of overtime for a classified employee.

Supt./Principal Burke recommended no action should be taken on Policy 5336 Compensatory Time and Overtime. In Policy 3210 Equal Education the Office of Civil Rights recommends the following language inclusions of gender identity, sexual orientation or failure to conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

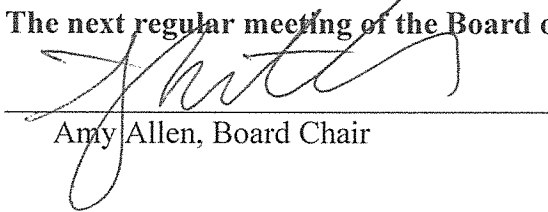
Motion: Trustee Miller.

Second: Trustee Sipes Schmidt.

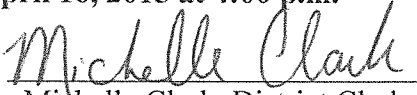
Public Comment: None

Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is April 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.



Amy Allen, Board Chair



Michelle Clark, District Clerk