

LAKE NORMAN CHARTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

January Open Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2025

7:00 PM Eastern Time



General Meeting

Attending: Shannon Stein-Superintendent, Greg Kilpatrick, Derik Screen, Michael Eastwood, Amy Carr, Gray Morris, Craig Randall, Nicole Benford

Greg Kilpatrick called the general meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of December Meeting Minutes

The December meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

I. Support Group Update

A. PTO

1. There are no updates at this time.

B. Athletic Boosters

1. LNC is in the middle of the winter season. Next week is the last week for middle school sports. LNC does need a varsity softball coach; all other positions are filled for spring sports.

II. Finance: 2023-2024 Audit Report

A. Mr. Eric Smith is here with Potter and Company. A 70-page audit report was presented.

1. The report on financial statements: they issued an unmodified audit opinion.

2. On the Compliance Reports (federal and state audits were completed. They issued an unmodified audit opinion on those.

3. Net Position documents: snapshots of cash positions are up, investments are up, employee retention credit, restricted bond funds, capital assets, the deferred outflow of resources, liabilities/accounts payable, accrued salaries, and lease & bond obligations.

4. Income statement: the school's funds, total revenues, and expenditures are listed. This is a good increase in the cash position for the year.

III. State/School Report

A. Lottery Report

1. This is the last month of the lottery. There are 5,292 applications, which is up 350 from previous years. The lottery closes on January 31, and the drawing will be held on February 12.

B. Elementary Update:

1. LNC has broken ground. LNC still has a conditional grading permit and are waiting on the official permit, which should be here soon. Erosion control is occurring. Once this is done, they will begin the foundation.

2. The first draft of the park next door was shared. It will have shelters, pickleball courts, tennis courts, and other amenities...Currently, there will be natural barriers and a shared exit. Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation has been an excellent

3. Linda Arrieta, a middle school teacher, has a nonprofit: Fight the Good Fight. This is for support for people with cancer and their families. On May 17, there will be a 7K starting at the elementary school. One of LNC's retired teachers has been diagnosed with brain cancer.

C. School Report Card:

1. Two indicators that determine LNC's scores are achievement and growth scores. Anything over 85 is an "A" score. LNC's overall score is 88. LNC exceeded growth for the 23-24 school year. LNC had an overall increase in math and reading. Compared to similar districts and the state, LNC is in a good place, above most of the other schools and above the state average. There are 11 identified supports to raise grades/scores in middle and high school.

IV. Old Business:

- A. Future Ready: Subcommittees met on December 12. The AI committee and the PoG committee started working on their initiatives. The committee will meet again on January 27.
1. AI established the guiding principles to be displayed on the school webpage. A mission statement is being developed.
 2. The Portrait of a Graduate Committee is rebranding to align with new expectations and identify durable skills.

V. New Business

- A. Grievance Policy Review
1. DPI has asked that schools publicly review the grievance policy as best practice. There are no recommendations for change. The purpose is that this is shared at a board meeting for all parties.
 2. The process is noted for high school and middle school.

Motion to approve the modification of the grievance policy to include the Elementary School Nicole Benford; Amy Carr seconds; motion carries.

The general meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.