

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 7:00 PM Central

Lake Bluff School District Office
121 E Sheridan Place
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Laura Breakstone: Present
Amy Connell-Donohue: Present
Andy Duran: Present
Anne Hill: Present
Lauren Hirsh: Present
Tim Penich: Present
Carrie Steinbach: Present

1. 6:00 P.M. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

CLOSED SESSION a) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). b) Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

2. 7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. MISSION, VISION, MOTTO:

MISSION: Ensure academic achievement and personal growth for all students through innovative and engaging educational opportunities.

VISION: An inclusive community of motivated learners who are inspired to change the world through exploration and collaboration.

MOTTO: Excellence in Education, Enthusiasm for Life, Every Student, Every Day.
Athletic Director and PE teacher Dan Williams read the Mission, Vision and Motto.

5. RECOGNITION

5.A. Student Recognition

5.A.1. Hayley, Alexander, Everett, Drew, Maya, Ronnie - LBES

Mrs. Bae recognized several students from LBES for our student recognition.

5.A.2. Raya S - LBES

Raya was recognized with kind words from Mr. Phelps and a very special letter from Mrs. Sheridan.

5.A.3. Paige W - LBMS

Mr. Williams gave a heartfelt thank you to Paige for stepping up all on her own to help out with after-school athletic events.

5.B. Staff Recognition

5.B.1. Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation

Anne Hill read the Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation later in the meeting during Andy Duran's report. The board thanked our teachers and staff. May 6-10, 2024 is Teacher Appreciation Week.

5.B.2. Eileen Chirhart

Mrs. Chirhart was recognized for her patience, care and kindness in helping first grade readers.

5.B.3. Adrienne Logan

Mrs. Logan was recognized for her passion for teaching, for going the extra mile and making each student feel special.

5.B.4. Ryan Regan

Mrs. Bae recognized Mr. Regan for his honor from IAHPERD as the 2024 Elementary Teacher of the Year at both the district level and for the state!

5.B.5. Kellie Bae

Dr. Leali recognized Mrs. Bae for her honor from IAHPERD as the 2024 Administrator of the Year at the district level.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - Andy Duran

No public comment.

7. ADDITION OF DISCUSSION ITEM

No addition of discussion items.

8. REPORTS

8.A. PTO Report - Julie Bell

PTO update as shown in the board packet.

8.B. Alliance Report - Michael Breakstone

No report.

8.C. LBES Principal Report - Kellie Bae

No report.

8.D. LBMS Principal Report- Nate Blackmer

No report.

8.E. Director of Finance and Operations/CSBO Update - Jay Kahn

No report.

8.F. Director of Student Services -Tracy Roehrick

Tracy Roehrick presented a video of the True North staff.

8.G. Curriculum Coordinator - Jackie Tivador

No report.

8.H. Technology Coordinator - Kevin Kolcz

No report.

8.I. President's Report - Andy Duran

Andy Duran reported that later in the meeting the board will present the annual evaluation of the superintendent.

8.J. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Lisa Leali

Dr. Leali asked for board member volunteers to help in the ceremony for 8th Grade Promotion.

9. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

9.A. 2015 GO Limited Tax Bonds potential refunding opportunity - Tammie Beckwith Schallmo, Senior VP Managing Director PMA

Tammie Beckwith Schallmo, Senior VP Managing Director of PMA presented current tax bonds and refunding opportunities. PMA has worked with LBSD65 since 2015 and is currently helping us to achieve more savings by refunding the callable 2015 bonds. Details can be found in the board packet.

9.B. Field Trips - Nate Blackmer

Mr. Blackmer gave an overview of proposed field trips for the 2024-25 school year. Mr. Blackmer recognized the Alliance and the Zach Porter Foundation for their contributions this year in aiding numerous students in participating in the Washington DC trip. Field trip quotes and details can be found in the board packet.

9.C. Technology and Summer Updates - Kevin Kolcz

Kevin Kolcz gave a detailed update of our current technology for staff and students and of proposed systems. Details can be found in the board packet.

9.D. ESY Update - Kathleen Turner Kwak

Mrs. Turner Kwak discussed the extended school year program. The 'jumpstart to kindergarten' section is already full. We are fully staffed except for one TA position.

9.E. Director of Safety and Security Update - Dr. Lisa Leali

The contract is being held by District 70. Austin Johnson was officially approved through D70 last night and was introduced during the recognition earlier in the meeting

9.F. Superintendent Evaluation

Dr. Leali thanked the board for completing the evaluation process. There was a mid-year evaluation right before winter break with valuable feedback that was taken into account and acted upon moving forward. Feedback from the board given to Dr. Leali included continuous work on communication, especially with our non-parent community members. Also, the board requested additional opportunities for professional development in areas that are important to the district. Dr. Leali stated that her annual goals were in direct alignment with our Strategic Plan, which are student achievement and growth and improved culture and climate for staff/personnel retention. The final overall evaluation was 'Highly Effective'.

9.G. BOE Vacancy

Dr. Leali reviewed the process to fill the board vacancy. Policy says the BOE Vice President moves to the President's position. The Board will elect a new community member to fill the open position from June 19, 2024, until next spring. At that time, a formal election will take place for the remaining 2 years. All are welcome to apply. Because this is a mid-year election, board interviews will be conducted.

9.H. 2024-25 Tentative Budget - Jay Kahn

Jay Kahn gave an overview of the tentative budget. Details can be found in the board packet.

10. ACTION (WITH DISCUSSION) ITEMS

10.A. Maintenance Vehicle Approval

New maintenance vehicle. This motion, made by Lauren Hirsh and seconded by Laura Breakstone, Passed.

Laura Breakstone: Yea, Amy Connell-Donohue: Yea, Andy Duran: Yea, Anne Hill: Yea, Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10.B. Field Trips Approval

Field Trips. This motion, made by Anne Hill and seconded by Amy Connell-Donohue, Passed.

Laura Breakstone: Yea, Amy Connell-Donohue: Yea, Andy Duran: Yea, Anne Hill: Yea, Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10.C. 2024-25 12 month Salary and Administrator Contract Approval

2024-25 12 month Salary and Administrator Contract. This motion, made by Carrie Steinbach and seconded by Lauren Hirsh, Passed.

Laura Breakstone: Yea, Amy Connell-Donohue: Yea, Andy Duran: Yea, Anne Hill: Yea, Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10.D. Occupational Therapist Soliant Contract Approval

Occupational Therapist with Soliant Health. This motion, made by Anne Hill and seconded by Carrie Steinbach, Passed.

Laura Breakstone: Yea, Amy Connell-Donohue: Yea, Andy Duran: Yea, Anne Hill: Yea, Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10.E. Personnel Report

Personnel Report. This motion, made by Lauren Hirsh and seconded by Laura Breakstone, Passed.

Laura Breakstone: Yea, Amy Connell-Donohue: Yea, Andy Duran: Yea, Anne Hill: Yea, Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10.F. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Anne Hill and seconded by Amy Connell-Donohue, Passed.

Laura Breakstone: Yea, Amy Connell-Donohue: Yea, Andy Duran: Yea, Anne Hill: Yea, Lauren Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10.F.1. Open Session Meeting Minutes

10.F.1.a. 3-12-24 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

10.F.1.b. 4-9-24 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

10.F.2. Treasurers Report

10.F.3. Imprest Report

10.F.4. Bills Report

10.F.5. P Card Report

11. FOIA Requests

We had one FOIA request which can be reviewed in the board packet.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Andy Duran

No public comment.

13. ADJOURNMENT

9:15pm Adjournment. This motion, made by Lauren Hirsh and seconded by Tim Penich, Passed.
Laura Breakstone: Yea, Amy Connell-Donohue: Yea, Andy Duran: Yea, Anne Hill: Yea, Lauren
Hirsh: Yea, Tim Penich: Yea, Carrie Steinbach: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0