

**LITCHFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
April 23, 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**

**Cristina Eyre, Superintendent/ 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 - absent Steve Schlumm**
- 5. Public Participation - none**
- 6. Consent Agenda**
  - **Motion to accept consent agenda without the Sinking Fund and Agency Fu**  
Tammy motioned - Maurice seconded
  - **Regular Board meeting, March 19, 2024**
  - **General Funds**
  - **School Lunch Funds**
  - **Sinking Fund - end of June beginning of July**
  - **Agency Funds**
  - **Vendor Check Report**
- 7. Reports**
  - **Superintendent/ Principal Report** - used sinking fund money to replace dirt on the baseball field. Turned out well. Many compliments.  
If anyone has questions on the job postings please let them know that we have to post them according to state laws. It does not mean that we do not have staff.

Building - several field trips, family dance.  
Prom is being held Saturday  
Cameras are being placed all over the building  
New Telephones were installed. Tammy tried 3 times to call the office and there was not a menu you could use to choose where you would like your call to go. This will be looked into.

- **Information**
- **Athletic Director's Report** **Information**
- **Food Service Report** **Information**
- **Transportation & Maintenance Report** **Information**

**8. Approve the Hire of Kobe Farrow -moved to 13 as JV Baseball Coach**

**Action**

Mr. Parks asked who he was. Mr. Miller responded that he was Mr. Bills grandson. Cristi stated that he had been working closely with the baseball coaches.  
Tammy motioned to approve Kobe Farrow as the new jv baseball coach  
Maurice seconded  
Approved

**9. Resignation of Corey Bills as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach**

**Action**

Motion to accept - Tammy  
Seconded by Jim  
Motion Carried

**10. Sinking Fund Election Language**

**Action**

Exhibit A - has specific information that we did not have previously.  
Motion to accept - Austin  
Seconded Jim  
No Discussion - motion passed

**11. Food Service and General Fund Budget Amendment**

**Action**

- Increases in property tax \$45,000
- Dip in state sources -
- Carryover Esser
- Incoming transfer to Food Service - the general fund will receive some money back.
- Elementary costs up by \$84,000
- HS - down \$8,000
- Benefits and salaries have gone up some due to teacher steps
- Change in support services
- Guidance Counselor - stayed the same
- Up and down changes with the Board of Education costs
- Superintendent Costs Up - Mr. Corey stayed longer than December, which we had originally planned.

- More pay through Principal because Mrs. Eyre was principal longer than anticipated.
- End of last year \$318,000 over. We are in better shape than we anticipated
- Excessive Balance is 1.6 million

Food Service - Anna is doing a remarkable job! Revenues up and that is due to the summer food program. Looking at an increase in revenue of about \$148,000.

Expenditure side - went down. New cooks at a lower rate of pay. Food costs were up because of the summer food program but we will still end the year with a \$200,000 fund balance.

Motion to accept the General Fund and Food Service Budget

Maurice motioned

Austin seconded

No discussion

Approved

**12. Policy Updates: 35.2, 36.1, 36.2,  
37.1, 37.2, 38.1, 38.2**

**Information**

Cristina Eyre - went over the neola policies. Every couple of months there are updates. Several policies reviewed but not brought to the board. Two readings have to be done in front of the board. Unsure on how the board would like her to proceed. Cristi went over policies that were changed according to laws. Kim and Cristi are following the policies and practices for background checks. By law we have to provide the military with information on our students if requested. Cristi will email this information to the board members so they can peruse it before the next board meeting.

Jason Eichler asked “If there is something the board does not like what do we do?” Cristi responded that she would go back to the lawyer and talk about the issues and see if they can come up with different wording.

**13. HCEMC presentations moved to 8**

**Information**

**Rebecca McCafferty**

**Tabitha Macey**

EMC Presentations - Becky McCafferty did a capstone presentation.

Thank you for giving time and to show you how the EMC program has helped her to grow.

Tabitha Macey - Criminal Justice is her focus. Thank you for giving me your time and to tell you about my journey.

**14. Committee Meetings Scheduled**

**Action**

14 A - Closed session on a discipline

- Facilities (walk around) and Athletic Facility -
- Do you want regular committee meetings or do you want them at board meetings?  
Talked about having 1 per quarter for facilities and other meetings once a year.

- In negotiations with teachers; need to open the financial portion of support staff. Would like to meet with the finance committee right after the board meeting.

Maurice made a motion to go into closed session to discuss a student discipline issue.

Jim seconded

Motion passed

Student Discipline during closed session. Motion to suspend said student for the remainder of the year by Maurice - seconded by Austin. Motion passed.

## **15. Communications – Outgoing & Incoming**

### **16. GOOD NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL**

Varsity Boys Basketball being recognized as all state - 3.2 grade average. Good group of boys. Coach filed for that honor. That will be in our honors assembly.

Hillsdale information station - facebook

Anonymous person asked the best place for their second grade child

Mark Knight - one of our parents - made a wonderful comment about Litchfield.

### **17. Other Matter by the Administration**

#### **Action**

Cristi asked what email addresses you would like her to use to send weekly information to you? Would like a short weekly update on how things are going.

### **18. Other Matter by the Board**

#### **Action**

Mike Miller - In light of the actions at the last meeting that took place and the antics afterwards we talked with the school lawyer and there is nothing we can do. Gave ideas that we could do - not putting up with the crap that he pulls and they pull. Saturday at the baseball field - students, assistant athletic director, coaches, community members. Had a discussion with Curtis and Michael. Wanted to know if we were putting in grass or turf. Explained we were not doing that. He disagreed with that. Stuck middle fingers up at them as he was getting in his vehicle. Several people saw that. We can censure him and we can take him off the committees. Cannot ask for a personal protection order as a board - it has to be an individual. Option to record the meetings.

Maurice made a motion to censure board member Steve Schlum for his actions as a board member. Seconded Jason Motion carries.

Motion by Austin to strip Mr. Schlumm of his committee positions.

Seconded Jim

Motion carried.

Mr. Miller will add himself to the committees that Mr. Schlumm is on.

Construction is starting Monday, April 29, 2024. All of East street will be closed. The city guaranteed there would always be access to either the superintendent's door or the main entrance. They will price out redoing the sidewalk (taking out and replacing with new cement), repaving drive by superintendent's door. Pave gravel by Water main is going down. Will install a spigot (will only cost for the spigot).

The city will be working on Williams street during graduation. This will not affect graduation. Handicap accessibility is in the back.

Jim suggested having the city look at the food service area to be repaired/etc.

Mr. Parks asked in regards to moving the board meetings up to 6:00 pm. There was discussion. Maurice made a motion to change the time of the board meetings from 7:00 p.m.to 6:00 pm.

Seconded by Austin - Motion Carried.

## **19. 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)."