

**LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS**  
**Ypsilanti, Michigan**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION / WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**February 28, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**District Boardroom-Lincoln High School**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jennifer Czachorski, President  
Jennifer LaBombarbe, Vice President  
Allie Sparks, Secretary  
Thomas Rollins, Treasurer  
Yoline Williams, Trustee  
Matthew Bentley, Trustee

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT**

Robert Jansen, Superintendent  
Karensa Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction  
Adam Blaylock, Human Resources Director

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Edgar Brown, Jim Harless, Mary Aldridge, Jeff Nowak, Abby Smith, Robert Williams and Paula Robinette

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

President Czachorski called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed all Board Members were present with the exception of Moore.

**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.

**5.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

It was moved by LaBombarbe and seconded by Rollins that we accept the agenda as presented.

Ayes:6

Nays: 0

Motion carried 6-0

**6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

6.1 Response to Prior Public Comment

- Sherry Smith, Paraprofessional, addressed her concerns about the masking changes and how it would impact the Middle School. Czachorski email her response on February 27, 2022.
- Melissa Palmquist, resident, addressed the Board with her views on staff and students wearing or not wearing masks properly. Czachorski email her response on February 27, 2022.
- Charlotte Allum, employee, voiced her option as well over the new masking changes. Czachorski email her response on February 27, 2022.

6.2 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.

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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

#### **7.0 BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIVITY**

- Question an answer activity with the Board of Education.

#### **8.0 BOARD WORKSHOP STAFFING**

- Per conversation to get feedback from board for staffing needs. No recommendations currently. Formal recommendation will be given in the spring.
- 2 years ago, had increased enrollment for first time in 10 years, then covid hit and we lost 200 students. Enrollment increased a little last year, then we had another covid spike and lost some of those, but not all.
- School of Choice window was open April to end of following school year; this year we closed window at 2nd count (Feb 12); reasoning was that we want to draw people on merit, not because we're the only school left open
- No projections, just roll numbers up from this year to next year. Drops at MS/HS from 10/20 to 10/21 due to enrollment in virtual academy. Vicki Coury will send #s for 3 years prior to pandemic for us to review.
- Conversation "what is lower class size"; also discussed exceptions to min required are on case-by-case basis
- We were able to keep class sizes lower and add additional interventions due to ESSER \$, but if we need to downsize staff to right-size budget
- Current foundation is \$8700/student, loss of 200 students = \$1.74million loss in revenue. Gov. Whitmer has proposal on table for additional \$400(ish)/student. There is a \$25K difference between class size down 2 and class size down 5.
- Staffing concerns: take a look at what we have, want, need based on discussion tonight
- LCS VA survey: started the year with 100 yes' on the survey, up to 250 within 2 weeks after start.
- LMS/LHS scheduling: how many sections do we need
- Spring parent nights: MS end of March, same date as 5th grade step-up
- Student enrollment: May 3, 5, 12 for elementaries

#### **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by LaBombarbe and seconded by Rollins that we adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion carried 6-0