

**Luckiamute Valley Charter Schools**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 18, 2017**

Meeting called to order 6:50 pm

**In Attendance:** Matt Beasley, Jim Gardner, Fred Weisensee, Vicki Avery, Kendal Cates, Steve Diehl, Tammy Pryce, Jenneca Crocker, Whitney Francis, Vicki Gardner, Amy Covey, Jerry McGuffee, Ryan Renner

**Visitors:** Taraza Lawrence, Lena Calef

1. **Good News**

- 1.1 Donations came from: Dancing Oaks, Polk County Fairgrounds, Pedee Women's Club. Phil Hyre, a parent, gave a donation of \$3000 for the rafting trip and will do it every year if they continue with the rafting trips. He sees great value in students going every year.
- 1.2 Charter School Registry complete for Ashley Yokota. She will need to complete her licensure in order to renew for next year.
- 1.3 Debbie Whitlow was chosen as the staff member of the month.

2. **Consent Agenda**

- 2.1 Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2017. **Jim Gardner approves the minutes as presented, Fred seconded, all in favor.**

3. **Announcements**

- 3.1 Facilities and Budget Meeting @ Bridgeport- 3:15, 19 April 2017.
- 3.2 Next LVCS Board Meeting changed to May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017@ Bridgeport- 6:30,
- 3.3 LVCS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Carnival - May 12, 2017- 4:30 – 7:30pm
- 3.4 April 25<sup>th</sup>-Dairy Queen Fundraiser in Monmouth for Pedee at 5 – 8 pm
- 3.5 May 6<sup>th</sup>- Les Schwab in Dallas for Pedee from 8-4

4. **Public Comment**

Lena Calef wanted to give feedback on the community board meeting. She was a little frustrated at the small turnout. Overall she is very happy that their children are here and would like the board to concentrate on fixing our current facilities. 1. Fix up the buildings and make it pleasing. 2. Really start the farm to school program because we have plenty of resources with our land. She wants the board to know how involved the PTO is and they will continue to be an asset to the school and help anyway they can. Taraza wanted to know how we could start the donation process for the community building. The board still has a way to go to determine the scope of the new building and how it relates to the vision of LVCS and how it focuses on certain programs. A suggestion to contact Ram Jack as a potential company to seek bids to repairs and or install needed foundations on main building and 2 modulars.

5. **Reports and Updates**

- 5.1 Enrollment is currently at 193
- 5.2 Financial Report given for March
- 5.3 Student Tracking given by Jenneca Crocker. Some items of interest are the Parent/Teacher conferences, State testing started April 10<sup>th</sup>, Student of the Months for April and numerous SPED meetings.
- 5.4 Director Goals Update/Staffing/Next School Year . Goals was added to, specifically defining the Leadership Roles . At the recent leadership meeting an organizational chart was made of 3 classifications, Budget & Facilities, Curriculum, Sunshine. All of our current committees will fall under one of the classifications and each one will have 2 to 3 leadership members in charge. In order to have equity and a buy in of LVCS the plan and hope is all staff members will commit to a committee.

5.5 Quotes for projects came from Total Comfort on insulation, siding and heating, LDE Company for heating, Pittman plumbing, Wright Painting Company, Pfeifer Roofing and Ten Square Roofing.

5.6 Staffing Recommendations. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher gave her verbal notification of not returning for the 2017-18 school year. We will post the position when we receive her resignation letter.

**Fred moves that we accept the staffing recommendations for the 2017-2018 school year, Vicki seconds, all in favor.**

5.7 State school fund grant/payment schedule update for April 4<sup>th</sup>. ADMw rate per student was increased and the remote school per pupil count increased. With a change from this year a look back from last year we should see an increase of \$300K to our budget, enabling us to get our many projects to the buildings done faster.

5.8 A 4-day a week school calendar model for 2017-2018 was presented. It would allow for more instructional time in the day and enable the teachers to incorporate project-based learning and expand on current subjects. A Study was done that shows more time off, if used properly, helps students retain more and refreshes the soul and it helps create more family time. It allows for professional development on the Friday that students are off. Some benefits for the school is less transportation, salaries, electricity, and food costs. A survey went out and there was only a small amount of feedback was given, all but 1 were positive. Board would like a bigger sampling of parent input and will continue further discussion on next board meeting, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

5.9 Suggestions were made for priorities to our facilities. An addition on the PE shed and getting rid of the 3 sheds and putting on a playground awning on PE shed. A suggestion of replacing the PE shed with a Pole barn and extending the playground next it. In order to continue with our safety & threat plan the sheriff suggests we abandon the plan to escape out the rear corner of land to the front. We would need to take out some fencing along the driveway. This would open up the pathway to redirect for parent pickup and be safer.

## 6. **Future Board Agenda Settings**

6.1 There will be another meeting on April 26, 2017 @ 6:30 to discuss the Executive Director position. The scope of the position and other needs for staff need to be taken into consideration. What is the leadership and configuration going to be like next year, i.e., Principal at each building with an executive director? An organization chart for the school is needed. Expanding programs, curriculum and interest in high school was discussed. The concern is getting enough support and volunteers to help a start-up charter high school.

6.2 Community Meeting results from the meeting was small but there was a high interest in sports, music and arts. A suggestion into hiring a music/arts teacher will be discussed at the budget/facilities meeting on Wednesday.

6.3 Fred has volunteered to look into solar panels and rebates available.

## 8. **Adjourned at 9:02pm.**