

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
June 10, 2021

Regular Meeting
Curriculum/Programs and Personnel Committee

- I. Call to Order The Curriculum/Programs and Personnel Committee meeting, held in the Litchfield Intermediate School Auditorium and via teleconference was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Ms. Reardon.

Members present: Ms. Reardon, Chair, Mr. Malo, Mr. Falcetti, and Ms. Stone. Also present: Mr. Leone, Superintendent, Mr. Terzian, Board Chair, and Mrs. Kennedy, Chief Academic Officer.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approve the minutes for the regular meeting of May 13, 2021.

Mr. Falcetti made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2021. Mr. Malo seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

II. Communications

Mr. Leone shared the latest *Google Mystery Hangout* from students Aubrie and Jacob from Mrs. Smith's third grade class. The latest *Hangout* was identified as a school from Tampa, Florida. Mr. Leone commented the *Mystery Hangout* activity was one of the positive things that came out of the pandemic and he expects classroom participation with *Hangouts* will continue in the upcoming school year.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. New Business

- a. 2020-2021-End of Year

End of year activities begin next week. Moving Up ceremonies begin on June 14 with LCS, grade 3, Tuesday, June 15 for LCS, Pre-K, June 16 for LIS, grade 6 students, June 17 for LMS, grade 8 students culminating with graduation events on Friday, June 18, 2021.

The graduation ceremony begins at 5:30 p.m. with fireworks scheduled for 8:45 p.m. There will be food trucks available for students and families should they choose to stay on campus before the fireworks display. Mr. Leone publically thanked *Iron Bank* and *Litchfield Bancorp* for their generous donation in underwriting the fireworks display.

On Saturday, June 19 at 9:00 a.m., a joint Board of Education meeting will be held with Regional School District No. 6 at the Wamogo auditorium where the Workgroups on Collaboration will present their recommendation. This in-person meeting will have a virtual attendance option and also be recorded. The recorded version of the meeting will be shared with the community.

b. 2021-2022 Re-Opening Update

The state required Re-Opening plan will be posted on the district website no later than June 23, 2021. Student attendance options for the 2021-2022 school year will be in-person or remote for medical reasons only. Guidance from the state on face covering requirements is not expected until July. Mr. Leone anticipates full in person attendance for field trips, the After School Enrichment Program and athletic events. Visitors to schools will only have access to the main office until there is further clearance and guidance. Mr. Leone intends to work with *Greenwoods Counseling & Referrals* to provide on site mental health services throughout the year. Mr. Leone closed this topic commenting the Re-Opening plan will be adjusted throughout the summer and updates will be posted on the district website in the July and August timeframes.

c. Summer Learning Opportunities (Summer Fest)

Mrs. Kennedy was very excited to share the first ever summer learning program available to LPS and RSD6 students. Over 165 students/families have signed up for this free, four-week program beginning the week of July 5, 2021. Morning sessions will consist of math and language arts activities, students will be served lunch, and then afternoon sessions will include social emotional learning and enrichment activities. Youth counselors, LPS and RSD6 students, 16 years and older, will assist with the afternoon activities. Mr. Leone thanked Mrs. Kennedy, Ms. Haggard, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Vecca, and Mrs. Baranauskas for their grant writing efforts securing over \$80k in funds to run this program.

Mrs. Kennedy closed by providing an update on the Summer Learning website created last year as a result of the pandemic. This popular, successful portal is a one stop learning resource for parents to find engaging activities for students Pre-K -12 over the summer months.

VI. Old Business

The June edition of *The Litchfield Pride* will include an alumni spotlight.

Transportation waivers for the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year have been sent to families. Waiver returns will assist All-Star Transportation with creating new bus routes for the upcoming school year.

VII. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Leone commented that there are no future agenda items at this time. However, Mrs. Hodges will be reaching out to Board of Education members to verify their availability to attend Committee and Board meetings in the months of July and August.

VIII. Adjournment There being no further business to come before this committee, **Ms. Stone made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Malo seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem