

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120
DECEMBER 20, 2023, 6:00 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

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

ABSENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, President

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, Board Secretary

TRUTH-IN-TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2023 LEVY FOR 2024-FY2025

The purpose of the truth-in-taxation is to provide a forum for the public to offer commentary on the proposed 2023 property tax levy for school year 2024-2025 since the proposed levy exceeds last year's extension by at least 105%. There were no changes to the levy presented at the November regular Board meeting. The Finance Committee recommends the Board adopt the presented levy maintaining a flat tax rate. Mrs. Taliani asked the attending public if there were any comments or questions. No comments or questions were voiced.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Pescetto to adjourn the Public Meeting at 6:01 p.m. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0. Time 6:01 p.m.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, and Mr. Gary Ferrari (Mr. Ferrari arrived at 6:11p.m.)

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, Attorney Jim Peters, Ms. Maribeth Wilson, Shaw Media Reporter, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 15, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION by Dr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the minutes from November 15, 2023, Regular Meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

RECOGNITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Recognitions:

- Cross Country Head Coach John Beatty and senior Ashlee Lord. Ashlee qualified for the state cross-country meet and finished 135th overall.
- Girls Swim Head Coach Rob McNally, Assistant Coach Jennifer Heagy, and freshman Samantha Nauman. Samantha is a student at Henry High School and competed as a member of the L-P Swim Coop. She qualified for the 100-yard backstroke.
- Earlier this month we had what could have been a tragedy. One of our students collapsed in the hallway related to an existing medical condition. Because of the quick and decisive actions of two faculty members and three students, the ailing student received timely medical attention to avert catastrophe. We are pleased to honor Mr. Dan Burkhart, Mr. John Beatty, Gavin Kallis, Amadea Ambler, and Riley Doerr.

Division Spotlight:

This month the Board highlighted the Social Science Division. Mrs. Holly Ziegler showcased our Local History Class and specifically the library's local history section. Mrs. Ziegler highlighted some of the artifacts discovered during the Main Building renovation.

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

FINANCE

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth to approve the L-P Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 5-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve the ACC Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve the Payroll as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani, Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, 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: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve the board and employee travel expense reimbursements as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you card from Mr. Jeff Humpage and his family for the plant and donation in memory of their mother, Mrs. Lois Humpage (Mother of Mr. Jeff Humpage)
- Thank you letter from Mrs. Cheryl DePaepe for the Board of Education's donation to the L-P Educational Foundation in memory of Mrs. Lois Humpage (Mother of Mr. Jeff Humpage)
- Thank you card from Mrs. Janice Spelich and family for the floral arrangement in memory of Dr. James Spelich (former L-P Board President)
- Thank you card from Mr. Burney Wilkie and his family for the beautiful floral arrangement in memory of Mr. Burney C. Wilkie (father of Mr. Burney Wilkie)

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Building and Grounds Committee: Mr. Ferrari, Committee Chair, gave his report from the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023, reporting on the following: L-P Sports Complex Phase II Updates, Spring/Summer 2024 Facility Projects Update to include Counseling Office Renovation, Dolan Building Elevator Modernization, PE Office Renovation, Weight Room Renovation, and Howard Fellows Stadium Renovation. Field House Planning Update, School Maintenance Grant Update, Sellet Gym Scoreboard Update, Phone System Replacement Update, Sports Complex Security Camera Update, and H2O On the Go Grant Award.

Finance Committee: Mr. Merboth, Committee Chair, gave his report from the meeting held on Monday, December 11, 2023, reporting on the following: Monthly Financials Reports, Tentative Tax Levy Recommendation, Hometown National Bank Wealth Management Plan Update, Johannes Bus Services Contract Renewal Update, Garbage Removal Services Recommendation, L-P Sports Complex Phase II Update, Phone System Replacement Update, and Sports Complex Security Camera Update.

Programs Committee:

Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, Committee Chair, gave her report from the meeting held on Monday, December 11, 2023, reporting on the following: Interquest Update, 2024-2025 Program of Study Update, ME3 (Marquis Energy Energizing Education) "CavalCare Mentor Program" Recommendation, Rise Grant with IVCC Update, AG Program Update, and L-P Rugby Program Update.

Policy Committee:

Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Committee Chair, gave her report from the meeting held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, reporting on the following: PRESS Policy Issue 113 (October 2023) except Policy 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property Recommendation, Student Cell Phone Update, and Final Exam Waiver Update.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Steven Wroblewski, reported on the following topics:

1. **2023 Tax Levy for School Year 2024-2025:** There are no changes from the tentative tax levy presented at the November Board meeting. Based on the preliminary information from the LaSalle County assessor's office, we expect the taxable EAV to increase from 2022 by almost 10%. We are recommending to keep the tax rate flat (\$2.57). The Finance Committee recommends this proposal. Since our request exceeds 105% of last year's extension, we must hold a truth-in-taxation hearing.
2. **District Goals – Next Steps:** Since adoption of our District goals (attendance/graduation), we have collected action plan recommendations from each division. These will be prioritized and shared back to faculty to assist in narrowing the focus for this year and next. I have attached a draft framework to structure the goals and action steps using language that serves as post-holes and is both inspirational and aspirational. I am using a military framework that I believe works well (Targets = Goals, Strategy, Tactics = Action Steps). We are working with three strategy areas: SENSE OF BELONGING, STUDENT LEARNING, AND ADULT LEARNING. These would be the big picture talking points that the action plans fall under. As we look ahead to next year, I want to modify our district goals that include an end target. For example,

our graduation goal right now is: *The graduation rate will increase by 2% by the end of 2023-2024 school year.* Next year, we plan to adapt that into something that will look like this: **TARGET:** *At least 90% of L-P students will graduate in four years.* **ANNUAL GOAL:** *The graduation rate will increase a minimum of 2% by the end of the 2024-2025 school year.* I am excited to get this framework in place. It will provide the next superintendent with a strong school improvement framework and keep the Board connected to the process.

3. **National School Lunch Program Equipment Grant Application:** We applied for a kitchen equipment grant. Mr. Riahi is hoping to purchase and install a gas tilting skillet braising pan. Mr. Riahi and Mrs. Does wrote the majority of the grant application. We have applied for this grant previously but have not yet been successful. Districts with more than 50% low income get a higher score; we are hopeful that we get selected this time. The request is for \$30,080.60.

4. **Newstribune Article – Making the Mailbox Meaningful:** I officially have a monthly column with the Newstribune. It is an exciting opportunity to connect with our community about issues relevant to L-P and public education. I have attached this month's article, which focuses on how we can strengthen relationships with each other.

5. **FOIA Requests:** We received the following FOIA request and responded within the statutory guidelines.

Requestor	Date	Request	District Action
Mr. Patrick Lee, IL State Volunteer for Change the Air Foundation	November 29, 2023	Latest IAQ and Environmental Testing for your schools; seeking the report that includes mold spore sampling data for each of your schools.	Complied with the request.

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, reported on the following topics:

- The 8th Grade Open House was held during the evening of Monday, December 4th. We showcased not only each of our academic divisions but also our athletics and clubs and activities. We felt like we had a great turnout and are looking forward to welcoming the Class of 2028 to our building in the fall. We conducted a drawing for the future Cavaliers who visited each of the academic areas. Prizes included LPHS t-shirts, PE uniforms, and various amounts of credit to be applied to their future lunch accounts. Students and parents appeared to be motivated to visit all the areas to be eligible for the prize drawing.
- As we wrap up the first semester, we had finals on Tuesday, December 19th in the afternoon. Students then had finals during the mornings of Wednesday, December 20th and Thursday, December 21st. Teachers use the afternoon to either administer make-up finals or to grade the finals they have administered. All grades are due on December 28th with report cards being set out shortly following. When our teachers return from Winter Break on Monday, January 8th, they will have an Institute Day. The day's agenda will include time to prepare for their 2nd semester courses.
- We have officially submitted our College and Career Pathway Endorsement to ISBE. Our Manufacturing, Engineering, Technology, and Trades pathway has been officially submitted on December 12, 2023 ahead of the deadline. We will hear back from ISBE in late February on the approval. This pathway will include all the required components, such as coursework, dual credit opportunities, career exploration opportunities, and 60 hours of an internship experience.
- My office has been working to implement the mandate of Automatic Placement. In this mandate, students who score in MEETS/EXCEEDS on State Assessments will automatically be placed in the next highest level course in that same area that they scored in the MEETS/EXCEEDS category. This change will cause a significant shift as it will be requiring us to move students into courses that they do not have the prerequisites for. Parents will have the option to sign an opt-out form that we must keep on file. Communication to families and students will occur in January prior to registration.

