

LUCKIAMUTE VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
May 20, 2020
Teleconference via GoToMeeting

CALL TO ORDER At 6:33 by Vicky Avery.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicky Avery, Matt Beasley, Jim Gardner, Kendall Cates, Fred Weisensee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Christy Wilkins, Daniel Shimek, Jerry McGuffee, Tammy Pryce

BOARD SECRETARY: Cali Beasley

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.1. Approval of minutes and adoption of board policy KL – Public Complaint and Deletion of current KL – Public Complaint policy.

1.2. Fred Weisensee made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Matthew Beasley seconded the motion. Vote was taken by roll call. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1. Next board meeting – June 17, 2020 via GoToMeeting.

3. VISITORS

3.1. PTO: Lena Calef reported that PTO is currently at a stand-still.

3.2. No other visitors were in attendance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1. There was no public comment.

5. BOARD POLICIES:

5.1. GCBDAAG/DBDAA – COVID-19 – RELATED LEAVE First Reading: This policy is highly recommended by OSBA but is not a required adoption. The policy is being provided for the board to read through. Potential adoption may be discussed at a later date.

5.2. GCBDAAG/DBDAA – AR (1) AND GCBDAAG/DBDAA – AR (2): Provided to the board for review with no action required.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

6.1. April Financial Reports: Expenses are a little lower than previous years in May. There are some outstanding bills related to Chromebook purchases, construction at Pedee and bussing. The Services line was higher this month because of SPED expenses and WESD services that have been paid. Some of those expenses will be reimbursed from the district.

6.2. Sick Leave Rollover: Tammy provided an overview of the current sick leave outlook. She also explained the change to utilizing EduStaff for hiring substitutes and the advantages for LVCS.

6.3. May ADM Forecast: The budget discussion was in the director's report to the board.

7. FACILITIES REPORT:

7.1. Pedee office remodel: The basement office remodel has begun. Bob Grant Construction has installed two new windows, removed some old heat duct, and framed in and sheet rocked the walls over the last couple of weeks.

7.2. Leveling the modular buildings: Daniel is still seeking bids to relevel the modular buildings at Bridgeport. There are not many companies that do this work and getting bids is proving difficult.

7.3. Parking expansion: To expand parking along the gym wall, a guide wire from a power pole needs to be moved. Daniel is waiting for input from the power company on the feasibility of that. One bid has been received so far for parking expansion. If it is not feasible to move the wire, there are other, limited, options to expand parking.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Director's report

8.1.1. Budget update: Christy provided an outlook for the budget losses based on what she learned from the budget forecast provided earlier in the day. She also provided some information that she received from Andy Bellando, interim superintendent for Dallas School District. At this time the short fall is projected to be less than originally anticipated but still significant. Anticipated SSA funds will be more than expected which will be used to fulfill those goals including funding the school counselor.

8.1.2. CARES Funding: ODE made the decision to allow districts to keep all of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund money if they chose which would leave Charter Schools with no relief. However, Andy Bellando, interim superintendent for Dallas, has made the decision to allocate some of the district's ESSER money to LVCS because "It's the right thing to do". This money will help fill out the budget a little bit and Christy is deeply grateful for Andy's support.

8.1.3. Distance Learning Update: While teachers, students and parents have gotten into a routine over the last 6 weeks, fatigue with distance learning is setting in for most. LVCS is implementing a plan for winding down and closing out the year. May 28th will be the last packet exchange. June 4th will be the last day of instruction. From 4 to 7 on June 4th, staff will be at Bridgeport to collect Chromebooks and last work, hand out small gifts to each student and say goodbye. The following week will be spent assessing the returned Chromebooks for needed repairs and discussing/creating a plan for opening school in the fall. Christy

provided an overview of what some of that plan will include in her report to the board.

8.1.4. SPED position: Carol Shavere, our wonderful SPED teacher, is retiring. As anticipated, competition for SPED teachers is high. LVCS found an excellent candidate for the position and he has signed a contract for next year.

8.1.5. Summer Activities: Christy shared that Lua has applied for and received a small grant to fund some of the needs of the garden project. However, part of this money is supposed to be used for a “Garden Camp” for students. Christy and Lua will work together to determine if this can be accomplished safely in a way that is not also too financially cumbersome.

8.2. Projected student enrollment:

8.2.1. Projected student enrollment for next year is 198 students. Kindergarten, 2nd, 3rd and 5th grades are currently full, some with waiting lists. Parents have been calling expressing interest for next year as well. However, there is almost always movement over the summer as needs of families change. The smallest class at the moment is 6th grade with only 13 students. Efforts to recruit students have been hampered by COVID-19 restrictions. A power point is being prepared to market the middle school that will include a drone video tour of the school made by a former student. Additionally yard signs have been purchased with the hope of putting them in business windows, family yards, etc. to advertise for the school.

8.3. Executive Director Contract Renewal: Kendal Cates made a motion to renew the contract for the executive director, Fred Weisensee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken by Vicky Avery. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

9. ADJOURN:

9.1. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 by Vicky Avery.