

October 30, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes  
Lostant Community Unit School District #425  
Wednesday,  
October 30, 2024  
5:30 p.m. FY 24 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, Cooper, Wiesbrock, Ruff, and Mertel

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent:

Recording Secretary: Bob Ketcham, Superintendent

Audience Members: Courtney Klobuchar, Dr. Sandra Malahy, Bob Lawless (as a parent), Bonnie Lawless, Jared Sikirka, Kristine Sikirka, Courtney Rhoerig, Kayle Jones and Missy Einhaus.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Courtney Rhoerig - addressed the board regarding “bullying” that is happening according to her. She continued that it needs to be addressed more than it is now. Feels like the school should be a little more concerned about how severe this bullying has gotten. Doesn’t want anything to happen to other students.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**5. RECOGNITION**

None

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**6.1** Approve minutes from the September 25, 2024, Public Hearing, Regular Board Meeting and September 25, 2024 Executive Session Notes.

**6.2** Approve Treasurer’s Report.

**6.3** Approve Activity Account Report.

**6.4** Approve Imprest Account Report.

**6.5** Approve \$229,802.58 for October Disbursements.

**6.6** Approve September 2024 Payroll.

No Discussion

**ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Chambers and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve the consent agenda.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Cooper, Mertel, Kozak, Wiesbrock. Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

**7. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**7.1 Fund Activity**

The district is 25% through the school year. Revenues are 67.75% and Expenditures are 28.75%.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
10	Education	66.84%	34.55%
20	Operation & Maintenance	78.19%	17.29%
30	Debt	78.16%	0.00%
40	Transportation	36.57%	13.03%
50	Social Security & IMRF	72.52%	22.15%
60	Capital Projects	0.00%	0.00%
70	Working Cash	78.19%	0.00%
80	Tort	77.93%	25.96%
90	Fire / Health Life Safety	77.50%	0.00%
	Total	67.75%	28.75%

**ACTION ITEM**

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

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Cooper, Mertel, Kozak, Wiesbrock. Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

No Discussion

**7.2 Fund Transfers**

Nothing This Month.

**8. REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**8.1 Principal's Report**

Mrs. Klobuchar added that two grade levels with 100% attendance and students will be treated.

Reported that the Tonica Methodist Church donated action figures for students to have. Thanks was also given to Krista Perry for donating the pumpkins. Trunk or treat is tomorrow.

**8.2 Athletic Director's Report**

Ms. Rapp was not in attendance.

**8.3 Employee Reports**

Nothing this month.

**8.4 PTO Report**

Nothing this month.

**8.5 Facility Usage**

A local soccer club is asking to use our gym. Out of concern for damage to our scoreboards and potentially other equipment being damaged the board decided not to let them use the gym.

**9. Committee Reports**

**9.1 Finance**

No meeting this month.

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### **9.2 Negotiations**

No meeting this month.

### **9.3 Safety**

No meeting this month.

### **9.4 Closed Session Minutes**

No Discussion

## **10. Legislative Update:**

Nothing This month

## **11. Other:**

### 11.1 School Maintenance Grant

Mr. Ketcham discussed the potential work items for the FY 25 school maintenance grant.

### 11.2 Principal's Week

Mr. Ketcham discussed that the week of Oct 20 - 25 is Principal's week with Friday October 25 as Principal's Day.

### 11.3 Illinois School Report Card

Mr. Ketcham reported that these were made available to the public on October 30. He indicated that he would share ours with the board. Mr. Ketcham also mentioned that our 2024 summative designation was "exemplary".

### 11.4 ROE Health Life Safety Inspection

Mr. Ketcham reported that the ROE was at LGS on October 2 to perform their annual inspection of the building. He reported that overall we did well, they pointed out two doors that will need to be replaced.

## **12. Old Business:**

Nothing this month

## **13. New Business:**

### 13.1 Intergovernmental Agreement on Deactivation

13.1.1 Mr. Ketcham reported that Our current IGA's with PCHS and LPHS are scheduled for renewal. A copy of them both are linked in the agenda for you to review.

## **ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Mertel and seconded by Chambers to approve the IGA's with PCHS and LPHS.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Cooper, Mertel, Kozak, Wiesbrock. Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

### 13.2 Bushue Background Screening

13.2.2 Mr. Ketcham reported that each time that we hire a new employee (teacher or coach) we are required to conduct a background check (Faith's Law) on them. This is something that takes Joanne a great deal of time and effort to ensure it is done correctly. For a minimal fee (\$37 per case) Bushue will do this for us. This will save Joanne lots of time and effort. With us being the host of the co-op it makes sense to ensure that there is a time sensitive process in place to conduct these checks in accordance with the law.

**ACTION ITEM**

A motion by Cooper and seconded by Wiesbrock to approve the contract with Bushue Background Screening.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Cooper, Mertel, Kozak, Wiesbrock. Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

13.3 Facility Usage

**ACTION ITEM**

A motion by \_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_ to approve the facility usage request.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Cooper, Mertel, Kozak, Wiesbrock. Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion denied.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion by Mertel and seconded by Wiesbrock to adjourn to closed meeting at 6:00 pm to discuss:

Ayes 7-0.

Student Discipline Cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)

14.1 Athletic Co-op Handbook

**15. ACTION ITEMS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Nothing This Month

**16. DIRECT SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT TO BOARD**

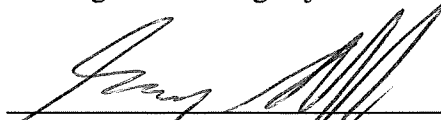
Superintendent was directed to work with the district athletic director to develop an athletic co-op handbook, remove the door in the boys locker room, ensure that locker rooms are properly supervised, work with building administration with consequences for athletes, and ensure that all handbooks are reviewed by district lawyer.

**17. ADJOURN**


A motion by Cooper and seconded by Kozak to adjourn.

Ayes 7-0.

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

  
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BOE President (Greg Ruff)

11-19-24  
Date

  
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BOE Secretary (Shayla Chambers)

11.19.24  
Date