

February 27, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes
Lostant Community Unit School District #425
Thursday,
February 27, 2025
5:30 p.m. FY 25 Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – REGULAR MEETING

Greg Ruff, B.O.E. President, called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Present: Chambers, Kozak, Ruff, Cooper, Lawless, Mertel, and Wiesbrock.

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent:

Recording Secretary: Bob Ketcham, Superintendent

Audience Members: Courtney Kobuchar, Dr. Sandra Malahy, Missy Einhaus, and Joanne Gilkerson

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION

Holli Rapp was recognized by Mr. Bruce Norquist an IESA official at one of our recent volleyball tournaments.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Cooper to approve the February 27 agenda.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Kozak, Cooper, Lawless, Mertel, Wiesbrock. Aye: 7; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve minutes from the January Regular Board Meeting, and Executive Session.

5.2 Approve the Treasurer's Report.

5.3 Approve Activity Account Report.

5.4 Approve Imprest Account Report.

5.5 Approve \$49,994.87 for February Disbursements.

5.6 Approve February 2025 Payroll.

5.7 January FOIA: Owen Wang, Lake County Gazette - emails/memos related to "Lucy Calkins" and "Units of Study". FOIA responded to.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Mertel to approve the consent agenda.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Kozak, Cooper, Lawless, Mertel, Wiesbrock. Aye: 7; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 Fund Activity

The district is 58% through the school year. Revenues are 94.47 % and Expenditures are 66.56 %.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
10	Education	94.30 %	65.57 %
20	Operation & Maintenance	101.39%	65.57 %
30	Debt	100.89 %	93.66 %
40	Transportation	70.41 %	50.83 %
50	Social Security & IMRF	96.31 %	54.39 %
60	Capital Projects	0.00%	0.00%
70	Working Cash	100.89 %	0.00%
80	Tort	100.94%	58.33 %
90	Fire / Health Life Safety	101.05 %	0.00%
	Total	94.47 %	66.56 %

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Chambers to approve the financial report.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Kozak, Cooper, Lawless, Mertel, Wiesbrock. Aye: 7; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

No Discussion

6.2 Fund Transfers

None

7. REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 Principal's Report

Mrs. Klobucher highlighted VR goggles that will be used to satisfy PACE Framework standards.

Questions included what careers are a part of the virtual environment and what grade level it reaches.

Mrs. Klobucher also elaborated on other career exploration activities that are upcoming.

7.2 Athletic Director's Report

No questions

7.3 Employee Reports

Nothing this month.

7.4 PTO Report

Nothing this month.

7.5 Facility Usage

Nothing this month.

7.6 Committee Reports

Nothing this month

8. Other:

8.1 25-26 school calendar - A 1st reading of the 25-26 school calendar took place. Mrs. Klobuchar answered a variety of questions regarding it.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Chambers and seconded by Wiesbrock to adjourn to closed meeting at 5:53 pm to discuss:
Ayes 7-0.

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Chambers to reconvene into open session at 6:39 pm. Roll call.
7-0

10. ACTION ITEMS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10.1 ACTION ITEM

A motion by Cooper and seconded by Kozack to approve the Board's semi-annual review of unreleased closed meeting minutes and to release for public inspection those minutes, or portions thereof, that the Board identified as no longer needing confidential treatment.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Kozak, Cooper, Lawless, Mertel, Wiesbrock. Aye: 7; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

10.2 ACTION ITEM

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Lawless to re-employ LGS Principal for the 2025-2026 school year.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Kozak, Cooper, Lawless, Mertel, Wiesbrock. Aye: 7; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

10.3 ACTION ITEM

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Chambers to accept the resignation of Greg Ruff as assistant basketball coach of the Extra-Curricular Co-Op.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Kozak, Cooper, Lawless, Mertel, Wiesbrock. Aye: 7; Nay: None.

Abstain: Ruff

Motion passes.

10.4 ACTION ITEM

A motion by Wiesbrock and seconded by Chambers to accept, with regret, the resignation of Holli Rapp as Athletic Director of the Extra-Curricular Co-Op effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Kozak, Cooper, Lawless, Mertel, Wiesbrock. Aye: 7; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

11. DIRECT SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT TO BOARD

Gift for Holli to be given at the awards banquet

12. ADJOURN

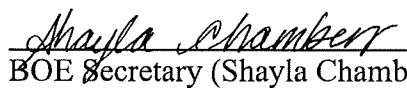
A motion by Lawless and seconded by Cooper to adjourn at 6:43 pm

Ayes 7-0.



BOE President (Greg Ruff)

3/26/25
Date



BOE Secretary (Shayla Chambers)

3.26.25
Date