

LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION / REGULAR
MEETING
July 22, 2024
6:00 p.m.
District Boardroom-Lincoln High School

OFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Allie Sparks, Secretary (arrived at 6:02pm)
Thomas Rollins, Treasurer
Matthew Bentley, Trustee
Jason Moore, Trustee
Lauren Smith, Trustee

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Paula Robinette, Human Resources Director
Adam Snapp, Finance Director
Karensa Smith, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum & Instruction

OTHERS PRESENT

Edgar Brown, Jessie James, Chris Westfall

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Treasurer Rollins called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Roll call showed all Board Members were present with the exception of Czachorski and LaBombarbe.

3.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

4.0 PLEDGE TO FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Board and audience members.
(Sparks arrived at 6:02pm)

5.0 PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Community Education Presentation

Presented by Chris Westfall

- Tax funding through the millage is distributed to three entities: Community Education, Lincoln Seniors, and Youth Sports
- Community Ed-Athletic Participation

Youth Basketball	1/2 Grade	53
Youth Basketball	3/4 Grade	63
Youth Basketball	5/6 Grade	62
Soccer Clinics	Fall	45
Soccer Clinics	Winter	32
Soccer Clinics	Spring	-
LAB Track Club	LCS	27

LAB Track Club	Non LCS	24
Elementary XC	Fall	36
MS Soccer – Boys	Spring	32
Youth Lacrosse	3/4 Grade	11
Youth Lacrosse	5/6 Grade	16
Youth Volleyball Clinics	Spring	53
Youth Cheer Clinic	Fall	46

- Community Ed-Participation included Drop in Pickleball, Babysitter Training, Splitter Singers, Jr. Theatre Camp, Safety Town, Riptides, USA Swim and Lessons
- Lincoln Youth Football & Cheering Club-Total Cheerleaders 118 and total Football players 156
- LAB Uses-Lincoln Athletics, Community Use and Revenue Generating
- LAB Membership data is down 2.88% overall
- LAB total revenue in the months of November through March totaled \$206,420.00

5.2 Virtual Academy Presentation

Presented by Jessica James

Virtual Students

- Represent the diversity of LCS, coming from schools throughout Washtenaw and school of choice counties.
- Exhibit many characteristics, including:
 - an affinity for technology and online learning.
 - commitment and persistence to succeed in an online instructional environment.
 - flexible thinking and the ability to use available resources to succeed.
 - can participate in activities, sports, and clubs at their “home school.”
 - gain access to innovative courses, flexible scheduling, and specialty courses that may not be available in all schools.
 - may also be students with extenuating circumstances, including health and other reasons, that can be mitigated through a virtual program.
 - make use of modified scheduling to address instructional needs including but not exclusive to, internship or work experiences, flexible schedule to complement career and technical education programs or enrollment at Washtenaw Community College, or courses available in the evenings in addition to a full day schedule.
- Demographics- 129 Enrolled, Current Enrollment 146, Boys 71, Girls 75, At-Risk 135, Free and Reduced 104, Students with Disabilities 38 and English Learners 7
- Vision & Next Steps
 - Increase K-12 student enrollment
 - Increase support of student academic and SEL needs/guidance via our new counselor
 - Intentional networking, collaboration, sharing resources and ideas with the brick and mortar schools in the district
 - Explore curricular programming to provide increased direct instruction and intervention
 - Seek Engineering, STEM, and CTE opportunities
 - Exploring Alternative & Adult Ed. opportunities
 - Coordination of in-person and virtual educational field trips
 - Parallel school improvement opportunities and LCS initiatives via MTSS, SEL, PLC & Curriculum
 - Developing on-site support and learning opportunities for students at new location - Office 319, Room 314, and Room 316

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Superintendent’s Report

- The Sinking Fund will be on the November ballot
- Many Centennial Celebration are approaching.
- Celebration that Summer School is complete for the Summer.
- The 24/25 Professional Development calendar is being finalized.

6.2 Student Services Report

- No report

6.3 Finance Report

- 6.3.1 June Enrollment Report
Board report was included in Board packet.
- 6.3.2 June Food Service Report
Board report was included in Board packet.

7.0 BOARD REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Board Executive Committee

The Board Executive Committee will meet next on August 5th at 2:30pm in the Pittman Room

7.2 Board Performance Committee Report

The Board Performance Committee will meet next on September 23rd at 4:30pm in the Pittman Room

7.3 Board Planning Committee Report

The Board Planning Committee will meet next on August 12th at 4:30pm in the Pittman Room

7.4 Board Finance Committee Report

The Board Finance Committee will meet next on August 5th at 4:00pm in the Pittman Room

7.5 Board Reports

- No Board Reports

8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

8.1 Response to Prior Public Comment

- No Prior Public Comment

8.2 Public Comment

Board of Education Public Comment Statement

This is the time set aside by the Board to hear from you, the members of our community. We invite you to address the Board with comments, questions or concerns regarding board actions, policies, or other issues not resolved through appropriate administrative channels. The Board may not immediately respond to concerns presented at this meeting; however, we will respond to inquiries on or before the next board meeting.

Please sign in completing your contact information. Limit individual comments to 5 minutes or less. Comments with respect to the performance of specific district employees are not appropriate during public comment.

Rules for Public Comment:

1. The Board of Education reserves the right to limit the total public comment to 30 minutes in any meeting.
2. The Board of Education will limit each speaker to one opportunity to speak during any public comment period.
3. The Board of Education President, or the President's delegee (such as the Superintendent or another District administrator) will respond to your comment.
4. The Presiding officer may: A) prohibit public comments which are frivolous, repetitive, or harassing; B) interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant; C) request any individual to leave

the meeting when that person behaves in a manner that is disruptive of the orderly conduct of the meeting; D) request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting, and; E) call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

- No Public Comment

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting

9.1.1 Regular Meeting June 24, 2024

9.1.2 Board Workshop June 25, 2024

Enclosed are the minutes of the June 24, 2024, Regular Meeting and June 25, 2024, Board Workshop as presented.

9.2 June 2024 Check Register

Enclosed is the June 1-31, 2024, check register in the amount of \$2,464,955.47. The Superintendent recommends approval as presented.

9.3 June 2024 Trust and Agency

Enclosed is the June 2024, Trust & Agency Report. The Superintendent recommends approval as presented.

9.4 Personnel Transactions

<u>ACTION ITEMS</u>					
Name	Position/Building	Date of Hire	Effective Date	Status	Major/Step
Renee Whitley	Teacher/Lincoln High School	8/29/1997	8/1/2024	Retirement	
Linda Westphal	Bldg Secretary/Student Services	8/26/2020	8/1/2024	Transfer	
Elizabeth Hammar	Bus Driver/Transportaton	9/13/1989	6/7/2024	Retirement	
Adrianna Kitchen	Receptionist/LAB	11/9/2021	6/28/2024	Resignation	
William Brenner	Coach/Community Ed/Athletics	8/25/2022	6/25/2024	Resignation	
Dianne Vargo	Assistant Bldg Secretary/Brick Elementary	12/15/2003	8/1/2024	Transfer	
Ashley Jeffries	Teacher/Bishop Elementary	8/12/2024		New Hire	MA Step 4
Meredith Wolf	Teacher/Childs Elementary	8/12/2024		New Hire	BA Step 11
Taylor Hopp-Storey	Teacher/Bishop Elementary	8/12/2024		New Hire	MA Step 6
Jenna Gould	Teacher/Bishop Elementary	8/12/2024		New Hire	BA Step 3
Isabelle Lightfoot	Spec Ed Paraprofessional/Childs Elementary	8/20/2024		New Hire	LEAO Step I
Candice Jackson	Teacher/Bishop Elementary	8/12/2024		New Hire	MA Step 11
Siobhan Stemme	Teacher/Bishop Elementary	8/12/2024		New Hire	BA Step 3
Amanda Badenhip	Teacher/Bishop Elementary	8/12/2024		New Hire	BA Step 5

It was moved by Bentley and seconded by Moore that we accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carried 5-0

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 CIPA Compliance

We are required to confirm the district's compliance with CIPA (Children Internet Protection Act) at a public

meeting on an annual basis. Supporting documentation is enclosed in your packets. This was presented for information only; Board action will be requested at a subsequent meeting.

10.2 School Bond Loan Fund

The District is applying to draw funds from the Treasury Department through the School Bond Loan Fund. The District applies for this every year as the property tax revenue for debt payments is not enough to cover our annual principal and interest payments. It is expected that the District will need to borrow approximately \$3.7 million for the 24/25 fiscal year. This was presented for information only; Board action will be requested at a subsequent meeting.

It was moved by Bentley and seconded by Moore that we approve School Bond Loan Fund Application as presented.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion carried 5-0

10.3 Miller Johnson Policy Update

Miller Johnson yearly policy update is attached in your Board packet. This was presented for information only; Board action will be requested at a subsequent meeting.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.1 Transfinder-Stopfinder

Purpose

The transportation department needs new software and tablets for each bus. This would allow us to offer turn-by-turn navigation for each employee as well as using student badges to scan on and off buses aka Student Ridership. Our current software company contract expires on February 20, 2025, however the company Synovia, now called Cal Amp, has filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy as of June 3, 2024. We will need to purchase all new devices as well as the supporting software for these devices.

Analysis

We currently have been in a contract with CaVAmp (formally known as Synovia) since February 2020. The company was bought out in September of 2023. Since this happened the service at CaVAmp has declined and it's been very difficult to get problems solved. The company has filed for bankruptcy now and we are llllsure of the stability of this company currently. We have already purchased Transfinder (routing software) and they have released software that is capable of replacing every aspect of CaVAmp. This software is called Wayfinder. It includes student ridership, GPS tracking, Navigation, and the parent app called Stopfinder. We feel that this would be the logical direction to turn since we are already using their routing software. This would ensure that we will NOT have communication issues between software's.

Recommendation

It is my recommendation to purchase the Wayfinder software and hardware for the amount of \$92,650.00 (initial investment) and pay a monthly service fee in the amount of approximately \$3754.50. We are currently paying \$2310.00 per month for Cal/Amp. Board action was requested.

It was moved by Bentley and seconded by Moore to approve the purchase of Transfinder-Stopfinder parent app as presented.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion carried 5-0

11.2 Trinity Athletic Contract

Ryan Lucas has worked, and Trinity has billed us, just over 1800 hours this school year in service to our teams and our events. Proposing that we move our existing contract up to 2100 hours for the 2024-25 school year in order to replace Ryan with 1 ½ athletic trainers. The "lead" trainer will be a full 40 hour/week employee in service of Lincoln and our teams. The "assistant" trainer will supplement that schedule on a flexible basis to 1) provide care on days that we have multiple events at the same time; 2) add all Middle School teams and events to our service contract; and 3) provide a schedule that will not burn out our next trainer. Trinity Health is confident they can fill both positions and will supplement the second staff by

scheduling their “non-Lincoln” hours in their physical therapy clinics.

The additional cost to us for the increase in services will be approximately \$9,500 and has been added to the Athletic Budget proposal by making cuts to funds dedicated to after school strength & conditioning services. Those cuts are to funds held in the athletic budget this year from funds dedicated to an outside strength coach. We’re ready to scale back any need for paying staff for after school strength & conditioning due to the huge participation increase to in-school classes - Coach Dillon and Coach Tucker are seeing a great number of athletes in PE classes, and the need for after school programming is greatly reduced. Board action was requested.

It was moved by Bentley and seconded by Moore to approve the Trinity Athletic Contract as presented.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion carried 5-0

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Moore and seconded by Bentley that we adjourn the meeting at 6:47p.m.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion carried 5-0

Treasurer Rollins declared the meeting adjourned.