

LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Work Session Meeting
Linden High School
7201 W. Silver Lake Road
Linden, Michigan 48451
(810) 591-0410
November 2, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Members Present Laura Starrs, Pam Snyder, Mike Murphy, Steve Murphy, Steven Losey, Scott Maker, Rob Rossow
Student Representatives: Jordan Hensley, Kinleigh Jaehnig

Members Absent None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Moved by S. Murphy, supported by Maker to adopt the agenda as presented.
68-11 All yea votes. Motion carried 7-0.
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SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mr. Koledo stated it looks like board elections will be moving to November of even years. We had tabled this subject but State Bill 4035 and House Bill 427 is likely to pass. This will become effective in December.

Mr. Koledo shared that Todd Skinner was nominated Regional Golf Coach. The following Linden teachers have been nominated for the VFW Teacher of the Year: Terry Tibbits, Becky McCormick, Jay Kirkey, Teresa Wright and Greg Wise.

Superintendent Koledo gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Non Homestead Millage renewal.

STUDENT BOARD REPORTS

- The Boys' Cross Country team won Regionals and will be compete at States. Sydney Elmer was the only female to qualify for States.
- The Varsity Football team will play Lapeer East in the first game of the playoffs.
- The Marching Band will be competing at Ford Field.
- Winter sports are starting up.
- High School Student Council will be serving at the Loose Center senior citizens' dinner on November 8.
- Christmas Express will take place November 28-December 9.
- Four student council members attending the Metro League Student Council meeting.
- National Honor Society will be hosting their new member inductee program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tami Csapo, high school CI teacher, thanked the Board for approving the purchase of iPads for her classroom. There has been positive response and the iPads fit every student in some way.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

DIRECTOR/BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Denice Westervelt, Early Childhood Coordinator, and Cheryl Thomas, Director of Curriculum

and Instruction, gave a PowerPoint presentation of preschool programming offered at Argentine Early Childhood Center.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Strategic Plan
Goal #1 – 15%
Fund Equity
Discussion

Mr. Koledo stated the Board had discussion on a fund balance percentage and would like to solidify a number. Mr. Koledo recommends a minimum of 5% and maintain year to year. Steve Losey wanted to postpone discussion until the November 16th meeting due to positive bargaining movement. Steve Murphy shared he would like to go with a lean fund equity since the district should not save money for technology as the district currently spends money on technology each year. Superintendent Koledo explained that fund equity is not just for technology, but the district needs to be cognitive of the technology needs that are coming down with state testing requirements. Mr. Maker stated Michigan law requires districts to carry a fund equity. This item will be placed on the November 16th agenda for further discussion, action.

Public Comments:

Ramona Jarou, elementary teacher, asked what a 5% fund equity was in dollars. Mr. Engelter stated it is an amount available at a given time of expenditures. CHECK WITH MIKE.

Executive Energy
Report and
Options

Superintendent Koledo gave a summary report of Executive Energy breaking out a potential savings between \$14,009 and \$33,158 into two main areas. Area 1 would consist of control of individual computers and lab computers by turning them off at night, weekends and vacations. The potential savings for doing this could be between \$6,230-\$20,580. The second area would be controlling the lighting throughout the district would range between \$4,800-\$9,600. Executive Energy proposed a scaled back version of the original contract of \$10,000 each year and act as an energy advisor. They also proposed a one-time fee of \$15,000 for services rendered with an additional fee of \$800 for each elementary awareness assembly. Superintendent Koledo feels the district can do this on our own. A lengthy board discussion took place on the pros and cons of continuing with the current contract or go to the one year. Superintendent Koledo will bring back a recommendation to the Board at the November 16th board meeting for action.

Public Comments:

Todd Skinner, high school teacher, as if computers plugged into strips use the same amount of energy as stand alone. The answer to his question was yes.

Tammy Csapo, high school teacher, was concerned with one switch turning on twenty lights and if they could be divided or remove some of the bulbs.

Tonya Armour, high school counselor, felt the district was spending \$15,000 for something that should be a building culture – employees should just do it.

POLICY REVIEW

Second Reading of
New Board Policy
1613 – Student
Supervision and
Welfare

The Board conducted the second reading of new Board Policy 1613 – Student Supervision and Welfare. This item will be placed on the November 16th agenda under Old Business for a third reading and adoption.

Public Comments:

None.

<p>First Reading of Board Policy 2260 - Non-Discrimination And Access to Equal Education Opportunity</p>	<p>The Board conducted the first reading of revisions to Board Policy 2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Education Opportunity. This item will be placed on the November 16th agenda under Old Business for a second reading and adoption.</p> <p>Public Comments:</p> <p>None.</p>
<p>First Reading of Board Policy 3122 – Non-Discrimination And Equal Education Opportunity</p>	<p>The Board conducted the first reading of revisions to Board Policy 3122 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Education Opportunity. This item will be placed on the November 16th agenda under Old Business for a second reading and adoption.</p> <p>Public Comments:</p> <p>None.</p>
<p>First Reading of Board Policy 4122 – Non-Discrimination And Equal Education Opportunity</p>	<p>The Board conducted the first reading of revisions to Board Policy 4122 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Education Opportunity. This item will be placed on the November 16th agenda under Old Business for a second reading and adoption.</p> <p>Public Comments:</p> <p>None.</p>

BOARD REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Murphy stated he saw former Board member Rick Kursik who indicated he was missing the group. Mr. Murphy attended the last volleyball game of the season and wish the best of luck to the rest of the fall sports teams. He would also like to get information on Quiz Bowl.

Pam Snyder shared topics discussed at the MASB Conference.

Steve Losey stated his time at the MASB Conference was interesting.

Laura Starrs also shared information from the MASB conference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julie Peake, teacher, acknowledged and thanked Denice Westervelt for taking on a high school student and mentoring her at Argentine Elementary’s Early Childhood Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

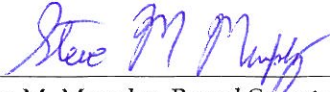
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(P) Moved by S. Murphy, supported by Maker to adjourn to Executive Session per Section 8(c), Collective Bargaining Strategy, Contract Negotiations, of the Open Meetings Act at 8:55 p.m.
Roll call vote taken.
All yea votes. Motion carried 7-0.

Reconvened to Open Session at 10:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Starrs adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve M. Murphy, Board Secretary