

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120  
NOVEMBER 15, 2023, 6:00 PM**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Sarver, President, called to order the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Thomas J. McCormack Library/Media Center at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, President, Mrs. Sally Taliani, Vice President, Mr. Gary Ferrari, Mr. Matt Merboth, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, and Mr. Scott Pescetto

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Principal, Mr. Dwayne Mentgen, Director Area Career Center, Mr. Christopher Gibson, Associate Principal for Teaching and Learning, Mrs. April Eutis, Associate Principal for Student Support Services, Ms. Kate Lance, Associate Principal for School Safety, Mr. Steve Hanson, Athletic Director, Mr. Matt Baker, Director of Communications, Mrs. Jennifer Does, Business Manager, Mr. Attorney Walt Zukowski, Ms. Maribeth Wilson, Shaw Media Reporter, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 18, 2023, REGULAR MEETING, AND OCTOBER 28, 2023, SPECIAL MEETING**

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the minutes from October 18, 2023, Regular Meeting, and October 28, 2023, Special Meeting as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**RECOGNITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

**Recognition:**

This month the Board recognized two individuals, Mrs. Tina Pienta and Mrs. Jackie Curran. Mrs. Pienta is recognized for her exemplary job performance as an Administrative Assistant in the School Safety Office. She is responsible for managing daily discipline referrals, filing, writing letters to families, and assisting in preparing suspension and transfer packets. Mrs. Pienta also serves as substitute scheduler and is willing to assist wherever is needed. Mrs. Pienta is always positive and connects well with the students. She has been a great addition to the School Safety Office.

Mrs. Jackie Curran serves as the manager of Casey's General Store in LaSalle and was nominated by Mr. Mentgen and Ms. Lance. Mrs. Curran is a huge supporter of L-P, regularly giving discounts on food ordered for various events and programs. She speaks positively about L-P and is a wonderful community ambassador.

**Division Spotlight:**

This month the Board highlighted two Divisions, CTE and Culinary Arts. Mr. Scott Lauer and Mrs. Tiara Bedenko-Hill, along with students Maya Escatel, Jasmine Arce, and Lexi Yepsen, showcased and demonstrated components of the QuickBooks Accounting Course. The weighted course allows students to utilize QuickBooks-Premiere Software to perform financial accounting functions including general ledger, accounts payable, accounts receivable, inventory, payroll, and project costing. Students develop

skills necessary to properly use QuickBooks in the workplace. Each semester finishes with its Accounting Monopoly Tournament. Students have an opportunity to attain QuickBooks User Certification.

Mrs. Lori Turczyn and students, Albert Kara, Miya Washkowiak, Evan Hoff, and Beatriz Arce, showcased the Culinary Arts program by providing a tasting of pastries for the Board. Mrs. Turczyn shared the program teaches students service-related occupational skills and food preparation/production techniques. Students can also earn their Food Handlers Certification.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Sarver asked the attending public and Board Members if there were any comments or questions. No comments or questions were voiced.

### **FINANCE**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the L-P Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve the ACC Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve the Payroll as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve Financial Report, ACH Report, Activity Fund Report, Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation, Cash and Investments Report and Hometown Cash Management Report as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Thank you card from Mr. Thomas Kowalski for the Board's recognition and gifts from the ACC staff and students.
- TIF REIMBURSEMENTS:

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Village of North Utica – TIF I  | \$30,566.08        |
| Village of North Utica – TIF 2  | <u>\$ 9,058.47</u> |
|                                 | \$39,624.55        |
| <b>TOTAL TIF REIMBURSEMENT:</b> | <b>\$39,624.55</b> |

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

**Building and Grounds Committee:** Mr. Ferrari, Committee Chair, gave his report from the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting on Monday, November 6, 2023, reporting on Committee recommendations to the Board to approve the following: L-P Sports Complex Change Orders: CO#10, Discus extension and netting – Byrne & Jones for \$21,837.00; CO #7, Soffit Light Fixtures – Vissering Constriction for \$4659.06. Submit FY 2024 Round 1 School Maintenance Project Grant application in support of HLS #85 – Main Academic Building, Counseling Office Repairs, Purchase of Daktronics Basketball Scoreboard, Shot Clocks, LED Light Strips and Video Display from Sievert Electric via the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative for \$187,890.00.

Mr. Ferrari also provided project updates on: L-P Sports Complex, Spring/Summer 2024 Facility Projects to include the Counseling Office Renovation, Wight Room Renovation, PE Office Renovation, and Art Display Construction at Old Greeter's Desk. He updated the committee on the Phone System replacement, Sports Complex Security Cameras, Main Building/East Courtyard Door Replacement, and Window Replacement in the Pool Pump Room.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Merboth, Committee Chair, gave his report from the meeting held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, reporting on the following: Monthly Financials Reports, Hometown National Bank Trust Management Group's presentation on investments, L-P Sports Complex, Phone System Replacements, Sports Complex Security Cameras, and Bid Opening for the 14-passanger Activity Bus on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> with a recommendation presented to the Board at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Merboth also reported on Committee recommendations to the Board to approve the following: Tentative FY2023 tax levy for school year 2024-2025, Extension of the transportation agreement with Johannes Bus Service, Inc. through 2025-2026, L-P Sports Complex Change Orders: CO# 10, Discus extension and netting – Byrne & Jones for \$21,837.00; CO #7, Soffit Light Fixtures – Vissering Constriction for \$4659.06. Submit FY 2024 Round 1 School Maintenance Project Grant application in support of HLS #85 – Main Academic Building, Counseling Office Repairs, Purchase of Daktronics Basketball Scoreboard, Shot Clocks, LED Light Strips and Video Display from Sievert Electric via the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative for \$187,890.00.

**Policy Committee:**

Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Committee Chair, gave her report from the meeting held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, reporting on the following: An Electronic Device Policy Proposal to be revisited with a final recommendation in the Spring, and the October 2023 PRESS Update Memo on new policies, revisions to policies, footnotes, Legal references, cross references, rewritten responses, exhibit updates, and administrative procedures that were recommended. There were concerns over modifications to 8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property. Discussions will continue next month with a recommendation to the Board at the December meeting.

**Programs Committee:**

Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, Committee Chair, gave her report from the meeting held on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, reporting on Committee recommendations to the Board to approve the ME3 (Marquis Energy Energizing Education) Program providing incentives to encourage students to set and meet attainable goals each semester. Dr. Lynch also provided updates on the L-P Rugby Program, IHSA Amendment Proposals, and Mr. Thomas Kowalski programs support updates and future considerations.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Steven Wroblewski, reported on the following topics:

1. **Tentative Levy for Tax Year 2023 for 2024-2025:** The tentative levy was introduced at the November 6<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee. Based on the LaSalle County Assessor's Office, our EAV is projected to increase by nearly 10% over last year's extension. This continues the positive trend of EAV growth. Since the 2012-2013 school year, property values have increased 48%, which averages to a respectable 3.7% year-after-year growth rate. The Finance Committee is recommending maintaining a flat tax rate, which is expected to generate \$1.5M in new revenue. Keep in mind that we lost \$1.2M this year in Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax (CPPRT). This recommendation requires a truth-in-taxation hearing since the request exceeds 5% of what we received last year.
2. **Veterans Day Program, November 10, 2023:** Kudos to Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Mrs. Barb Franklin, and Mr. Matt Baker for their leadership organizing the return of our Veterans Day Program. This year, ACC aviation teacher, Mr. Brian Layhew served as our keynote speaker. He did a wonderful job addressing how each person's individual differences are a right guaranteed through the sacrifices of our veterans. Dimmick Grade School students attended again. Our students – as expected – exhibited model behavior.
3. **Board Member Appreciation Day, November 15, 2023:** November 15 marks the official statewide observance of School Board Members Day in Illinois. On behalf of the L-P staff, students, and community, I want to thank you for your dedicated support to student and adult learning! We are fortunate to have seven community leaders willing to volunteer providing invaluable support and oversight to one of democracy's great institutions.

