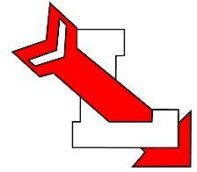


Board Briefs



Regular Meeting of June 10, 2024

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes from May and June, 2024
- Payment of bills for May, 2024

Action Items

- 2023-2024 Budget Amendment
- 2024-2025 Budget Appropriations
- Millage Rates
- MASB Membership
- MHSAA Membership
- MSBO Bus Purchase Program
- Bus Purchase
- TIPS Purchasing Consortium
- High School Computer Lab Furniture

Human Resources Update

Dustin Cichocki reported that exit interviews are taking place for resignations and retirements as well as hiring for vacated positions. On June 11 the administrative team will participate in an all-day professional development session covering various topics. Negotiations with the LEA will take place on June 12. Administrators are finishing up staff evaluations. Mr. Cichocki continues to look at creative ways to post job openings.

Budget Update

Sonia Hodge stated that the Business Office is preparing for the audit.

Public Comments

Five audience members made public comments. No action taken.

Curriculum Update

Dan VanderMeulen stated administrators will meet in the afternoon on June 11 to talk about Marzano staff evaluation changes as well as the district's Vision statement. Summer learning is taking place which includes Arrow Readers on the Move, Math on the Move for incoming 6th graders, K-5 summer school, art camp at the high school, open library hours at the middle school and high school and high school credit recovery classes. Staff will be piloting two K-5 English Language Arts programs (Open Court Reading and Core Knowledge Language Arts).

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Fowler, in response to a public comment, stated that Ms. Wiseman did offer to meet with the parent. Mr. Fowler thanked the students, parents and community for a wonderful school year full of celebrations. He also noted that the YMCA day camp is starting at Cherry Creek Elementary and summer sports camps are in full swing. CAD lab construction started today. Cherry Creek staff visited other schools in the area to learn how Lowell Area Schools can enhance the learning experience as the design work starts for Cherry Creek Elementary. The sale of bonds is scheduled for next week. He wished everyone a great summer.

Board Comments

- Pat Nugent stated that Board policies are a major part of the Boards work. Board Bylaws do not require that the Board read Board policies word for word during a meeting. Policies are discussed at Work Sessions with first and second readings. Policies very closely mirror State law. The Board receives a list of changes from the State. The Board does not make up policies or slide policies under the table. Mr. Fowler provides the current policy, state recommendations and the reasons why.
- Jennifer Dougherty thanked the library staff for establishing clear and consistent procedures on how to challenge books.
- Brian Krajewski thanked the Board members for another successful year. He also thanked the community for their support of the Lowell Area Schools.

The Board entered into Closed Session to discuss negotiations.

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