

**LITCHFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

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

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

1. **Call to Order-** Miller 7:00PM
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-** Present: Miller, Park, Schlumm, Dow, Eichler

Absent- Abbeg, Signor

5. **Public Participation**

David and Alicia Covey- Wanted to know the process for hiring a new superintendent?
Board informed them that it will be talked about later in the meeting.

6. **Consent Agenda**

Action

- **Regular Board meeting, February 27, 2024**
- **General Funds**
- **School Lunch Funds**
- **Sinking Fund**
- **Agency Funds**
- **Vendor Check Report**

Motion by Schlumm; Seconded Dow. Motion Passed.

7. **Reports**

- **Superintendent**
- **Principal Report**

**Information
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March is Reading Month Activities. Mentor Mentee program flashlight reading. The Elem. walked to the library. They had a picnic inside with the mentor mentee groups. Break down of duties attached. We are thinking financially to just have one position. We will be using Kristen Miller as a graduation coach and many other task that she can help with. New Teacher Academy is something we will bring back and she will lead. Mentor new teachers to help them succeed. She has also been the community liaison. Jessica VanDusen took over the testing coordinator last year and will continue. She is also doing many other jobs. We will be bringing back a Title one coordinator. Student responsibility coordinator will be staffed 5 days a week for the rest of the year. We are trying to add some positive tasks to this position like student of the month. Dark green funded through 31 grant funded, yellow is title grants funded. Family Math Night tomorrow night. 400 people came last year. Meckley donated pies. We are no longer a targeted school for the high school. We received the official letter. This is based on past years scores. We hope to see more increase in scores this year.

- **Athletic Director’s Report** **Information**
- **Food Service Report** **Information**
- **Transportation & Maintenance Report** **Information**
- 7a. **Commencement Policy** **Action**

Some is part of policy now but we are working on making it all in one place. New part is pertaining to online students not making the progress that they should be at the time for us to make a decision for graduation. We would like to add a drop dead date this means they would have to be on target to graduate by April 18th. If not they would have time to make up the work but graduate with the next year on their diploma.

Motion to accept Dow; Seconded by Park. Motion passed.

8. Accept the Retirement of Michael Corey as Superintendent

Action

Motion by Dow; Seconded by Eichler. Motion passed.

You have done a great job over the last 5 years. Mike Corey thanked the staff and board for everything over his time here. Love working the kids and they are outstanding. I love this job and business but I have other things I want to do, so you can keep my sister.

9. Approve the Hire of Cristina Eyre as Superintendent

Action

Schlumm: Discussion in the paper Mike has groomed her to be superintendent. She believes that the last year they have work well to prepare her for this. Financial is something that they have worked hard on. We are financially stable. She said she liked to work fast but sometime you have to slow down and work through procedure. She has attended in ISD superintendent meetings to help learn and have guidance from them. Bill May comment from the paper and him doing a great job. Schlumm would like her to Interim Superintendent until summer.

Covey They should have a trial run.

Motion by Schlumm hire Cristina Eyre as Interim Superintendent until after graduation.
No Second. Motion dies.
Motion by Dow, Seconded Eichler. Schlumm opposed. Motion passed.

10. Approve the Hire of Harold Bryan

As Full-time Custodian

Action

Motion by Dow, Seconded Parks. Motion Passed

Discussion: Who is he? Someone that applied and was the most qualified.

11. Accept the Calendar for the

2024-2025 School Year

Action

We are adding parent teacher conferences back. It mirrors what we had last year.

Motion by Dow; Seconded Parks. Motion passed.

12. Communications – Outgoing & Incoming

13. GOOD NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

14. Other Matter by the Administration

Action

Met with Nate S. with the Athletic Boosters, Bill May and Contractors to fix the dirt for the baseball field. Esser funds cannot be used for Athletics. We submitted the track to the Esser and baseball and it was kicked back due to not being able to be used for athletics. The Gym PA was able to be used due to all the non-athletic events we are able to hold in the gym. What funds can be used to address some of these issues. City signs for athletic. We aren't adding districts to the sign. We are sticking with state achievements.

15. Other Matter by the Board

Action

Schlumm moving forward to end teachers as coaches. These coaches don't know how to coach. We let this class down. Parks asked where do you find these better coaches.

MHSAA has coaches that are retired that can come back and coach. Schlumm brought up conflict for interest with Board president and his wife being a teacher.

16. Adjourn- Miller adjourned 7:54pm

"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)."