4. **RIF Joint Review Committee on Honorable Discharge Recommendations Update, November 20, 2023:** On November 20, our RIF Joint Review Committee is tentatively scheduled to conduct our required annual meeting, reviewing the negotiable criteria regarding our honorable discharge procedures. Committee members include Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Mrs. Kristen Adams, Mrs. Tracy Boylan, and me.
5. **Triple I Conference, November 17-19, 2023:** We have a team of six Board members and four staff members attending this year's Board conference in Chicago. The conference packet will be shared at Wednesday's Board meeting. Attendees include, Carol and Alan Alcorn, Matt and Paula Baker, Jennifer and Mike Does, Gary Ferrari, Jennifer and John Riva, Greg and Larisa Sarver, Matt and Angie Merboth, Scott and Rachel Pescetto, Sally and Jim Taliani, and Steven and Kristin Wroblewski.
6. **Host Site for April 11, 2024, IASB Spring Starved Rock Region:** We were invited to serve as host for the spring 2024 IASB Starved Rock Region meeting. State Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders is the keynote speaker. We can expect to have a large crowd having the state superintendent. Building tours will be scheduled prior to the event and our Culinary Arts program will prepare and serve food and drinks.
7. **General Assembly Veto Session Update:** On November 9, 2023, the Fall Veto session concluded. No major changes or proposals regarding education were passed. The Spring Session begins January 16, 2024.
8. **Vision 2030:** The IASA Board of Directors approved the initiation of Vision 2030 – replacing the legislative agenda established in Vision 2020, which has resounding success highlighted by the passage of the Evidence-based Funding Formula. Mr. Jamie Craven, Peru Elementary Superintendent, and Dr. Clayton Theisinger, Putnam County Superintendent, will represent the Starved Rock Region. Over sixty individuals representing all IASA regions, delegates from the IPA, IASBO, ISBE, and Advanced IL are working on recommendations to guide education for the next six years. The final product will be completed in the spring.
9. **LaSalle Newstribune Guest Writer:** Earlier this summer I reached out to Newstribune editor, Derek Barichello, asking if he would be interested in occasionally running articles written by me on various education topics. The idea is that this would be an opportunity to help inform the community on any number of education issues facing L-P, the Illinois Valley, the state, and country. Derek expressed interest. I have attached the draft of my first article, focusing on Career Pathways. I am still waiting for feedback and a publication date.

## **PRINCIPAL**

Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, reported on the following topics:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences took place during the evening of Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30PM-8:00PM and on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:45AM-11:55AM. This year, I surveyed the faculty to collect the data as well as ask their perspective about how conferences are working as this question has not been posed to them during my tenure. Of 101 respondents, 51 made a comment to this question by sharing most frequently that conferences should continue as they are. Generally speaking, other comments were suggestions to make minor adjustments to the current system, such as adjusting the timeframe. Here's what the data collection tells us:
  - # of scheduled appointments – 1129
    - 655 (Thursday) vs. 474 (Friday)
  - # of scheduled appointments that you had contact with – 1082
    - 626 (Thursday) vs. 456 (Friday)
  - # of walk-ins/unscheduled appointments - 84
- In the assessment area, many exams have been given. We administered the national military test to three students. This number is consistent with previous administrations, and it is a benefit to students who need the test for their future careers. Compared to the previous year's scores, this year we showed growth. We also administered a fall window of our Seal of Biliteracy on

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. This administration allows any early graduates as well as any other students an additional opportunity to earn this honor. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade placement testing (PSAT 8/9) was conducted in mid-October, and we officially tested 160 future Cavaliers. The PSAT/NMSQT (test for juniors) was also administered in mid-October and just over 50 elected to take this exam.

- We have completed almost all our required drills in the areas of fire drills, earthquake, bus evacuations and Code Red Drills. We will complete a tornado drill or one more fire drill in the Spring Semester.
- The Veterans Day Program is scheduled to be held on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. When publishing this report, we expect to honor at least 32 veterans, which is an increase from last year.

### **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

Mr. Steve Hanson, provided a report on the following topics:

#### **Item 1:** Athletics Update

##### **a.** Fall Sports

- i. The volleyball team captured the LP 3A Regional title and advanced to the Galesburg Sectional. They were beaten by Morton in the Sectional semifinal to end their season. The team ended 30-7 on the season and Coach Haberkorn recorded his 20<sup>th</sup> Regional Championship.
- ii. The Cross-Country team advanced 1 runner to the State meet in Peoria on 11/4. Ashlee Lord advanced and ran a personal best 19:43 at the State meet.
- iii. The Girls' Swim Coop had 1 swimmer advance to the State meet. Freshman Samantha Nauman advanced by winning the 100-yd backstroke at the Normal Community Sectional.

##### **b.** Winter Sports

- i. The boys' bowling team competed in their first match of the season recently to begin the winter sports season.
- ii. The Girls Basketball team opened their season on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Somonauk Tournament. They are scheduled for 4 games at Somonauk.
- iii. Boys Basketball and Wrestling begin their seasons the week of November 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Item 2:** Activities Update

- c. **Band/Choir-** Band and Choir had 19 students qualify for ILMEA District Festival this year! The students went to Augustana College on November 4<sup>th</sup> to rehearse with other selected musicians from the region, rehearse with accomplished directors, and performed on campus that evening.
- d. **Fall Play-** The Games a Foot will be performed by Mr. Thomas's Drama Club this Friday and Saturday in the auditorium.
- e. **Key Club-** Key Club officers collected funds for UNICEF during lunch the last week of October. These funds will go to help care for children worldwide.
- f. **Renaissance-** Renaissance conducted their thankfulness activity during lunch last week. Students wrote something they are thankful for on leaf cutouts and these will be displayed to help promote thankfulness.
- g. **Damon West-** Damon West came to LP on October 25<sup>th</sup> and motivated our students, staff, and community with his presentation on how to be a coffee bean. The feedback has been great and the next harbor homeroom builds in Damon's message.
- h. **Scholastic Bowl-** Scholastic Bowl has officially started. Their first home match was Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. They host a total of 5 meets this season.

#### **Item 3:** Hall of Honor Class of 2023-24

- i. The Hall of Honor committee met on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> to determine the class of 2023-24 Hall of Honor class to be presented to the Board on 11/18.

- j. The Class of 2023-24 will be recognized on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the home basketball game vs Rochelle. The Class of 2023-24 will be inducted on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **ACC DIRECTOR**

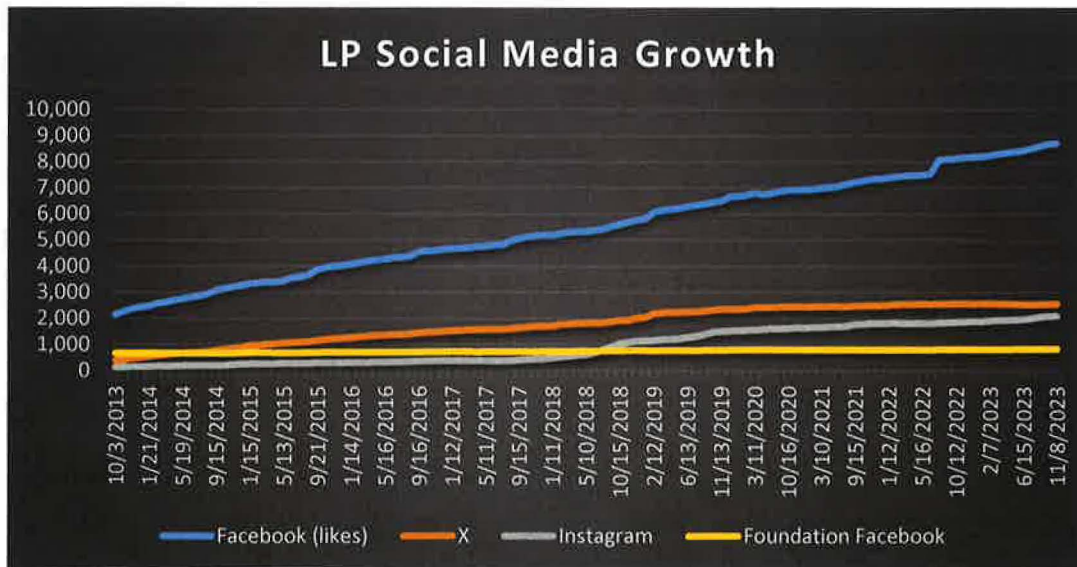
Mr. Dwayne Mentgen, provided the following report:

- The ACC student of the month is Makenzie Hamilton of LPHS. Makenzie was highlighted in the October issue of the Courier and is a current ACC Fire Science (second Year), and CNA student. Aside from excellent academic aptitude, she is a dedicated community servant, having served on the Utica FD as a Cadet for the past three years.
- ACC Early Childhood started hosting its pe-school on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both morning and afternoon classes are at capacity. The pre-school will operate until the end of the year. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- The Nursing class completed a field trip to the cadaver lab on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Aviation class completed a field trip to the Air National Guard facility in Peoria on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The ACC has scheduled and or given tours to LaMoille, Ottawa, Princeton, and Putnam County thus far. The next school year has already begun.
- The ACC and LP are awaiting the state evaluation of the provisional licensing request for the tentatively approved aviation instructor.

### **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Matt Baker, reported on the following topics:

- We livestreamed the Veterans Day Program and also created the annual Veterans Day slideshow shared on social media.
- We assisted with producing materials for the Reese Carney book launch and recorded the full event, which was later shared on social media.
- We'll be coordinating another test message of the mass communication system to prepare for the winter months and possible emergency messages.
- The Harlem Wizards returned to L-P as a fundraising community event organized by the L-P Foundation. We had a great crowd in Sellett Gym on Friday, Nov. 3 night and also visited our sender elementary schools with players during the day. The amount raised is being calculated.



## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval to place the tentative 2023 tax levy for school year 2024-2025 on public display in preparation for the truth-in-taxation hearing on December 20, 2023**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve to place the tentative 2023 tax levy for school year 2024-2025 on public display in preparation for the truth-in-taxation hearing on December 20, 2023, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval to adopt the following District Goals:**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve to adopt the following District Goals, as presented.

- a. By the end of the 2023-2024 school year, the chronic absenteeism rate will be reduced by 2%.
- b. By the end of the 2023-2024 school year, the 4-year graduation rate will be increased by 2%.

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval to induct the Class of 2023 L-P Hall of Honor inductees as recommended by the Selection Committee**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve inducting the Class of 2023 L-P Hall of Honor inductees as recommended by the Selection Committee, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval to reaffirm the Board of Education Agreements reviewed on October 28, 2023**

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve to reaffirm the Board of Education Agreements reviewed on October 28, 2023, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval to purchase Daktronics Basketball Scoreboard, Shot Clocks, LED Light Strips and Video Display from Sievert Electric via the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative for \$187,890**

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve purchasing Daktronics Basketball Scoreboard, Shot Clocks, LED Light Strips and Video Display from Sievert Electric via the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative for \$187,890, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval to award bid for the purchase of a new activity bus to Midwest Transit Equipment, Kankakee, IL, for purchasing option without trade in for \$107,171.00.**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve awarding bid for the purchase of a new activity bus to Midwest Transit Equipment, Kankakee, IL, for purchasing option without trade in for \$107,171.00. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval to submit HLS Amendment #85 – Main Academic Building for Counseling Office Repairs, Weight Room Renovation, and PE Office Renovation**

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve to submit HLS Amendment #85 – Main Academic Building for Counseling Office Repairs, Weight Room Renovation, and PE Office Renovation as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval to submit FY 2024 Round 1 School Maintenance Project Grant application in support of HLS #85 – Main Academic Building, Counseling Office Repairs**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve to submit FY 2024 Round 1 School Maintenance Project Grant application in support of HLS #85 – Main Academic Building, Counseling Office Repairs, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the following L-P Sports Complex Phase II change orders:**

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the following L-P Sports Complex Phase II change orders as presented:

- a. Byrne & Jones – Discus Safety Netting Extension: \$21,837.00
- b. Vissering Construction – Concession/Press Box Building Light Fixtures: \$4,659.06

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the 2023 School Report Card**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve the 2023 School Report Card as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**PRESS Policy Issue 113, October 2023 - 1st Reading**

**Approval of the resignations:**

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve of the following resignations as presented:

- a. Ms. Lyndsey Nguyen, Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach, effective August 23, 2023
- b. Mrs. April Eutis, Associate Principal for Student Support Services, effective June 30, 2024

Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the following appointments**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve of the following appointments as presented:

- a. Mrs. Joy Plackett, Greeter's Desk Security, effective November 16, 2023, for the 2023-2024 school year (replaces Mrs. Jill Fanti)
- b. Mr. Zach Horton, Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach, effective the 2023-2024 school year (replaces Ms. Lyndsey Nguyen)

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to move to executive/closed session for purpose of:

a) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Minutes Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of minutes, b) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee, c) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, d) Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, and e) Imminent/Pending Litigation, with open session and possible action items to follow.

Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0 Time 7:40p.m.**

**MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to return to open session. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0. Time 8:08 p.m.**

## **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, President, Mrs. Sally Taliani, Vice President, Mr. Gary Ferrari, Mr. Matt Merboth, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, and Mr. Scott Pescetto

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Attorney Walt Zukowski, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval and retain the Executive Closed Session minutes for October 18, 2023, Regular Meeting, and October 28, 2023, Special Meeting**

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve to review and retain the Executive/Closed Minutes of October 18, 2023, Regular Meeting, and October 28, 2023, Special Meeting as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval of destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Session held prior to June 1, 2022, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Session held prior to June 1, 2022, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120, as presented.

- a. Special Meeting, May 9, 2022
- b. Regular Meeting, May 18, 2022

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval of the FMLA request from Mr. Michael Pittman**

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the FMLA request from Mr. Michael Pittman. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approved the MOU with Teacher's Union regarding Mr. John Senica's head coach salary**

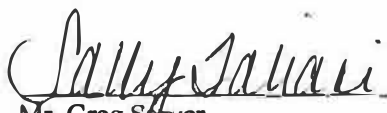
MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the MOU with the Teacher's Union regarding Mr. John Senica's head coach salary. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approved the authority to secure purchase rights of property at 546 Creve Coeur Street, LaSalle, IL 61301 with a downpayment of \$1000.**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the authority to secure purchase rights of property at 546 Creve Coeur Street, LaSalle, IL 61301 with a downpayment of \$1000. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None.

**The motion carried 7-0. Time: 7:48 p.m.**

  
Mr. Greg Sarver  
President

  
Mrs. Jennifer Riva  
Board Secretary