- Our student registration process is beginning. Our counselors have gone to the middle schools to meet with 8th grade students. Our EL teacher and World Languages Division Chair also went to the middle schools with students who have students who are required to have EL placement testing done.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

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

1. **Item 1: Athletics Update**
 - a. **Winter Sports**
 - i. The Boys basketball team won the Ottawa Dean Riley Shootin' the Rock tournament over Thanksgiving week by going 4-0 on the week and defeating Pontiac in the championship. They followed up the championship with a 3rd place finish at the 49th Annual Colmone Classic hosted by Hall High School.
 - ii. Senior Basketball player Josh Senica eclipsed the 1000 pt mark on 11/28 in front of a nice crowd in Sellett Gymnasium. Josh became the 19th player in Cavalier Basketball history to eclipse this mark.
 - iii. The Girls' Bowling team is off to a great start as well. They brought home 1st place hardware in both of their tournaments so far. They won the Oregon Invitational and our own LP Cavalier Invite in convincing fashion.
 - iv. We hosted 7 teams on 12/9 for the LP Super Duals. Our varsity wrestlers each participated in 5 matches on the day. The team went 2-3 on the day. The team traveled to Springfield last weekend for the John Bee tournament.
 - b. **Fall Sports Recap**
 - i. Please see the attached spreadsheet for a recap of the Fall Sports Season,
 - ii. We had 351 student athletes participate in Athletics last fall which represents 30% of our entire student body.
2. **Item 2: December Activities Report**
 - a. **Choir-** Our Choir, led by Mrs. Natalie Verucchi, put on an excellent performance on December 7th in *Matthiessen Memorial* Auditorium. There was a great turnout and they put everyone in the holiday spirit. A replay of the event can be found on our Facebook page.
 - b. **Band-** Our bands winter concert was December 14th in Matthiessen Memorial Auditorium. Mr. Jeremy Stevens and his band put on an amazing performance leaving everyone in the holiday spirit. A replay of the event can be found on our Facebook page.
 - c. **Student Council-** Student Council hosted their holiday spirit week last week. There were dress up days, hot coco, and even a surprise visit from santa and his elves. They also hosted their annual Santa's Workshop on December 16th.
 - d. **Renaissance-** 2nd period classes had the opportunity to earn a hot cocoa and cookie finals study session on Tuesday, December 19 by participating in LP Renaissance's Toy Drive. All donations went to the LaSalle Police Dept. Officer Santa Program
 - e. **Scholastic Bowl-** Scholastic Bowl Varsity finished third and JV finished second in the conference. John Ricci, Cole Stechell, & Sophia Woods made the All-Conference Team.
 - f. **Link Crew-** Link Crew hosted a Cocoa and Cram event for freshman on Wednesday, December 13th after school. Link Leaders provided tutoring to help prepare our freshman for finals. They also provided cookies & cocoa
 - g. **Writing Club-** The Writing Club recently met with Dr. Wroblewski to learn about and try out his typewriters, which none of the members had ever tried before. Dr. also shared his favorite books on writing with the students. Currently, the students are collaborating with LaSalle Elementary and responding to 2nd graders letters to Santa.
 - h. **Interact-** The Interact Club made cards for the residents of LaSalle Veteran's Home and worked the Celebration of Light's last Tuesday night.

ACC DIRECTOR

Mr. Dwayne Mentgen, provided the following report:

- The ACC students of the month are Beatriz Arce who is a Culinary Arts Student from LPHS. Gage Szymovicz of Hall High School, was chosen from the Welding Program as the other student of the month for December.
- The ACC Culinary Arts program had its annual County Health Inspection. The Café received an excellent report (attached), only very minor things to correct.
- Mrs. Turczyn has recently added three students to the list of those who have earned/achieved their food managers Certification. This is a very hard test, that is a huge positive for gainful employment in Illinois. In Illinois any place serving food must have at least one Food Manager on duty. The students earning this certification are: Erick Alejos(HALL), Beatriz Arce (LP), and Avianna Molina (LP).
- Welding continues its collaboration with LKCN. To date, the welding program has produced over 180 carts. When finished this year, they will be well over 200.
- Santa Claus made his appearance for the Early Childhood Education classes on December 15th.
- Mr. Wiercinski's Tech Club successfully completed every aspect of the Rube Goldberg Challenge for the 2023-24 school year, to earn a first-place plaque on 12/7/2023
- Elevator work was officially approved by the Board of Control of Superintendents at the November ACC meeting. Additionally, a School Maintenance Grant application was filed to offset costs by \$50,000. We are waiting on approval.

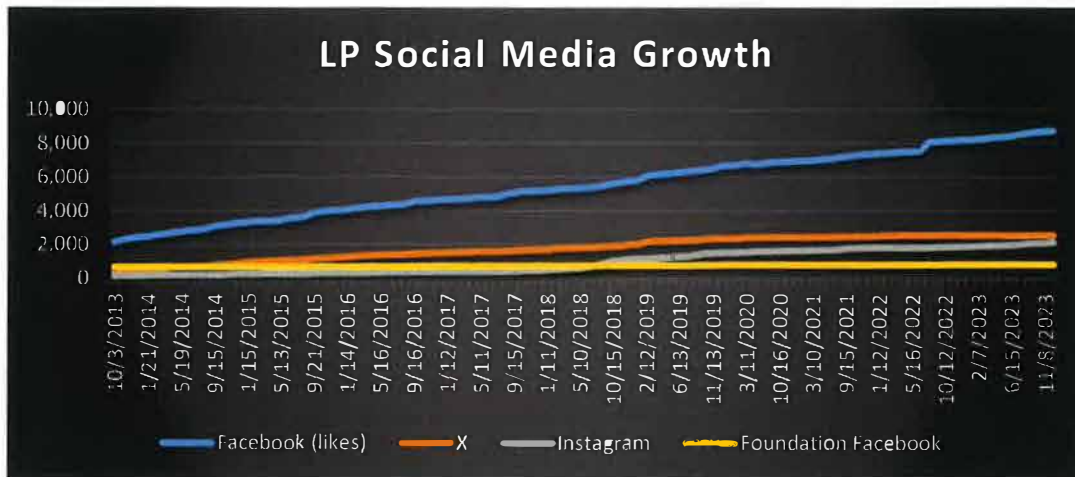




DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Matt Baker, reported on the following topics:

- We livestreamed the choir and band winter concerts.
- We've been busy promoting lots of holiday and end of semester activities at L-P.
- We're busy with the big push to get the new website up and ready to go live. We are scheduled to switch over to the new site on January 8. We'll likely still need to fine-tune pieces of the site after that point as we continue to learn more about how to take full advantage of the new system, but we'll have all of the priority sections in good shape for public use.



TRIPLE I CONFERENCE DEBRIEF

Conference attendees shared their highlights and key takeaways from the Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois Association of School Administrators, and Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASB/IASA/IASBO) Joint Annual Conference in Chicago November 17-19, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to adopt the Tax Year 2023 Levy for School Year 2024-2025:

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve adopting the Tax Year 2023 Levy for School Year 2024-2025, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mrs. Taliani Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to renew the Johannes Bus Company contract through 2025-2026:

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve to renew the Johannes Bus Company contract through 2025-2026, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to renew the garbage removal contract with Republic Services through December 2026

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to renew the garbage removal contract with Republic Services through December 2026, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2024-2025 District Calendar

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve the 2024-2025 District Calendar, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2024-2025 Program of Study Revisions

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve of 2024-2025 Program of Study Revisions, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the new course proposal: Personal Fitness

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the new course proposal: Personal Fitness, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the CavalCare Program sponsored by Marquis Energy

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve the CavalCare Program sponsored by Marquis Energy, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of PRESS Policy Issue 113 (October 2023) except Policy 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of PRESS Policy Issue 113 (October 2023) except Policy 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the resignations:

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

- a. Mr. Jerry Studzinski, Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, effective November 20, 2023
- b. Ms. Carrie Whitten, PRIDE Paraprofessional, effective November 27, 2023
- c. Mr. Brian Layhew, ACC Aviation Teacher, effective December 21, 2023

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following appointments

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

- a. Mr. Jerry Studzinski, Volunteer Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, effective for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year
- b. Mr. Burney Wilkie, Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, effective for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year (replaces Mr. Jerry Studzinski)
- c. Ms. Alexia Michael, Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
- d. Mr. Matthew Lambert, Special Education Teacher, effective January 8, 2024, through the end of the 2023-2024 school year (replaces Ms. Amery Ziel-Cole)
- e. Mr. Brian Towne, Volunteer Mock Trial Sponsor, effective for the 2023-2024 school year

Voting Aye: Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following maternity/FMLA request:

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve of the following appointments as presented:

- a. Mrs. Nicole Kowalczyk, on or about April 19, 2024, through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. She will be using accrued sick days to cover the leave.

Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Alcorn, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the LP Crunching Cavs Youth Wrestling Program request to host the annual Crunching Cavs Classic Tournament at L-P High School on Sunday, January 24, 2024

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the LP Crunching Cavs Youth Wrestling Program request to host the annual Crunching Cavs Classic Tournament at L-P High School on Sunday, January 24, 2024, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval for the Wrestling Team's overnight trip to Springfield from Friday, December 15, 2023, to Saturday, December 16, 2023. The overnight is for the Joe Bee Classic Invitational, hosted by Springfield High School. Travel expenses are funded by the Mat Club

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the Wrestling Team's overnight trip to Springfield from Friday, December 15, 2023, to Saturday, December 16, 2023. The overnight is for the Joe Bee Classic Invitational, hosted by Springfield High School. Travel expenses are funded by the Mat Club, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval for the Music Department's overnight trip to Peoria on Thursday, January 25, 2024, to Friday, January 26, 2024, to participate in the Illinois Music Education Conference. The District Activities Travel Account will fund expenses

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the Music Department's overnight trip to Peoria on Thursday, January 25, 2024, to Friday, January 26, 2024, to participate in the Illinois Music Education Conference. The District Activities Travel Account will fund expenses, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, 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. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0 Time 7:30p.m.**

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to return to open session. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0. Time 8:35 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, President

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval and retain the Executive Closed Session minutes for November 15, 2023, Regular Meeting,
MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve to review and retain the Executive/Closed Minutes of November 15, 2023, Regular Meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

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

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

a. Special Meeting, July 25, 2022

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following appointment:

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the following appointment, as presented.

a. Dr. Shane Lange, ACC/SRAVTE Director, effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, replaces Mr. Dwayne Mentgen

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approved of the real estate contract for purchase of 546 Creve Coeur Street, LaSalle, IL 61301

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve of the real estate contract for purchase of 546 Creve Coeur Street, LaSalle, IL 61301. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, and Mr. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to hire Mr. Matthew Magdziarz to appraise Menards, Inc., Parcel Number 17-04-101-013 for \$6,000 with costs shared per the IGA with Dimmick C.C.S.D. #175, IVCC, and LaSalle County Board

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve hiring Mr. Matthew Magdziarz to appraise Menards, Inc., Parcel Number 17-04-101-013 for \$6,000 with costs shared per the IGA with Dimmick C.C.S.D. #175, IVCC, and LaSalle County Board. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Pescetto, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to hire Mr. Dale Kluzinski to appraise Peru Mall AMA, LLC, Parcel Number 17-05-410-012 not to exceed \$10,000 (shared cost per the IGA with Dimmick Grade School, IVCC, and LaSalle County Board)

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve hiring Mr. Dale Kluzinski to appraise Peru Mall AMA, LLC, Parcel Number 17-05-410-012 not to exceed \$10,000 (shared cost per the IGA with Dimmick Grade School, IVCC, and LaSalle County Board) Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Ferrari, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

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

The motion carried 6-0. Time: 8:39p.m.


Mrs. Sally Taliani
Vice-President


Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary