

Lowpoint-Washburn Community Unit School District No. 21
508 East Walnut
Washburn, Illinois 61570
(309) 248-7522
Superintendent: David Johnson

Board of Education
4-12 Media Center
Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: August 17, 2022

I. Call to order

President Monica Beltramea called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

II. Roll Call

Damerell-P/A	Baugh-P/A	White-P-via remote	Beltramea-P/A
Youngman-P/A	Zulz-P/A	Schumacher-P-via remote	

A. Pledge of Allegiance-led by Vice President Jessica Youngman

B. Student Showcase-led by Mrs. Rock-The following students were recognized by the LWCUSD #21 School Board for exceeding standards on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness:

- Peyton Gresham-Exceeded standards in ELA
- Raelyn Romani-Exceeded standards in ELA
- Knox Kennell-Exceeded standards in ELA
- Konner Kennell-Perfect score in math

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

The items to be considered under the Consent Agenda shall include: minutes of the previous meeting, bills payable, Imprest fund transactions, monthly treasurer's report, and investment report. Any member who wishes may have an item removed from the Consent Agenda to be reviewed, discussed, and handled as an individual agenda item. Each item on the Consent Agenda shall have the same types of information provided in the Board packet as other agenda items so that Board Members will have clear knowledge of the item in question. The passage of the Consent Agenda shall be based upon a motion, second, and roll call vote of the Board of Education.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes- July 20, 2022
- B. Closed Session Minutes- July 20, 2022
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Financial Report

- E. Approval of Bills
- F. Imprest/Activity Fund
- G. Resignation of Angela Allen as Kitchen Assistant
- H. Resignation of Kelly Sell as Paraprofessional
- I. Resignation of Kyle Swanson as Maintenance
- J. Employ Dan Hook as Driver's Education/P.E. teacher and Athletic Director
- K. Employ Ethan Hedge as Junior High Baseball Coach
- L. Employ Brett Spurgeon as Assistant Junior High Baseball Coach
- M. Employ Hailey Hofstatter as Junior High Girls Basketball Coach
- N. Employ Danette Darrow as District Office Administrative Assistant (proposed hire rate \$17.10/hour)
- O. Employ Heather Baker as Cook
- P. Part-Time Guidance Counselor Compensation for 2022-2023 for Mark Zulz (\$240/day for 120 days)
- Q. Notice of Appointment of Authorized Agent for IMFR-Denise Aman as Bookkeeper
- R. Renewal of Dual Enrollment Agreement Between Roanoke-Benson and LowPoint Washburn

President Monica Beltramea asked for a motion for the approval of consent agenda.

- Board member Baugh asked for consent agenda letter O. employ Heather Baker as cook be removed from the agenda

President Monica Beltramea asked for a second motion for the approval of consent agenda with the removal of letter O. employ Heather Baker as cook

Motion: Bri Baugh

Second: PJ Damerell

White-Y/N/Abstain	Beltramea-Y/N/Abstain	Youngman-Y/N/Abstain	Damerell-Y/N/Abstain
Baugh-Y/N/Abstain	Zulz-Y/N/Abstain	Schumacher-Y/N/Abstain	

IV. Recognition of Guests/Correspondence

- The LW Board of Education is a deliberative and policy making body and follows a planned agenda at each meeting. The Board does not debate the subject of public comments during the meeting nor take immediate action on such comments, but rather may take any comments under review in making decisions and establishing policies. As a deliberative body, the Board does not act immediately on requests made of the Board.
- Persons addressing the board are limited to a 5 minute time allotment with no more than 20 minutes per subject. Public Comments will be taken for a minimum of 30 minutes. Depending on the number of people speaking, the length of time for public comment and for individuals may be extended or shortened.

- Before speaking, persons must be recognized by the Board President and have placed their name on the sign up sheet.
- Persons addressing the board will need to identify themselves and must be respectful and civil toward others when making public comments.
 - **Correspondence**-Letters of Resignation from Angela Allen, Kelly Sell and Kyle Swanson
 - **Guests**-were present and list is on file in the district office
 - No guest wished to address the board

V. Administrative Reports

- **Mr. Geick-**

- K-3 enrollment-100 students
- 4-12 enrollment-209 students
- Today was the first day with students and Mr Geick is having all 6-12 students meet in the gym before school. He is using this time to address expectations and consequences. After Friday, an email will be sent out to staff sharing the district expectations for the students
- Yesterday was meet the teacher night for 4th and 5th grade students
- Yesterday was the first day for teachers and a teachers institute was held. Thank you to Jeanette Carter and the LWEA for feeding staff between meetings
- Monday was new teacher orientation and five teachers were welcomed into the district
- This Friday, Kyle Durst who is patrol sgt with the Woodford County Sheriff's office will walk through the schools and familiarize himself with the buildings
- This Saturday the Washburn Fire department will be using the JR/SR high parking lot for training
- **School Discipline:**
 - today's message to the 4th and 5th grade students was about respect for teachers, and classmates, water bottles-clear and only for water and appropriate behavior with our facilities-classrooms, bathrooms, gym, etc.
 - Today's message for 6-8 grades was about respect for teachers, staff and classmates, water bottles and appropriate behavior with our facilities-classrooms, bathrooms, locker rooms, gym and lunchroom
 - Today's message for 9-12 grades was about respect, water bottles, appropriate cell phone use, and appropriate behavior with all of our facilities
- All 6-12 students received their schedules today

- **Mr. Hook-**

- HS Volleyball kick off their season on the 24th with a home game against Leland; they have been practicing every weeknight at the HS gym from 530pm-730pm
- HS Cross Country has not had a meet yet but have been preparing for the first one with practices at the HS on weeknights 345-545; 1st meet is August 27th
- JH Baseball-started their season and have a 2-2-1 record; they are back in action on the 19th against Robein and have 4 games scheduled for next week
- JH softball has played 4 games so far this season and have a 2-2 record; next game is also against Robein on the 19th and they have a double header on Saturday; they have a game each day Tuesday through Friday next week

- **Mrs. Rock-**

- 4-8 Science teachers participated in professional development for our new science curriculum
- Teachers have all of the necessary materials for the implementation of our new math curriculum (manipulatives, consumables, online resources)
- Beginning to explore research options for a new ELA curriculum this fall with implementation during the 2023-2024 school year
- Hult Center in Peoria has received a grant that allows them to visit area schools and present two sessions that are centered around social-emotional learning for K-6 students. Topics include: self regulation, social awareness, building relationships, and decision making. Mrs. Rock is in the process of scheduling dates and times to participate in this program.
- Working toward board approved curriculum maps. This will be a year long initiative in which teachers examine and update their curriculum maps over the course of the 2022-2023 school year.
- School improvement-
 - A pre/post assessment was given to all summer school students in reading and math. Academic growth was observed and documented. Students participated in project based learning, peer tutoring and individual growth goals in reading. Teachers recommend that we continue to focus on foundational skills in our curriculum (i.e. math facts, math fluency, phonics, multisyllabic words and writing skills)
 - Submitted the 1003a school improvement grant
 - Fall meeting with Illinois Empower has been scheduled on November 1st to discuss fall benchmarking scores
 - The district has received a grant to participate in the Peoria Riverfront Museum's Every Student Initiative (ESI). RLI insurance in Peoria made a generous donation to sponsor all of our K-8

students. The benefits that our students will receive are valued at more than \$200 per student.

- Free curriculum related appropriate guided museum field trip for all K-8 students during the 2022-2023 school year (district is responsible for transportation)
- Free family fun passes, allowing each student to bring back the entire family for a planetarium show, giant screen theater show, gallery tours and free popcorn
- Free "one+one" museum memberships for educators (\$90 value) offering free reciprocal admission, invitations and discounts all year as well as the ability to upgrade into a family membership

- The curriculum committee has reviewed SAT/PSAT data and would like to acknowledge 9th-11th grade students who excelled at the September board meeting. A letter will be sent home inviting students and parents to attend this meeting.

● **Mr. Johnson-**

- Reported out on 1st day happenings and shared that it was a good day
- Facilities-bathroom and locker rooms are coming along; have had some supply issues which have caused the delays in completion
- Exterior power washing and tuck pointing is still being done
- Website training is taking place; skyward connections are happening; project will be great when completed and something that can grow in the future
- Safety and security training with staff will be completed
- Threat assessment training with staff and Deputy Durst will be on Friday

VI. Old Business

- A. Working Cash Bonds-** Superintendent Johnson reminded the board that they need to have continuing discussion about these and a spring vote will need to occur

VII. Items Requiring Board Action

A. IDPH: Register for Back to School Shipment of Free COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests for IL K-12 Public Schools

President Monica Beltramea asked for a motion to approve the IDPH Registration for Back to School Shipment for Free COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests for IL K-12 Public Schools

Motion: Mary Jo Zulz

Second: Jessica Youngman

Beltramea-Y/N/Abstain	Youngman-Y/N/Abstain	Damerell-Y/N/Abstain	Baugh-Y/N/Abstain
Zulz-Y/N/Abstain	Schumacher-Y/N/Abstain	White-Y/N/Abstain	

B. Heart Technology Quote for PC Manager and SWA Quote

Motion to approve the Heart Technology Quote for PC Manager for \$1486.72 and SWA Quote for \$717.64

Motion: Jessica Youngman

Second: Monica Beltramea

Youngman-Y/N/Abstain	Damerell-Y/N/Abstain	Baugh-Y/N/Abstain	Zulz-Y/N/Abstain
Schumacher-Y/N/Abstain	White-Y/N/Abstain	Beltramea-Y/N/Abstain	

C. Employment of Two Maintenance/Custodians

- Action item was tabled until after executive session
- Voting of this action item occurred after executive session

President Monica Beltramea asked for a motion to approve Paul Dale and Matt Ulrich as Maintenance/Custodians for the 2022-2023 school year at \$24.27/hour.

Motion: Jessica Youngman

Second: Bri Baugh

Damerell-Y/N/Abstain	Baugh-Y/N/Abstain	Zulz-Y/N/Abstain	Schumacher-Y/N/Abstain
White-Y/N/Abstain	Beltramea-Y/N/Abstain	Youngman-Y/N/Abstain	

VIII. Information and Discussion Items

A. Board of Education Committee Reports

- **Personnel/Retention/Negotiations--Zulz/Youngman**
 - No report
- **Operations/Insurance/Hot Lunches-Schumacher/Baugh**
 - No report
- **Curriculum-Baugh/Zulz**
 - No report
 - Next Meeting 9/12/22 at 1pm
- **Finance-Youngman/Zulz**
 - No report
- **Policy-White/Beltramea**
 - No report
- **Building/Maintenance/Transportation-Damerell/Schumacher**
 - Updates were given in Superintendent report regarding bathrooms and locker rooms
- **Re-opening Plan-White/Beltramea**
 - No Updates
- **School Improvement Research-Beltramea/Damerell**

- Met on 8/14/22 at 2pm
- Discussed concern with the decline in district enrollment
- With Mrs. Rock's help, committee was able to gather some district wide data to look at trends
- From 2008-2009 through 2022 the district has lost a total of 100 students
 - Of this 100 student loss-61 were from the HS, 27 from the JH and 12 from the Elementary
 - Overall this is a 25% decline in enrollment over the last 14 years
- Trends are: families moving out of the district, annexing properties and sending students to an outside district prior to high school
- Committee is questioning how long the district can sustain a high school of 85 students or less
- Committee recommendation is for the board, administration and community to brainstorm on why and how to stop this decline in enrollment; how to increase numbers; what options does the district have if the decline continues
- **Strategic Plan-Baugh/White**
 - Board meeting with Superintendent Johnson on 8/17/22 at 6pm
- **Grow your Own-Baugh/Zulz**
 - 1st class is finished

- B. Sales Tax Overvue**-\$8,000 to \$10,000 mark; watch operations fund; IMRM may need to ask for nickel increase this year
- C. Sub Pay Rate Increase**-board needs to consider increasing pay; currently \$100/day; suggesting \$110/day; also need to look at paraprofessional rate and increase this;
- D. 2022-2023 Tentative Budget**-Superintendent Johnson gave a brief overview; no deficit; suggestions were given for possible options for maintaining operating costs; ameren bills are high; currently have 281 days of funds for operation which is good for district
- E. Strategic Plan**-board met with Superintendent Johnson prior to tonight's meeting to review and set goals

IX. Adjournment to Executive Session

President Monica Beltramea asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:39 PM for the purpose of: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District. 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.

Motion: Bri Baugh

Second: Jessica Youngman

Baugh-Y/N/Abstain	Zulz-Y/N/Abstain	Schumacher-Y/N/Abstain	White-Y/N/Abstain
Beltramea-Y/N/Abstain	Youngman-Y/N/Abstain	Damerell-Y/N/Abstain	

X. Adjournment from Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Meeting.

President Monica Beltramea asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive session and Reconvene the regular meeting at 8:31 PM.

Motion: Bri Baugh

Second: Monica Beltramea

Zulz-Y/N/Abstain	Schumacher-Y/N/Abstain	White-Y/N/Abstain	Beltramea-Y/N/Abstain
Youngman-Y/N/Abstain	Damerell-Y/N/Abstain	Baugh-Y/N/Abstain	

XI. Other Business

A. Next Meeting Date- September 21, 2022 (strategic planning meeting will be held at 6pm prior to regular meeting)

XII. Adjournment

President Monica Beltramea asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Motion: Jarred Schumacher

Second: Bri Baugh

Schumacher-Y/N/Abstain	White-Y/N/Abstain	Beltramea-Y/N/Abstain	Youngman-Y/N/Abstain
Damerell-Y/N/Abstain	Baugh-Y/N/Abstain	Zulz-Y/N/Abstain	

Board President/Vice President: Monica Beltramea Date: 9/21/22

Board Secretary: Carina White Date: 9/21/22

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