



Lake Norman Charter Board Meeting Minutes

January Open Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2023

7:00 PM Eastern Time

General Meeting

Attending: Shannon Stein-Superintendent, Amy Carr, Leslie Fogarty, Jennifer Johnson, Greg Kilpatrick, Elizabeth Timkovich, Michael Eastwood, Jared Tilley, Nicole Benford

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Leslie Fogarty

Approval of Minutes

December 2022 Board meeting minutes approved by unanimous consent vote.

I. Support Group Update:

- A. **PTO:** Jamila Lindsey: The cookie walk was a success this holiday season. PTO is preparing for the Super Bowl luncheon coming up. They will have a PTO meeting soon and will have new members join.
- B. **Athletic Boosters:** Matt Schlegal: The middle school basketball program just finished their regular games and will start playoffs on the 23. Conference basketball tournaments for the high school will happen in mid-February. LNC received the Wells Fargo Cup for being the best overall athletic program in our conference (3A)

II. 2021-2022 Audit Review:

- A. Eric Smith with Potter and Company: Page 5 They issued an unmodified audit report. This is the highest level of assurance they can give that this is correct.
 - 1. June 2022 to June 2021 Finished with 11 million (8 million increase from last year)
 - 2. 1.6 million investments (down this year)
 - 3. Restricted bond funds are in good standing
 - 4. Deferred outflow and inflow
 - 5. Liabilities: Similar to last year; in good standing
 - 6. Lease obligations and bond obligations 201,000 (Lease) 38 million (Bond)
 - 7. Overall: Finished the year with 26 million in total revenue. Net increase in income.
 - 8. State and Federal funding received: All compliant; clean audit report

III. State/School Report

- A. Elementary students went to the coding convention "Hour of Code at NCDPI" Ms. Divito and Mr. Wright helped the kids with 3D printing and coding.
- B. Counseling at the high school has been sending out information and creating a bank of videos to help share the information parents and students need to know including "Ask a Counselor" "What AP Classes will improve my choices of getting into a 4 Year University?" "Mental Health," and "CPCC and College courses"
- C. Sean Nguyn, a senior at the high school ran an ACT prep course last year and will be offering this course again this year. He will have 6 student assistants this year. This was very successful and students saw improvements in their ACT scores.
- D. Our lottery closes at the end of this month. Currently, we are at 5,422, which is up 300 from last

year.

E. **School Report Card Data:** EOG/EOC Data

1. Interventions and supports which have been put in place were reviewed
2. State EOY tests' 3-year comparison of NC data shows a dip in 2021 and a slow comeback for 2022
3. There was an increase for the state in all EOC areas except English II which was down .06
4. LNC Report Card reflects a dip in 2021 and a comeback in 2022 with the exception of Math III (-3.9). LNC went up in all other EOC areas
5. Three of our comparable competitive schools are ahead of LNC in Math III. Progress monitoring and additional support have been implemented in Math III to support students and bring these scores up to our competitors and better support students. A deep dive into the data has made LNC more aware of the specific goals each teacher can work on and share with one another to improve the overall instruction

IV. **Old Business**

A. Finance Committee

1. Second Quarter Amendments:
2. LNC has: Finalized the ADM (reduction from original amount), SRO & Safety grant awarded, Building level PTO reimbursements (offset by expense), Insurance claim proceeds for bus damage (offset by expense) and Federal COVID grants have been rolled over
3. Expenditure: Salary adjustments, PTO reimbursements, safety grant, survey expense, bus repairs, 25th-year celebration, Land purchase, COVID Funds
4. Adding 1.2 million to revenue and 3.2 to expenses. Surplus of \$400,000 at the end of the year

Motion to approve the budget amendment #2 by Nicole Benford; Amy Carr seconds; motion passes.

B. Strategic Committees

1. THRIVE:
 - a. In February THRIVE will complete the 2nd student survey
 - b. At the high school level, THRIVE is spotlighting Mr. Funchess through his Career Speaker Series
 - c. At the middle school on February 13, there will be a Career Speaker Series starting. Students will have options about who to go listen to
 - d. Middle school has expanded the Knights of Honor Program by requiring teachers to nominate a certain number of students
 - e. The elementary school will implement this as well but their Knight of Honor will also include a teacher each month
 - f. At the elementary school, the students on safety patrol are able to give Dojo points to kids who are doing the right thing
 - g. The middle school is considering the Knights of Honor for the teachers in the future, an elective fair after spring break, and more information about Naviance at the high school
2. IDE&A Achievements:
 - a. High School had a student-led world cultures fair
 - b. The diversity council and club went to talk to students in Knight Kids to read and engage in kindness activities
 - c. The middle school and elementary school celebrated holidays around the world
 - d. The Family Newsletter - A follow up to the November parent session. Another

- newsletter will go out next month
- e. Plans to come: Staff Professional Development-Honoring Student Experience: Engaging the Whole Child, Understanding Identity
 - f. Teacher Diversity Session-January 4
 - g. Mental Health Awareness
 - h. Student Microaggressions Sessions Jan 18, 25, Feb. 1, and 15
 - i. Family engagement Night #2 is in the planning stages
3. New Business: The elementary school has a new air system. Over the winter break, the coils broke and this should not have happened. The company is selling us the parts at cost (\$115,000) and there will still need to have labor. The quotes for this include: \$100,000, to implement the changes that are needed to stop this from happening again will cost \$20,000. The total is \$235,000 to fix this problem. There was nothing LNC did wrong for this, so LNC will be going back to the builder to discuss them paying for this, and/or the insurance company to cover this as an "Act of God" so that LNC is exploring all avenues to make sure LNC is compensated for this. LNC cannot wait to get this fixed; the system can be operated currently for heating, however, once the weather is 75 degrees or higher, the coolant will not work. The school does not have a fund for this, but it will look like a budget amendment if it is passed. The ask is for the board to authorize the repairs and start the repairs for the cooling towers in the amount of \$235,000.

Motion to approve \$235,000 for the repair of the elementary school cooling tower by Nicole Benford; Amy Carr seconds; motion passes.

Motion to move to Closed Session at 7:57 pm- Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes § 143-318.11(a)(6) by Greg Kilpatrick; seconded by Amy Carr; motion approved.

Motion to move back to Open Session by Greg Kilpatrick; seconded by Amy Carr at 8:28 PM; motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM