

**LITCHFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
October 24, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

**Mike Miller, President
Tammy Dow, Vice President
Jason Eichler, Secretary
Clifford “Jim” Abbeg, Treasurer
Maurice Parks, Trustee
Steve Schlumm, Trustee
Austin Signor, Trustee**

**Michael Corey, Superintendent
Cristina Eyre, K-12 Principal**

- 1. Call to Order -**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Mission Statement – Litchfield Community Schools is dedicated to the success of all students. We will: Partner with students, parents, staff, community, and local industry; Provide a safe facility and nurturing environment; Educate students to become empowered self-sustaining life-long learners.**
- 4. Roll Call - Tammy, Jason, Jim Abegg (absent), Maurice, Steve, Austin, Mike**
- 5. Public Participation -**

Doug Terry (interim City Manager) and Jessica Bills, Mayor

- Ariel Handouts**
- Community Block Grant – application made and the city was successful**
- 919,000 received (Public Gathering Space) – City has to put money up as well**
- Part Bandshell, part playground, put in a concession stand and restrooms, put in a splash pad**
- Talking to state of Michigan and they are flexible where it goes as long as it’s in the same vicinity; (this is the last grant of this type)**
- Schools are part of the community**
- All of the liability is on the city**
- What do you need from the board tonight – would like to know that you are behind this project, have the engineers come (Jones and Henry), walk away to instruct engineers to do a survey and bring back information to the board. School owns the tennis courts.**

- **Mike Miller would like to see a blue print of the project to see what it entails and what land may be needed.**

Motion made by, Steve Schlumm , to give a tentative land transfer agreement with the acceptance of the grant approval. Seconded by Maurice Parks. Motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda

Action

- **Regular Board Meeting, September 26, 2023**
- **General Funds**
- **School Lunch Funds**
- **Sinking Fund**
- **Agency Funds**
- **Vendor Check Report**

(Motion to accept the consent agenda as is by Tammy Dow, seconded by Steve Schlumm. Motion carried.

7. Financial Audit Review with Gabridge & Company, PLC

Information

Lauren presented the results of the audit.

8. Reports

➤ **Superintendent Report**

Information

(Erate program – continue to get our rebates through erate. Projects regarding technology that we need to do to keep things up-to-date. Budget for this project is around \$33,000 (will get reimbursed 85%). A lot of our electronic things need to be updated. We will continue to get reimbursed 85%. Can come out of sinking fund or fund equity.

Getting ready to do a survey about the state of our buildings and facilities (square feet, how long in service). They will sent out a team of engineers to look at our buildings. State of Michigan is using Plant and Moran (big construction company) to do projects on school buildings throughout the state of Michigan.

Completed Neola update with our representative Mr. Hoagen. Will have a list of changes to go over with the policy committee. About the time this is over we will begin on the fall changes.

➤ **Principal Report**

Information

Hosted first powder puff game. Had an incredible time, kids had a blast, will continue to do annually.

February – boys will do powder puff volleyball game.

Fall Festival is October 30th. Will send out a message later this week. Denise Callahan is heading the event. Working on scavenger hunts with the kids.

Working with Chris Firestone from Lifeways is going to come in and discuss the risks of vaping.

Sr. Trip – February 5th – Bittersweet or Mount Holly for skiing

May – trip to cedar point. Parents transport, chaperone with class advisor.

Shout out to food service department for stepping up and taking over in light of the unexpected resignation of Linda Johnston.

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| ➤ Athletic Director's Report | Information |
| ➤ Food Service Report (no report) | Information |
| ➤ Transportation & Maintenance Report | Information |

- 9. Accept the Resignation of Linda Johnston as Food Service Director** **Action**

Tammy Dow made a motion to accept the resignation of Linda Johnston as Food Service Director. Maurice Parks seconded. Motion passed.

- 10. Accept the Resignation of Elliah Shreve As Varsity Volleyball Coach and Secondary Science Teacher** **Action**

Maurice Parks makes the motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Austin Signor. Motion Passed.

- 11. Approve the Hire of Anna O'Dell as Food Service Director** **Action**

Steve Schlumm made a motion to approve the hire of Anna O'Dell as the Food Service Director. Maurice Parks seconded. Motion passed.

- 12. Student Handbook** **Action**
Tammy Dow made a motion to approve the student handbook. Steve Schlumm seconded.

- 13. Senior Trip** **Action**
Tammy Dow made a motion to accept the dates of the senior trip, seconded by Maurice Parks. Motion passed.

- 14. Tentative Agreement for a 1% increase for the Teaching Union** **Action**

Tammy Dow made a motion to approve a 1% tentative agreement for the teacher's pay with the teacher's union. Maurice Parks seconded. Motion passed.

15. Phone and Camera Updates Needed

Information

Our phones are not E11 compliant. It is a law that we have to have E11 compliant phones. Doorbell is connected to the phone system. Camera software is not safe. Get bids and we can have a lower cost as a district bought too many phones. JCISD would like our phones on their system. With these updates the technology sinking fund can cover the project. Will not cover the yearly cost. Will be brought to the board for approval when all of the kinks are worked out.

16. Communications – Outgoing & Incoming – Guise Foundation donated to the school last year and are increasing to \$3000 this year.

17. GOOD NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL – nothing to report

18. Other Matter by the Administration - none

Action

19. Other Matter by the Board

Action

20. Adjourn

"This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item five (5)."