

LANSING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Board Meeting
March 15, 2010

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Marv Helmker, President
Ken Granger
Joy Witte
Rod Moore
David Chapman
Vickie Parmer
Michael VandeHaar
Shari Nussdorfer, Secretary

Administrators:

Pam Campbell, Superintendent
Mary Dunsmore
Carol Feuss

Guests:

Chris Cooper
Dana Davis
Joe Nelson

1. **Call to Order: 7:10 p.m.**

Marv Helmker

2. **Devotions and Prayer**

David Chapman

3. **2/15/10 Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: To approve the 2/15/2010 Board Minutes as presented.

Motion: PASSED

4. **Public Comment**

Chris Cooper has a son in kindergarten. Chris requested clarification about how the decision is made about whether or not a Kindergarten class has an aide to assist the teacher. Pam responded to the question with an explanation that decisions about the presence or absence of an aide is generally determined by budgetary restrictions. LCS had some enrollment based budgetary restrictions that did not allow for the assignment of a Kindergarten aide at the onset of the school year. Fortunately, the aide was replaced as soon as the budget constraints allowed. Pam clarified the difference between a classroom aide that is hired and paid for by the school and a student teacher. Some classrooms have the added benefit of student teachers who assist with teaching in the classroom. Student teachers are not paid for by the school and therefore are not subject to budgetary limitations.

5. **Administrative Reports**

Superintendent Report

Pam Campbell

- Report on Intellectual ends (E2a)
- Report on Spiritual Ends (E2b)
- Most Recent Board Update—Updates are now being provided in a format that more closely reflects specific LCS Ends Policies and priorities.
- Of particular note is the work being done to evaluate and clarify the needs and resources of our Academic Support Center so that funds might be raised to accomplish specific program goals to meet student needs.

- LCS is looking at implementing a program to offer opportunities for students to participate in the Michigan League for Academic Games. Some students prefer the competitive options for academic competition as an alternative to sports programs.
- Curriculum “consultants” Mary Carpenter, Dan Beerens and Roberta Peterson are continuing to help evaluate LCS curriculum needs and to look at the consistency of our program curriculum across grade levels.

Foundation Report

Carol Feuss

All focus and energy is on the upcoming Black and Gold Banquet. Carol reports the tremendous efforts of a large group of volunteers generating a great deal of excitement for the event.

Financial Report

Mary Dunsmore

- 2010 – 11 Re-enrollment update: 421.6 FTEs at the end of the early enrollment period
- Enrollment pattern seems to be consistent with last year’s numbers
- Mary reports that about 30 teachers attended an informational meeting to explain and share information about the current proposed budget for 2010 – 11 including information about proposed program funding, staff salaries and benefits information.
- The overall financial picture for LCS at this time of the year is better than it has been in years past. Cash flow is tight but stable.

6. New Business

The Board reviewed the application request from Cathy Bytwerk to become a community member of the LCS Association. Cathy has provided a signed statement of Faith as required by our Association membership guidelines.

Generally and historically the Board has reviewed the list of community LCS Association members on an annual basis in September of each year. The Board has established general guidelines for Association membership applications and review to avoid any potential interference with controversial elections or proposals at regularly scheduled Association meetings. However, at this time there is not a clearly written policy to guide potential community members on how to submit their applications.

The LCS Board secretary, Shari Nussdorfer, will draft a proposal for clear guidelines to assist potential community Association members in understanding how and when to submit an LCS Association membership request.

MOTION: To accept the request of Cathy Bytwerk as a community member to the LCS Association.

Motion: **PASSED**

Vickie Parmer will notify Cathy of the Board’s decision to welcome her as an LCS community Association member.

7. Adjournment of public Board session: 8:45 pm.

8. Executive Session: Review school issues and personnel items requiring confidential consideration.

For the Record the following action was taken during March Executive Session—

MOTION: To offer to our Superintendent Pam Campbell a renewal of her contract for the 2010-11 year.

Motion: **PASSED**

9. Board Self Monitoring Evaluation

David Chapman

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Nussdorfer, Board Secretary