

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120
SEPTEMBER 28, 2022, 6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greg Sarver, Vice -President, called to order the Public Hearing meeting at 6:01 p.m. in the Thomas J. McCormack Library/Media Center.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, Vice President, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, Mr. Matt Merboth, and Mrs. Sally Taliani

ABSENT: Mr. Tony Sparks, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Mr. Gary Ferrari

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, Mrs. Lori Whalen, Business Manager, Attorney Walt Zukowski and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary, Ms. Olivia Doak, News Tribune Reporter

BY ZOOM ACCESS:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

LPHS FY 2023 BUDGET

Mr. Sarver asked the attending public and Board Members if there were any comments or questions. No comments or questions were voiced.

ACC FY 2023 BUDGET

Mr. Sarver asked the attending public and Board Members if there were any comments or questions. No comments or questions were voiced.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani to adjourn the Public Meeting at 6:01 p.m. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, and Mr. Sarver, Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**
Time 6:01 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greg Sarver, Vice-President, called to order the Regular Meeting at 6:01 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. Greg Sarver, Vice President, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch Mrs. Sally Taliani, and Mr. Matt Merboth

ABSENT: Mr. Tony Sparks, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Mr. Gary Ferrari (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)

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, Mrs. Lori Whalen, Business Manager, Attorney Walt Zukowski and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary, Ms. Olivia Doak, News Tribune Reporter
BY ZOOM ACCESS:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 24, 2022, REGULAR MEETING AND SEPTEMBER 14, 2022, SPECIAL MEETING

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Dr. Lynch to approve the minutes from August 24, 2022, regular meeting and September 14, 2022, special meeting as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

RECOGNITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Student Ambassadors Report: Ambassadors not in attendance. No topics reported.

Student Celebration: Mr. Connor Fundell received a Certificate of Recognition for being named a Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program

Division Spotlight: Mr. Cameron Mignon showcased the PE/HE/and Driver's Education divisions this month. He presented on covered units in Health such as Mental Health/Group Projects and Nutrition; Driver's Education has 127 enrolled students with full class periods 1st through 7th, as well as after school and weekends. Mr. Mignone shared various individual and life-long sports and activities in Enhanced PE; the upcoming swimming unit in Learning Readiness, and the changeover from pen/paper to Google Suite for progress reporting in APT to help kids stay on course if necessary.

Public Comment: Mr. Sarver asked the attending public if there were any comments or questions. No comments or questions were voiced.

FINANCE

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

The Motion carried 5-0.

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

The Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION by Dr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Merboth to approve the Financial Report, Activity Fund Report, Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation, Cash and Investments Report and Hometown Cash Management Report as presented. Voting Aye: Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE

TIF Reimbursements from the Village of North Utica (TIF I - \$4,195.60) \$4,195.60, City of LaSalle (Intergovt Agreement TIF's for \$105,807.21 and \$28,539.66) totaling \$134,346.84, and the City of Oglesby (TIF I - \$100,059.05 and \$11,657.25) totaling \$111,716.30. Total Monthly TIF Reimbursements - \$250,258.77

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, September 26, 2022, meeting, reported on:

Locating source of water leak in the East Building pool area and girl’s locker room, Howard Fellows Stadium repairs and renovations update, Nurses Office Renovation Project, Dolan Building window installation and recent environmental remediation, 556 Creve Coeur Building Demolition update, Clock Tower, and 5th Street (East and West) door repairs/Maintenance Grant application, Sports Complex Phase II meeting update, and current projects update.

Finance Committee- Mr. Matt Merboth, Committee Chair of the Finance Committee, gave his report from the Tuesday, September 22, 2022 meeting, reported on: Monthly Financials Reports, FY2023 LP District Budget-Final, the inclusion of additional reporting materials in Board packets beginning in October, Long Range District Debt Service Plan options presented by John Vezzetti with Bernardie Securities, Howard Fellows Stadium repairs and renovations update, Sports Complex Phase II meeting update, and Motivational Speaker, Monti Washington (ESSER Funds will be utilized to cover the cost).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

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

1. **FY2023 L-P & ACC Budgets:** The final L-P budget packet will be presented to the Finance Committee on Monday, September 26, 2022. We are presenting a balanced budget. The final ACC budget is included in the Board packet as well.
2. **ROE Annual Health Life Safety Inspection:** On September 15, 2022, ROE inspector Mr. Dave Mathis conducted our annual health/life safety inspection. Attached are his findings and correction plan we have either completed or scheduled to complete before the end of the school year. In the Main Building, we installed yellow warning tape on the floor in the Farm Shop designating a do not enter zone three feet away from the electrical access panel. In the mechanical room off the East Gym PE office, we learned that fire detectors were not installed. We’re working with Mr. Kmetz to get those installed before the end of the school year. Finally, we need to install ceiling tiles in a storage closet in the East Gym. This work will be completed before the end of first semester.
3. **Monti Washington – Motivational Speaker for Students and Parents:** As part of our efforts to strengthen our school culture, we have scheduled Mr. Monti Washington on October 24, 2022 to address our entire school at an assembly and offer an evening parent session. Mr. Washington is a highly sought-after motivational speaker focusing on making good choices and overcoming adversity. Mr. Washington’s fee is \$7,200 paid using our ESSER funds. Here is a link to his website: <https://tfaspeakers.com/portfolio-item/monti-washington/>.
4. **Sale Completion – Waker’s Building:** On Friday, September 23, 2022 at 2:45 pm, the District became the proud owners of the Waker’s Building located at 556 Creve Coeur Street. Following the Board’s approval to hire IL Valley Excavating, we will demolish the building within the next two weeks.
5. **L-P Sports Complex Phase II Design Team:** Our first L-P Sports Complex Phase II Design Team meets on October 12, 2022. Team members include – Head Baseball Coach Matt Glupczynski, Head Softball Coach Randy Huebbe, Head Tennis Coach Aaron Guenther, Head Soccer Coaches David Spudic and Christin Pappas, Byrne & Jones Consultant Joe Schuit (his firm installed the football field turf), Mike Kmetz, Lori Whalen, Tim Tomminello, and me. The baseball and softball facilities are Priority A. We are also exploring two additional tennis courts and conduct a study to replace the soccer field natural grass with turf. These represent Priority B facilities.
6. **FOIA Requests:** We received the following FOIA requests this past month and responded to each.

Requestor	Date	Request	District Action
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Brent Bader, City of LaSalle	August 29, 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any and all communications to any and all parties associated with the 7th street ravine sewer repair and/or relocation including but not limited to any representative of Mertel Gravel and/or any city of Peru staff, elected, or appointed official. 2. Any and all communications to any and all parties associated with the dumping of concrete spoils on parcel ID 17-16-414-019. 	We approved the request.
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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:

- **Teacher Evaluations:** The administrative team has started the teacher evaluation process. We have been implementing the new tool to record our post-conference conversations and it has been successful. The conversations has been more focused and able to spend more time on providing specific feedback to teachers about their lessons.
- **Instructional Leadership Team (ILT):** Our team, which consists of the Division Chairs, Mr. Gibson and myself, formally met this month to discuss several topics. This month we discussed streamlining of several internal processes. We also discussed the narrowing of the gap with regards to pass-fail rate and the universal screener testing in math and reading. Overall, our division chairs have reported a smooth start to the school year.
- **Professional Development:** Our Instructional Technology Coach has been regularly meeting with individual teachers and meeting with divisions. We also have completed our Part 2 of the PowerTeacher Pro training. As you may recall our online gradebook program went through a significant update this school year so we are utilizing several “superusers” who have been trained by Mrs. Amy Williams and Mrs. Holly Ziegler to train our entire faculty. Our PLC teams are also adjusting to our updated agenda and minute process. Teams are looking at assessment data to modify instruction as needed.
- **Assessment Information:** We will be offering the PSAT/NMSQT Exam to juniors who are interested in the opportunity in October. We have just completed the first benchmarking cycle with STAR 360 in reading and math. At the initial look of the data, the students have made gains compared to last year at this time. We will be offering the pilot test of the online versions of the PSAT 9 and the PSAT 10 exams on November 9th.
- **Drills:** We have completed several of our annually required drills. We have completed two fire drills, one code red drill and our bus evacuation drill. We still have a few more to complete to be in compliance, but we are on target to meet the goal.
- **Student of the Month:** Our Student of the Month celebrations began for this school year last week. The Renaissance group works diligently on this opportunity to honor our students. It was great to see so many students honored by our staff.
- **Positive Student Referrals:** Our staff has been sending positive referrals to the office to honor students. At the time of this report submission, we have 128 positive referrals, which is an incredible number at this point in the school year.

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
 - i. Girls’ swimming co-op placed 2nd in our Aqua-Pentathlon 9/17/22
 - ii. Girls Fresh/Soph Tennis LP

1. Freshman Level finished 1st & 2nd in Doubles
 2. Sophomore Level Finished 1 in Doubles
 - iii. Boys Golf took 2nd place as a Team at the Princeton Tournament
 - b. Upcoming Events
 - i. The boys' golf team is in Regionals today 9/27/22
 - ii. The girls' golf team is in Regionals Tomorrow 9/28/22
 - c. Special Events
 - i. LaSalle-Peru is scheduled to host the I 8 Conference Tournament for Tennis on October 8th.
 - ii. La Salle-Peru is scheduled to host the I 8 Conference Cross Country Regional at Baker Lake on Saturday, October 15th.
 - iii. LaSalle-Peru is schedule to Host Soccer Regionals October 18th – October 21st.
 - iv. LaSalle-Peru is scheduled to Host the Volleyball Sectional October 31st and November 2nd.
2. **Item 2:** Activities Update
- a. **Renaissance-** Renaissance is working on their upcoming Renaissance Rally as well as planning out the yearly events. They also attended the TALK leadership training in Oswego last Wednesday.
 - b. **Writing Club-** Writing Club is hosting a poetry slam/open mic night on November 21st at 7:00 in the auditorium.
 - c. **LEAD-** LEAD sponsored an ice cream social last Thursday. Mr. Pytel and his students are excited to continue to grow the program this year.
 - d. **Choir-** On Tuesday, Sept 13 Mrs. Verucchi and her choir attended the Audition Workshop Clinic at Bradley for students auditioning for ILMEA. This was a great way for them to prepare for the November festival at Augustana College.
 - e. **Band-** The marching band season kicked off on September 17th in Normal. Mr. Stevens and his Marching Cavaliers took home 3rd place in class 3A.
 - f. **Student Council-** Student Council has been busy putting on an awesome Homecoming week. The dress up days were clever and everyone's ready for the parade tomorrow and the big game on Friday.
 - g. **Mock Trial Club-** Melissa Olivero and her Mock Trial Club officially met for the 1st time yesterday afternoon. This program will help students develop leadership and public speaking skills. They will create arguments and witness questions from a problem published by the Illinois State Bar Association. They will also present cases to attorneys and judges at competitions.
 - h. **Harbor Homeroom-** Harbor homeroom completed both of their leadership trainings over the last 2 weeks. We have well over 100 leaders ready to begin The Harbor video series and help our students with character development.

ACC DIRECTOR

Mr. Dwayne Mentgen, reported on the following topics:

ACC Enrollments:

Automotive	50
Building Trades	24
CAD	4
Child Care	27
Computer Repair	13

Computer Programming	5
Cosmetology	28
Culinary Arts	23
Entrepreneurship	10
Fire Science	22
Health Occupations (CNA)	35
Machine Technology	16
Medical Terminology	5
Residential Wiring	21
Welding	39

The ACC student of the month for September is Tatum Duncan (picture below) a Cosmetology student from LPHS. She was nominated by her instructor Ms. Royce Smith. Ms. Smith commented: *she always arrives happy and ready to learn. Always pays attention to detail for everything she is doing or being taught. Also is not afraid to ask questions if she doesn't understand something and, does assignment again and again until she perfects its.*

The ChildCare class has taken enrollments for pre-schoolers who will start in October. Mrs. Johnson has had the largest class yet in both her sessions, with 9 pre-schoolers in the afternoon.

The Building Trades class will be engaging in two community projects: They will be framing another tiny home, supplies have been dropped off, and they are awaiting the trailer to mount it on (a collaboration will take place with welding to reinforce the trailer), and with the assistance of Dr. Wroblewski, the Building Trades class will start a collaboration with Lighted Way to build changing tables for their new facility.

The annual ACC Auto show was held on September 25th. Pictures will be available in next months report. Culinary Arts collaborated with Auto to provide food.

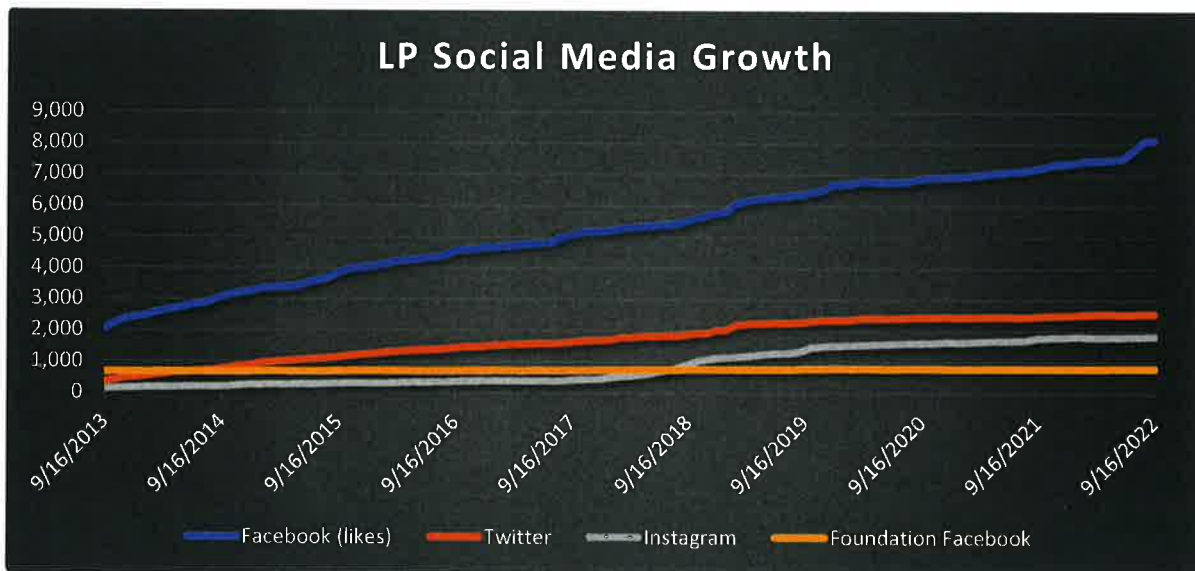


DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

- We are awaiting updates from KeyCode Media regarding the installation of equipment for the enhanced video streaming system. Mr. Kmetz is in contact with them. We've had preliminary meetings to refine plans for the installation of cabling and equipment delivery.
- We are wrapping up the solicitation phase of the annual Athletics & Activities Sponsorship Program. This year we brought in \$13,800 from our community business sponsors. The proceeds from this program support our extracurricular drug testing program, help our clubs and teams get new uniforms and equipment, allow us to outfit our APT program, and assist in the LPHS Hall of Honor program.
- We continue working with various alumni groups to schedule events for Homecoming/Reunion season. We're also assisting Mr. Kuziel, Mr. Miller and various clubs in promoting the Homecoming Week activities.

We are shared a communication survey with families in our latest Cavaletter. We will continue pushing this survey out over the next week. We plan to 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

Recommendation to amend the September 28, 2022, Regular Meeting Agenda to approve the Illinois Valley Excavating Demolition Proposal of the 556 Creve Coeur Property (Waker's/L-P Coral) from \$10,500 to \$19,470.

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded Mr. Merboth, to amend the September 28, 2022, Regular Meeting Agenda to approve the Illinois Valley Excavating Demolition Proposal of the 556 Creve Coeur Property (Waker's/L-P Coral) from \$10,50 to \$19,470. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval to adopt the LaSalle-Peru Township High School FY2023 Budget

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Dr. Lynch to approve to adopt the LaSalle-Peru Township High School FY2023 Budget as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval to adopt the LaSalle-Peru Area Career Center FY2023 Budget

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Ferrari to approve to adopt the LaSalle-Peru Area Career Center FY2023 Budget as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sarver. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of the Area Career Center Joint Agreement Resolution FY2023

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Dr. Lynch to approve of the Area Career Center Joint Agreement Resolution FY2023 as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of PRESS Policy Issue 106

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Dr. Lynch to approve Press Policy 109 as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sarver. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of the Illinois Valley Excavating Demolition Proposal of the 556 Creve Coeur Property (Waker's/L-P Corral) for \$19,470

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani to approve the Illinois Valley Excavating Demolition Proposal of the 556 Creve Coeur Property (Waker's/L-P Corral) for \$19,470 as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of the Salary Compensation Report for 2021-2022

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Taliani to approve of the Salary Compensation Report for 2021-2022 as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approve of the 2022-2023 School Profile

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth to approve of the 2022-2023 School Profile as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, , Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of the following reassignments:

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani to approve the following reassignments as presented.

- a. Mrs. Cristina Sarabia, Data Management Specialist, effective September 29, 2022 (replaces Bobbi Newell).

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of the following appointments:

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Dr. Lynch to approve of the following appointments as presented.

- a. Mr. Michael Pittman, Hallway Security, starting September 29, 2022, and effective the 2022-2023 school year (new position)
- b. Mr. Dominic Bacidore, Part-time 2nd Shift Greeter, Starting September 29, 2022, and effective the 2022-2023 school year (new position)
- c. Mr. Scott Blessman, TOPS Sponsor, effective the 2022-2023 school year (replaces Mrs. Jean Ganze)
- d. Mr. Kevin Krasinski, 3rd Floor Custodian (1), starting October 3, 2022, and effective the 2022-2023 school year (replaced Mr. Michael Lindbergh)
- e. Mrs. Kay Raineri, Library Clerk, starting September 30, 2022, and effective the 2022-2023 school year (replaces Mrs. Jennifer Scoma)
- f. Mrs. Jean Ganze, Volunteer Renaissance Sponsor, effective the 2022-2023 school year
- g. Mrs. Melissa Olivero, Volunteer Mock Trial Sponsor, effective the 2022-2023 school year.

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of paternity leave for Mr. William Zukowski (Mathematics Teacher) beginning January 10, 2023 and returning on January 24, 2023:

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani to approve the paternity leave for Mr. William Zukowski (Mathematics Teacher) beginning January 10, 2023 and returning on January 24, 2023 as presented. Voting Aye Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of maternity leave for Mrs. Andrea Eichelkraut (Counselor) beginning on or about March 8, 2023 and continue to the end of the school year:

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani to approve the maternity leave for Mrs. Andrea Eichelkraut (Counselor) beginning on or about March 8, 2023, and continuing to the end of the school year as presented. Voting Aye Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of the following the Cross-Country overnight trip on October 8th to October 9, 2022, to Camp Wokanda in Chillicothe for purposes to prepare for the state meet and team bonding:

MOTION by Dr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Ferrari to approve of of the following the Cross-Country overnight trip on October 8th to October 9, 2022, to Camp Wokanda in Chillicothe for purposes to prepare for the state meet and team bonding as presented, Voting Aye: Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani to move to executive/closed session for purposed 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: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0. Time 6:44p.m.**

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani to return to open session. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 5-0. Time 7:58 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Mr. Tony Sparks, Mrs. Carol Alcorn

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to review and retain the Executive/Closed Minutes of August 24, 2022 regular meeting

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve to review and retain the Executive/Closed Minutes of August 24, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

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

MOTION by Dr. Lynch, seconded by Mrs. Taliani to approve authorization of destruction of verbatim audio records from executive sessions held prior to April 1, 2021, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120 as presented.

- a. March 4, 2021
- b. March 11, 2021
- c. March 17, 2021

Voting Aye: Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferraro, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

PERSONNEL

Approval of the following appointments

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

- a. Mrs. Lori Reese, Administrative Assistant to the Associate Principal for School Safety, effective October 3, 2022 (replaces Cristina Sarabia)

Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth and Mr. Sarver. **The motion carried 5-0.**

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The Board of Education reviewed documentation from the Principal, Associate Principal for School Safety and Dean of Students regarding the recommendation for the transfer of Student #1 to the LaSalle County Regional Office of Education Safe Schools Program (hereafter the "Program") in lieu of expulsion beginning September 29, 2022 through June 23, 2023 with a possible return to the District for the Fall Semester of 2023 based upon the outcome of the placement meeting at the Program to be conducted in June of 2023. If the student is returned to the District by the Program prior to the end of the 2022-2023 school year, then the student shall be recommended for expulsion through the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Such action is appropriate due to the student's role in verbally and physically assaulting a staff member and attempting to assault another staff member. This includes grabbing a pencil holder from the Dean's desk and attempting to throw it at her; punching a member of the security staff in the Dean's office; use of vulgar language to staff; and gross insubordination to 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 #1 in 2022-2023 has had 7 disciplinary referrals for this school year. This includes a 10-day out-of-school suspension for assaulting a staff member, use of profane words towards staff, and gross insubordination. Student #1 has had one tardy this school year. In 2021-2022 Student #1 had 25 discipline referrals, including one 5-day out-of-school suspension for using vulgarity toward a security staff member and throwing items in the security office. Student #1 is currently a sophomore at LaSalle-Peru High School with 6 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.

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Merboth to approve of the recommended Student Transfer Plan for Student Discipline #1 to the LaSalle County Regional Office of Education Safe Schools Program as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Ferrari. **The motion carried 5-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion carried 5-0. Time: 8:04 p.m.



Mr. Greg Sarver
Vice President



Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary