

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120
OCTOBER 19, 2022, 6:00 PM**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tony Sparks, President, called to order the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Thomas J. McCormack Library/Media Center at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Tony Sparks, President, Mr. Greg Sarver, Vice President, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, Mr. Matt Merboth, Mrs. Sally Taliani, and Mr. Gary Ferrari

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Principal, Mr. Dwayne Mentgen, Director Area Career Center, Mr. Christopher Gibson, Associate Principal for Teaching and Learning, Mrs. April Eutis, Associate Principal for Student Support Services, Mr. Brian Shaver, Associate Principal for School Safety, Mr. Michael Kuziel, Athletic Director, Mr. Matt Baker, Director of Communications, Mrs. Lori Whalen, Business Manager, Attorney Walt Zukowski, Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary, and Ms. Olivia Doak, News Tribune Reporter

BY ZOOM ACCESS: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2022, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Merboth to approve the minutes from September 28, 2022, regular meeting as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. Mrs. Carol Alcorn abstained for reason of her absence at the September 28, 2022, regular meeting. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RECOGNITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Division Spotlight: Mrs. Carol Navarro, Division Chair, and Mrs. Nancy Kochis, showcased the Science division this month. They presented on various projects and units covered in Chemistry, STEM Lab, Biology, AP/Honors Biology, Anatomy, and Earth Science. Mrs. Navarro shared the excitement and success of the new Sports Medicine class consisting of two sections, totaling 45 students. The class is scheduled to take a field trip to Aurora University on November 17th to tour the Science department and Athletic Training program. Mrs. Kochis reported on student projects in Forensic Science, and background information on previous and upcoming speakers; some which include local law enforcement/agencies, others have ties to the DEA, FBI, CSI, and cases involving John Wayne Gacy and Drew Peterson. The science department has two new teachers, Mr. Burkart and Mr. Popidinski, and the Science News Grant allows teachers to access to teaching materials and workshops.

Public Comment: Dr. Wroblewski spoke on the L-P ESSER III District Plan which allocates resources supporting specific designations such as Learning loss, Summer enrichment program built around CTE, Fine Arts, Math, and English, After School, and Learning loss (federal set-aside). The grant allows

districts to supplant existing salaries of staff supporting students' SEL needs freeing up local dollars that would normally go toward salaries and benefits – which are being used to address objectives in the 120 Promise such as the Nurses Office expansion and renovation. The grant period extends through September 30, 2024, and amendments may be made through ISBE if necessary. Mr. Sparks asked the attending public if there were any a comments or questions on the ESSER III District Plan. No comments or questions were voiced. Mr. Sparks asked if there were any additional public comments or questions. None were voice.

FINANCE

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve the LP Bills and Payroll as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None.

The Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Sarver to approve the ACC Bills and Payroll as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the Financial Report, ACH Report, Activity Fund Report, Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation, Cash and Investments Report and Hometown Cash Management Report as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you card from the Thais Walter Family for the Board of Education's donation to the L-P Educational Foundation in memory of Mrs. Thais Walter (Mother of Mr. Gerry Walter) Thank you letter from Mrs. Cheryl DePaepe for the Board of Education's donation to the L-P Educational Foundation in memory of Mrs. Thais Walter (Mother of Mr. Gerry Walter)

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Building and Grounds Committee- Mr. Greg Sarver, Committee Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee gave his report from the Monday, October 17, 2022, meeting, reported on: Recommendations from the Committee on all of the following HLS Amendments: Replacement of Clock Tower and 5th Street Doors (East & West), East Gym Roof Drain Leaders Replacement, Tile Mastic Asbestos Abatement, Dolan Building 2nd Floor, Computer lab, Elevator Replacement, Dolan Building, Tennis Court Repairs, L-P Sports Complex. Mr. Sarver provide and update on the Howard Fellows Stadium Project, the Committee's Recommendation of the Auditorium Stairwell Repair Project, and updates on the following current projects: Dolan Building/Auto Shop Phase Renovation Project Phase III, Dolan Renovation Phase II, Video Streaming Equipment, Auditorium projector screen, Alumni Room Renovation, LP Sport's Complete Phase II, East Gym parking lot and Boiler Room Chimney Clean-up. Mr. Sarver shared that LP was also a recipient of \$25,000 from the Ameren National Gas Incentive Program

Finance Committee- Mr. Matt Merboth, Committee Chair of the Finance Committee, gave his report from the Monday, October 17, 2022, reported on: Monthly Financials Reports including new financial reports of Payroll Distribution and Summary of ACH Transactions for July, August, and September 2022, the Committee's Recommendation of the ESSER III District Plan, Working Cash Bonds as a funding source to fulfill the 2022-2026 strategic plan objectives, Howard Fellows Stadium Project updates, the Committee's Recommendation of the Auditorium Stairwell Repair Project and Purchase of School Fleet Purchases; two (2) maintenance pick-up trucks and (1) driver's education vehicle, and the review of the proposal for the L-P Alumni Donation Proposal.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, reported on the following topics:

Principal Appreciation Week: The week of October 16-22, 2022, is Principal Appreciation Week, with October 21 being Principal Appreciation Day. Please join me in celebrating the work and commitment of Mrs. Cushing and our entire building administrative team.

L-P Donor Recommendation: Mr. Tom Kowalski, L-P Class of 1957, contacted the school shortly after the start of the school year with an offer of financial support to foster student and adult learning. Attached to my report are the recommendations crafted with input from Mrs. Cushing, Mr. Mentgen, and Mr. Baker. Priority was given to math, science, and CTE. Recommendations include:

– Haas CNC Vertical Machining Center: \$115,000: Equipment, Staff training, Electrical hook-up in classroom) – Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science Program: \$35,000: Staff Training, Equipment, Annual membership fee, Link re: program <https://youtu.be/FuWtTePLMQw> – Overhaul Residential Wiring Program: \$50,000: Renewable Energy (staff training & equipment), Digital Electronics (staff training & equipment) – Hire a Work-Based Learning Coordinator: \$100,000: Salary and benefits for first year, Oversee student career pathways, job shadowing, Internships, summer job placement, and Alumni follow-up, tracking of career, Readiness standards, Staff training, Transportation costs (site-visits, meeting with business Partners), Software subscription (Transeo), – RISE program Distance-learning Equipment: \$8,000: Partnership with IVCC to provide high-quality courses unable to be offered by L-P and for area high schools to take L-P courses via distance-learning. **TOTAL: \$308,000**

Food Service Consultant: We are working with Mrs. Coletta Hines-Newell, a recently retired food service director from the Arlington Heights school district to assess our food service program and provide recommendations to enhance our food offerings, equipment, marketing, and maximization of human resources.

LP Sports Complex Phase II Development: On October 12, 2022, I facilitated our first design team meeting on the Sports Complex facility completion. Facilities include baseball, softball, additional tennis courts, and installation of turf on the soccer field. Twelve staffers were involved (head coaches, AD, principal, business manager, director of building and grounds, Byrne & Jones consultant, and me). Capturing dreams of the ideal facility was the focus. Mike Kmetz and Joe Schuit (Byrne & Jones) are now putting dollars to the wants/desires list. Our next meeting is November 15, 2022, where we will receive the cost estimates and prioritize decisions. Mr. John Vezzetti will develop the financing package for the district. The goal is to make recommendations to the Board at our December 21, 2022 regular meeting.

ISBE Monitoring Review Audit: Near the end of November, ISBE is auditing the following programs: ESSER I, Transportation – Regular and Vocational, Transportation – Special Education, Title I – Low Income, Special Education IDEA – Flow Through, Title II – Title Quality, and ESSER II. Monitoring review audits are normal operating procedures. This happens to be our turn for an audit.

Discover Manufacturing Expo, October 25: Approximately 25 L-P students will be attending a field trip to a local manufacturer to learn more about their interested field. Following the field trip, students will be bussed to IVCC for a tour of their vocational/CTE programs, listen to a keynote speaker, and learn about programs available at IVCC. We are happy to see the return of the Expo.

LP/Associated Elementary School Articulation Day, October 26: After nearly a decade, we have rekindled the articulation day between our teachers and the elementary sender school teachers. October 26 is a ½ day with periods 1-4 meeting. Articulation is scheduled from 1 to 3 pm. The focus is meeting the needs of students and parents following the pandemic. Kudos to Mr. Chris Gibson and Dimmick principal Teri Rossman for organizing the day. Teacher facilitators will be training at the Uptown Grill on Monday, October 17 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Digital SAT Pilot Assessment, November 9: L-P was invited to participate in the digital (online) PSAT pilot program (with 9th and 10th graders) on November 9. Over the next two years, students will take all

state assessments online. Prior to full implementation, pilot schools will administer the online tests so that ISBE can account for and address as many issues that may occur. Since we cannot exceed more than 40 students in any one test room (due to internet access needs), we can only have testing students in the building. Juniors and seniors will not be attendance. However, all L-P ACC students may attend their class since we are not cancelling ACC classes. IVCC is hosting a senior visitation day on November 9. We hope to send as many seniors to L-P as possible. We are excited to be a pilot test site for the College Board.

RISE Grant Partnership with IVCC: L-P is partnering with IVCC and approximately 15-20 other districts to offer distance learning academic programs. The grant provides members with high-end distance-learning technology to support online learning. The goal is to make more courses – primarily dual credit classes – available to member students that cannot be offered with existing high school/elementary teachers. Our financial share for the equipment will not exceed \$8,000 – which represents 15% of the equipment costs. The grant covers the remaining 85%.

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, reported on the following topics:

During the past month, we have been diligently working to ensure that we are providing support for our teachers and students through the following tasks:

- The first quarter has ended on Friday, October 14th. Teachers have been busy wrapping up their grades and beginning the transition to the 2nd quarter. Teachers have worked diligently to adapt curriculum to meet the needs of students.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be taking place on Thursday, October 20th from 4:30PM-8:00PM and on Friday, October 21st from 7:45AM-11:55AM. Teachers will be conducting conferences in-person or via phone by request.
- Instructional Leadership Team (ILT): Our team, which consists of the Division Chairs, Mr. Gibson and myself, discussed one new course proposal, ELL Strategies, as well as many updates around the building.
- PSAT/NMSQT testing was conducted on October 12th. Mr. Gibson oversaw the test administration and was able to test 49 junior students. Overall, it was a successful day. We also will be hosting pilot testing for freshmen and sophomores of the digital SAT Suite on Wednesday, November 9th.
- The World Languages Hallway and Social Science Hallway are just beginning their process of designing décor for their hallways. Each division has meet to determine a wish list of ideas for their walls. Later this month the division chair, one division member, and I will meet the design company, MCS Advertising, to begin turning the wish list ideas into reality.
- With regards to narrowing the gap, we have been working on using the benchmarking data to further identify the at-risk students so that teachers in English and Math can better assist students. The STAR 360 data has been included in your packets. Our teachers tested students in the areas of math and reading. This year's data shows that our students are stronger in reading than math and that our juniors are more successful than our other two grade levels. On the second page of data, I showcased a comparison of the data over the last two years by grade level. On the third page of data, I showcased the cohorts of students, which allows us to look for growth. Both classes with two years of comparable data have shown growth in reading, whereas one showed growth in math. Overall, growth was observed when looking at the cohort information, which should be viewed as a success of our narrowing the gap initiatives.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Mr. Michael Kuziel, provided a report in the Board packet on the following topics:

1. **Item 1:** Athletics Update

- a. Fall Sports Accomplishments: Boys Golf Sectionals Coleman Rundle just missed the cut for State at Sectionals with a playoff hole. LaSalle-Peru finished 2nd when we hosted the I 8 Conference Varsity Tennis Tournament on October 8th.
 - b. Winter Sports Sign Ups have started
 - c. Special Events: La Salle-Peru is scheduled to host the I 8 Conference Cross Country Regional at Baker Lake on Saturday, October 15th. LaSalle-Peru is schedule to Host Soccer Regionals October 18th – October 21st. LaSalle-Peru is scheduled to Host the Volleyball Sectional October 31st and November 2nd.
2. **Item 2:** Activities Update
- a. Choir- The Octoberfest Choral Concert premiered on Thursday, October 6 in Matthiessen Memorial Auditorium at LPHS under the direction of Mrs. Natalie Verucchi. It was an excellent concert and was a showcase of all the hard work they have been putting in.
 - b. Band- The Marching Cavaliers took 2nd place in class 5A on October 8th in Metamora. Mr. Stevens and his marching band put countless hours into competing at such a high level.
 - c. Harbor Homeroom- Harbor Homeroom kicked off today. The topic was “Stories not Stuff” and it focused on making the most of your high school years.
 - d. High School Activities Month- Throughout the month of October LPHS and the NFHS is recognizing activities on our social media. Sportsmanship, performing arts, coaches and youth leagues are the areas of focus and celebration.
 - e. Senior Board- Senior Board has been busy raising money for prom. They are selling prom tickets as well as raffling off a \$600 travel voucher from Travel Connections.
 - f. FBLA- FBLA is gather their list of guest speakers for the school year. These speakers come from local businesses across the area.
3. **Item 3:** Hall of Honor Nominations: Jose Medeles, Anthony Raccuglia, 1965 Varsity Football Team, Jeana Carrico Pekol, Bob Jaske, William Blum, 1969-1970 Boys Basketball Team, Don Wilmot, Charles "Pete" Hosutt, and Robert "Bob" "Coach" Ott

ACC DIRECTOR

Mr. Dwayne Mentgen, reported on the following topics:

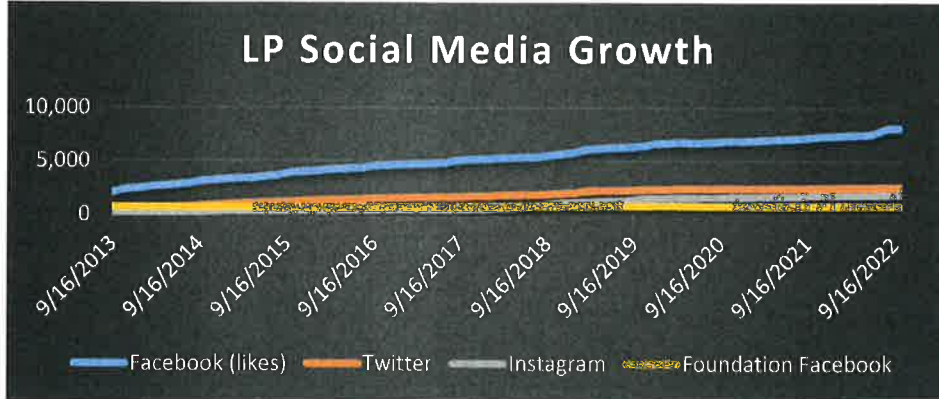
The ACC Students of the month are Kambria Simmons of Hall High School, and Coral Garcia of LPHS. Both are enrolled in the ACC Culinary Arts Program. Kambria is a second year student and Coral is a first year. The ACC Facilities committee met on Wednesday 10/12 to discuss the Dolan elevator. It was approved to proceed with a recommendation for a total remodel of the elevator. A formal vote will be held at the end of the month and the LP Architect has been charged with gathering information as to specific requirements to meet code that might be involved. The basic proposal (estimate) for updating the elevator is \$100,000 with additional costs that are needed to meet code to be added on top of that base amount. The ACC CNA class recently finished its annual fundraiser and should garner a profit between 4 and 6 thousand dollars. The ACC Pre-school will start welcoming pre-schoolers at the end of October. Mrs. Johnson has done yeomans work and is now 1 student short of capacity for enrollee's. ACC Computer repair has started a capital campaign to raise money for a new computer lab. In addition to soliciting sponsorships from area businesses, they are selling used/refurbished computers. They have already sold a number of units and are on their way to their goal of \$20,000. The first quarter of the ACC has ended and grades indicate that as of Friday (grades not totally finalized yet), there were 6 students or 4% at a failing grade.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Matt Baker, provided a report in the Board packet on the following topics:

- We are in the installation of equipment for the enhanced video streaming system. We hope to have everything online at the start of the second semester.

- We prepared materials for the Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development’s Guidebook being published by Shaw Media. We will highlight our Project Lead the Way Computer Science programs in the publication.
- We recently streamed the Octoberfest Choral Concert.
- We are reviewing results from the family communication survey. We will use the data received from this survey along with a follow-up in the spring to gain insight into which methods of communication from the school that parents most rely on as well as their general impressions of the district.



NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Class of 2022 Hall of Honor Inductees

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the Class of 2022 Hall of Honor Inductees as presented.

- 1956 Varsity Football Team
- 1969-1970 Varsity Boys Basketball Team
- William Blum (Alumnus ~ Class of 2000)
- Charles “Pete” Hosutt (Alumnus ~ Class of 1951)
- Bob Jakse (Alumnus ~ Class of 1965)
- Jose Medeles (Alumnus ~ Class of 1991)
- Robert “ Bob” “Coach” Ott (Friend of L-P)
- Jeana Carrico Pekol (Alumnus ~ Class of 1995)
- Anthony Raccuglia (Alumnus ~ Class of 1951)
- Don Wilmot (Alumnus ~ Class of 1949)

Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Resolution Declaring October 16-22, 2022, Principal Appreciation Week and October 21, 2022, Principals Day

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the Resolution Declaring October 16-22, 2022, Principal Appreciation Week and October 21, 2022, Principals Day as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the L-P ESSER III Plan

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Dr. Lynch to approve of the L-P ESSER III Plan as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the of the Treasurer’s Surety Bond for the Alternative Revenue Bond, Series 2020A

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Sarver, to approve of the Treasurer’s Surety Bond for the Alternative Revenue Bond, Series 2020A as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to submit the following Health/Life Amendments

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Sarver, to approve to submit the following Health/Life Amendments as presented.

- a. Clock Tower and 5th Street Door Replacements and Security Enhancements, Main Building
- b. East Gym Roof Drain Leaders Replacement, East Gym/Ind Ed Building
- c. Tile Mastic Asbestos Abatement (2nd Floor Computer Lab), Dolan Building
- d. Elevator Replacement, Dolan Building
- e. Tennis Court Repairs, L-P Sports Complex

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to submit FY 2023 School Maintenance Project Grant Application to the Illinois State Board of Education

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve to submit FY 2023 School Maintenance Project Grant Application to the Illinois State Board of Education as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Sarver, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Tieman Builders Auditorium Stairwell Repair Proposal for \$24,200

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Sarver, to approve of the Tieman Builders Auditorium Stairwell Repair Proposal for \$24,200 as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to purchase the following maintenance pick-up trucks from Bill Walsh Coronet of Peru:

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approval to purchase the following maintenance pick-up trucks from Bill Walsh Coronet of Peru as presented:

- a. 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 (\$47,469.24)
- b. 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 (\$47,469.24)

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to purchase the following driver education vehicle from Schimmer Ford of Peru: 2023 Hyundai Sonata SE for \$17,914.24 – price includes trade-in value of our driver education vehicle)

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve to purchase the following driver education vehicle from Schimmer Ford of Peru; 2023 Hyundai Sonata SE (\$17,914.24 – price includes trade-in value of our driver education vehicle) as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the FMLA leave of absence request of Mrs. Jill Fanti from October 17, 2022, to January 9, 2023

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Sarver, to approve of the FMLA leave of absence request of Mrs. Jill Fanti from October 17, 2022, to January 9, 2023, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to split the Math Club stipend between Mrs. Rachel Patrick and Mrs. Kaitlin Monahan for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Patrick will be paid at half group 9 year 8 while Mrs. Monahan will be paid at half group 9 year 6. The full stipend will go back to Mrs. Monahan for the 2023-2024 school year

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Sarver to approve to split the Math Club stipend between Mrs. Rachel Patrick and Mrs. Kaitlin Monahan for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Patrick will be paid at half group 9 year 8 while Mrs. Monahan will be paid at half group 9 year 6. The full stipend will go back to Mrs. Monahan for the 2023-2024 school year. as presented. Voting Aye Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Dr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Sarver, to move to executive/closed session for purposes of: a) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline and /or complaint against an employee, performance, and/or dismissal of specific employees, b) Student Discipline, c) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, and d) Imminent/Pending Litigation, with open session and possible action items to follow.

Voting Aye: Dr. Lynch, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0. Time 7:06p.m.**

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Merboth to return to open session. Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0. Time 8:36 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Tony Sparks, President, Mr. Greg Sarver, Vice President, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, Mr. Matt Merboth, Mrs. Sally Taliani, and Mr. Gary Ferrari

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Attorney Walt Zukowski, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to review and retain the executive/closed session minutes of September 28, 2022, Regular meeting

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve to review and retain the executive/closed session minutes of September 28, 2022, Regular meeting as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Authorization of destruction of verbatim audio records from executive sessions held prior to May 1, 2021, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve authorization of destruction of verbatim audio records from executive sessions held prior to May 1, 2021, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120 as presented.

a. April 21, 2021

Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PERSONNEL

Approval of the following resignations:

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mrs. Taliani to approve of the following resignations as presented.

- a. Mr. Andy Kellett, Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, effective October 12, 2022
- b. Ms. Madison Bara, Assistant Cheerleading Coach, effective October 12, 2022
- c. Mrs. Valerie Savage, 1st Floor Custodian (2), effective October 13, 2022

Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth and Mr. Sparks
The motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the following appointments:

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Merboth to approve of the following appointments as presented.

- a. Ms. Madison Bara, Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach, effective October 13, 2022, for the 2022-2023 school year
- b. Mrs. Nicole Girton, Inside Security, effective October 31, 2022 (replaces Jean Ganze)
- c. Mr. John Somolski, 1st Floor Custodia (2), effective November 1, 2022 (replaces Mrs. Valerie Savage)
- d. Mr. Brent Thomas, Assistant Boys' Swimming Coach, effective for the 2022-2023 school year (replaces Mrs. Scott Blessman)

Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks
The motion carried 7-0.

STUDENT TRANSFER, SAFE SCHOOLS - STUDENT #2

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to recommend the transfer of Student #2, as a student eligible for expulsion, to the LaSalle County Regional Office of Education Safe Schools Program (hereafter the "Program") in lieu of expulsion beginning October 20, 2022, through March 10, 2023, with a possible return to the District for the 4th quarter of the 2022-2023 school year based upon the outcome of the placement meeting at the Program to be conducted in March 2023. If the student is returned to the District by the Program prior to March 10, 2023, school year, then the student shall be recommended for expulsion through the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Such action is appropriate because of the threat to school safety due to the student taking possession of a knife from another student in the Main Building while other students were present and the exposed risk to herself and other students and staff.

In support of this decision the Board finds as follows and presented:

- The student's behavior at issue this evening indicates that she poses a threat to the safety of other students, staff, and members of the District community.
- The student has a history of misbehavior in the District, for which she previously had been disciplined. Student #2 in 2022-2023 has had 6 disciplinary referrals. This includes a 10-day out-of-school suspension for possession of a knife. Student #2 has 26 absences this semester and has 2 tardies to class. Student #2 is a freshman at LaSalle Peru High School with 0 credits earned towards graduation.
- In light of such behavior removal to the Program (or, if that is not possible, expulsion) is in the best interest of the District. The student otherwise remaining in the District would pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, and members of the school community.
- The administration has determined that placement at the Program in lieu of expulsion is the appropriate intervention and is supported by the parent.
- Based upon communication with the Administration, the Board determines that if the transfer to the Program is not possible then no other appropriate and available disciplinary interventions short of the recommended expulsion period exist since all such interventions, including suspension, have been exhausted.

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Sarver, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. **The motion carried 7-0.**

STUDENT TRANSFER, PRIDE PROGRAM - STUDENT #3

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to recommend the transfer of Student #3, as a student eligible for expulsion, to the PRIDE Program (hereafter the "Program") in lieu of expulsion beginning October 20, 2022, through March 10, 2023, with a possible return to the District for the 4th quarter of the 2022-2023 school year based upon the outcome of the placement meeting at the Program to be conducted in March 2023. If the student is returned to the District by the Program prior to March 10, 2023, school year, then the student shall be recommended for expulsion through the end of the 2022- 2023 school year. Such action is appropriate because of the threat to school safety due to the student bringing a knife into the Main Building, showing it to other students, and then transferring possession of the knife to another student while other students were present and the exposed risk to himself and other students and staff.

In support of this decision the Board finds as follows and presented:

- The student's behavior at issue this evening indicates that he poses a threat to the safety of other students, staff, and members of the District community.
- The student has a history of misbehavior in the District, for which he previously had been disciplined. Student #3 in 2022-2023 has had 5 disciplinary referrals. This includes a 10-day out-of-school suspension for possession and distribution of a weapon (knife). Student #3 has 10 absences this semester. In the 2021-2022 school year, Student #3 had 4 disciplinary referrals for truancy and skipping a detention. Student #3 is a sophomore at LaSalle-Peru High School with 4.5 credits earned towards graduation.
- In light of such behavior removal to the Program (or, if that is not possible, expulsion) is in the best interest of the District. The student otherwise remaining in the District would pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, and members of the school community.
- The administration has determined that placement at the Program in lieu of expulsion is the appropriate intervention and is supported by the parent.
- Based upon communication with the Administration, the Board determines that if the transfer to the Program is not possible then no other appropriate and available disciplinary interventions short of the recommended expulsion period exist since all such interventions, including suspension, have been exhausted.

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Sarver, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks.
The motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Merboth to adjourn. All in favor, Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 7-0. Time: 8:45 p.m.


Mr. Tony Sparks
President


Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary