

**MINUTES
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #120
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024, 4:15 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Merboth, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Matt Merboth, Committee Chair

ABSENT: Mrs. Sally Taliani, and Mrs. Carol Alcorn (arrived at 2:51 p.m.)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

REVIEW/APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MAY 14, 2024, COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MOTION by Mr. Matt Merboth, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the meeting minutes from May 14, 2024, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Dr. Wroblewski presented the Revenue, Expenditure, and Cash and Investments. We are 91.7% through the year and reports are in line with last year's bond sale and current monthly business: Revenue is at 95.37% and Expenditures are 86.51%.

TAX YEAR 2023 EXTENSION UPDATES

Dr. Wroblewski explained the county assessments were inaccurate and initially projected at 9.79%, but came in much lower at 7.4%, resulting in a two-cent tax increase.

BID RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Wroblewski shared the bid tabulation for the Milk and Bread contracts for the 2024-2025 school year. One bid proposal was received for each.

Milk: Prairie Farms, Firm Bid, there is a 3% increase from last year.

Bread: Alpha Baking, Firm Bid, there is a 3% increase from last year.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE TO AWARD THE MILK AND BREAD CONTRACTS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve to award the Milk and Bread contracts for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

HLS THREE-YEAR LOOK AHEAD REPORT

Dr. Wroblewski presented a comprehensive Health/Life Safety Three-Year Look Ahead report to the committee, detailing projected costs annually for various projects from FY24 through FY27. These HLS projects include the Main Building, East Gym, Dolan Building, Howard Fellows Stadium, Sports Complex, campus parking lots and sidewalks, as well as plans for the Field House development. The Committee found the report to be highly detailed and informative. Dr. Wroblewski, Mrs. Does, and Mr. John Vezzetti will meet with Board members individually to discuss the financial proposals. This will allow for further discussions, enabling an informed decision in August on how to proceed.

FIELD HOUSE UPDATE

Reavis High School Site Visit: Dr. Wroblewski, Mr. Tomminello, Mr. Hanson and Mrs. Does toured Reavis High School in Burbank to gather information for the development and planning of a field house. Reavis HS constructed a 120K sq ft, prefabricated field house, for \$37-38 million.

Financial Discussion: Dr. Wroblewski and the committee discussed funding options and strategies for moving forward with the field house project. More information will be presented in August.

SUMMER 2024 FACILITY PROJECT UPDATES

Howard Fellows Stadium Renovation: Vissering Construction conducted an extensive study on the concrete strength at the stadium, determining critical repairs needed in various areas: the exterior, concourse, walls/fencing inside the stadium, bleacher area walls, and field level walls. Instead of using the remaining funds from the bond sale it was recommended submitting an HLS for all concrete work totaling \$578,606.00, inclusive of fees. If the HLS is approved, Vissering will request subcontractors to increase manpower to ensure timely completion. MCS Advertising conducted a walkthrough of the stadium and will be providing a proposal for new signage next week. The updated signage will be uniform throughout the stadium, consistent with all other signage updates, and more durable. Projected cost \$100,000.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE TO SUBMIT AN HLS AMENDMENT FOR HOWARD FELLOW STADIUM CONCRETE REPAIRS FOR \$578,606.00

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve to submit an HLS Amendment for Howard Fellows Stadium concrete repairs for 578,606.00, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

Counseling Office: The office has been demolished, and new walls are being built to reorganize the space. Mr. Kmetz is pricing out mounting the electrical about the ceiling, and he and Mrs. Williams discussed power for underneath desks.

PE Coach's Office Renovation: In progress - the abatement and demolition have been completed. Block work will begin tomorrow.

ACC Wing Rolling Garage Door: In progress - Halm Electrical will be on site tomorrow to conduct the electrical demo.

Discus Solution: Two incidents occurred during the season where the discus went beyond the safety netting by the bleachers. Upon reviewing these incidents, the errant throws could potentially have landed on Raccuglia Driver if the discus event was moved to that location. Byrne and Jones proposed two solutions: Option 1: Replace the current 14' poles with 21' poles in the existing sleeves of the discus cage and install a new net extension for \$17,580.00. Option 2: Demolish the current discus cage and construct a new one oriented away from the bleachers, costing \$76,240. Funding for either option would come from the Tort Fund. The committee agreed to recommend Option 1.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE TO REPLACE THE DISCUS POLES AND NETTING FOR \$ 17,580.00

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve to replace the discus poles and netting for \$17,580.00, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth and Mrs. Alcorn. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

DEAN OF STUDENTS/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR POSITION ADJUSTMENT DISCUSSION

Dr. Wroblewski recommended separating the Activities Director (PT) position from the Dean of Students' position, allowing Mr. Miller the necessary time for his duties in the School Safety Office. The Activities Director position will be assigned to a current teacher, with two periods dedicated to these duties. These two periods will be covered by faculty as overloads.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE TO SEPARATE THE DEAN OF STUDENTS/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR POSITION

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve to separate the Dean of Students/Activities Director position, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth and Mrs. Alcorn. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

RETRACTABLE BASKETBALL HOOPS – SELLETT GYM

Dr. Wroblewski recommended the proposal from H2I Group to replace the existing side court stationary backstops with two retractable backstops. The current backstops are positioned in front of the new video message board and scoreboard obstructing the views. The old backboards and goals will be kept and stored as replacements. The base bid for materials, freight, and installation is \$32,840.00.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE TO PURCHASE RETRACTABLE BASKETBALL HOOPS

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve two purchase two retractable basketball hoops, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth and Mrs. Alcorn. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS UPDATE

Dr. Wroblewski informed the Board that the school activity bus purchased last year will arrive in July. IVPADS will acquire Activity Bus #1. The district will handle the air conditioning, replace two tires, and perform brake repairs before the purchase, totaling approximately \$2,000. A motion for the sale of Activity Bus #1 will be proposed at the upcoming regular Board meeting.

OTHER

Dr. Wroblewski shared that L-P is currently paying outside substitute teachers \$126 per day; however, most substitute teachers only work for five periods, resulting in only \$108. Finding substitute teachers has become increasingly difficult due to this low rate. Therefore, Dr. Wroblewski recommended increasing the substitute teacher pay rate.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE TO INCREASE THE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY RATE

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve increase the substitute teacher pay rate, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried. Time 3:50 p.m.**


Mr. Matt Merboth
Committee Chair


Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary