Regular Meeting

Of the

Board of Education

Community Unit School District No. 20

Lawrence/Crawford Counties, Illinois

*November 15, 2021*

*A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Community Unit School District 20, was held Monday, November 15, 2021 at Lawrenceville High School Cafeteria. President TJ Pargin called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.*

*Members present: Kyle Gray (arrived after roll call at 7:07pm)*

*Dana Goodwin*

*Mike Seitzinger*

*Ron Waldrop*

*Kenny Waller*

*Reese Ivers*

*T.J. Pargin*

*Members absent: None*

*Also present were: Superintendent Mr. Doug Daugherty; Principals Mr. Paul Higginbotham, Mrs. Julie Hayes; Technology Coordinator Mr. Brandon Stewart; a few member of Lawrence CUSD#20 staff; and general public*

***Pledge of Allegiance***

***Agenda***

*A motion made by Mike (Doodle) Seitzinger, seconded by Dana Goodwin to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.*

***Consent Agenda***

*A motion by Kyle Gray, seconded by Mike (Doodle) Seitzinger, to approve the consent agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.*

***Recognition and Comments of Employees and General Public***

Curt Benson from Kemper CPA presented the audit report with copies available for anyone to read. Please find copy of report with monthly board packet.

***Correspondence***

*None*

***Old Business of the Board of Education***

*None*

***New Business of the Board of Education***

***Administrative Reports***

***Parkside report presented by Principal Julie Hayes -***

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**Greg Wood, Assistant Principal**

**Laura Zehner, Dean of Students**

TO:  CUSD #20 Board of Education, Doug Daugherty Superintendent

FROM: Julie Hayes, Principal

RE: November 2021 Board Notes

* October students of the month include the following:  Edwin Ferguson (k),

Abel Parsons(1st), Emery Zehner (2nd), Hoyt May (3rd), Julian Petties (4th), Matthew Ramirez (5th).

* This month Parkside celebrates Habit #3, “Put First Things First- Work first, then play.”

* On November 3rd, Olympiad Coach Gray took fourth-graders Paxton Gher, Evelyn Padgett, Cameron Sanders, and Sarah Ruppell to the Regional Competition.  The team finished second!   Also,  fifth-graders Justin Herron, Adalynn Cunningham, Corbin Williams, and Brina Opat came in eleventh place.  Coach Gray said that both teams worked well together.

* Student Lighthouse interviews have been conducted. The Shared Leadership Action Team will announce those making the team on Friday, November 12th.

* Students will participate in “Jump Rope for Heart” the week of November 8th and November 15th in p.e. class with Mr. Williams.

* November 10th- Fourth Grade’s recording of Veterans Day was made available for both the school and the public. Thank you to Mrs. Mendenhall for her hard work.

* November 11th- Veterans Day- No School

* November 17th- Midterm

* November 23rd- 2hour early dismissal for school improvement

* November 24th-26th will be Thanksgiving break.

***Parkview report presented by Interim Principal Brittany Boldt***

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Parkview November Board of Education Report

1. Enrollment/Grade Updates
   1. 6th Grade
      1. 75 students enrolled
      2. 17 students failing one or more classes as of 11/4/2021
   2. 7th Grade
      1. 82 students enrolled
      2. 9 students failing one or more classes as of 11/4/2021
   3. 8th Grade
      1. 79 students enrolled
      2. 16 students failing one or more classes as of 11/4/2021
   4. Withdrawals
      1. From October 1-November 3
         1. 8 student withdrawals
2. Accommodating the Sub Shortage
   1. Internal Subs from October 15 - November 4
      1. 17 Parkview teachers have stepped up to help the school and students out when needed. Our students benefit greatly from these individuals’ time. A huge thank you to the teachers for giving up their time and to the board for supporting the extra payment for these teachers. This really is a win-win for students and staff.
   2. Paraprofessional Sub Needs Remedied
      1. We will be utilizing Sandy Warren in the mornings at Parkview if a paraprofessional is needed. Ms. Warren has every morning free to be of assistance where needed due to RTI not beginning until 11:45.
3. Parkview News
   1. Parkview held a book fair in the library the week of October 18 through October 22. Ms. Adams did an amazing job at stepping into this situation and making it a success for our students, our school, and our staff. The book fair was open for browsing Monday, and open for sales Tuesday through Thursday. Ms. Adams sold $2,183.02 worth of items, including tax, and received Scholastic Dollars in return, which were used to purchase 50 books from the fair. I’d like to say thank you to Ms. Adams for everything she did and thank you to the parents and students for supporting the book fair.
   2. 42 LHS FCA members visited Parkview on Thursday, October 26 for as a Service Day. The goal for the FCA members was to interact with our Parkview students, serve as positive role models, and get to know our students. FCA members had activities planned and worked with our students during their assigned PE class. We’d like to thank Mrs. Kiser and the FCA students who participated in this service day. Parkview students commented how fun the day was
   3. Boiler was fixed on November 3. Staff took part in a few fun days of dress that week to alleviate the cold. Thank you to everyone for working together to get through a chilly situation.
   4. The Parkview Beta Club conducted its annual canned food drive Nov. 1-5. The club collected 743 food items, which will be donated to the Sign of the Kingdom to help local families in need. First hour classes were competing to see which class could bring in the most food items for the week. Mrs. Young’s first hour class won the competition by bringing in 336 non-perishable food items. Other top finishers included: 2nd place - Mr. Joergen’s class with 120 items, 3rd place - Mrs. Holmes’ class with 102 items. As winner of the week-long competition, Mrs. Young’s class received doughnuts for breakfast on Friday, Nov. 12. Chrystal Holmes is the sponsor of the Parkview Beta Club.
   5. The 6th grade team, Elliott Gerritsen, Sophie Snyder, Daegan Phelps, and Macy Root competed in the Olympiad (took the place of Team Quest).  They did not place in the top three, but worked well together and enjoyed the competition.  A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Seed for chaperoning and encouraging our students during the competitions.
   6. The 6th grade science classes assembled the Garden Tower aeroponics system (which was purchased via grant money) last week and will begin the process of starting seedlings soon.  Once the seedlings reach a certain level of growth, they will be placed in the system. Mrs. Seed is showcasing the progress on her class Facebook page.
   7. 7th Grade Science students have started using our new CreatorBots. Students built their robots and are now coding them through either block coding or text based coding.
   8. On November 6, the 8th Grade boys’ basketball team finished 3rd in the Olney Invitational.
   9. Corbyn Patterson and Brayden Morrison were the two students whose essays were chosen to be read at the Veteran’s Day program. Allie Lawson’s essay was chosen to be published in the program.
   10. Veteran’s Day program occurred on Wednesday, November 10th. This year we had the band, choir, and BETA members involved in the program. We also had two Parkview students read essays. Ms. Mendenhall sang God Bless American and last, we utilized Mr. Lance Boldt from LHS as the 2019 Illinois Historical Society’s Teacher of the Year from ISBE as our guest speaker honoring our local veterans. We also said a big thanks to not only honored our local veterans but our very own Mr. Reider and Mr. Large as Parkview Honorary Veterans.
   11. As of 11/9/2021, 12,967 brave bucks have been rewarded to Parkview students for positive behaviors.
   12. Today Parkview students were involved in an assembly, “Empowering Students,” presented by Fabian Ramirez. Mr. Ramirez addressed the student body about bullying and racism within our schools and our community.
4. Parkview Discipline Updates
   1. Mr. Reider has implemented a new policy beginning the week of November 1. Teachers were not required to call parents/guardians when logging behavioral logs in TeacherEase or when a student was being referred to the office. After discussion with Mr. Reider, we agreed this was not best practice with discipline for families and students. Mr. Reider and I agreed parents should be notified when there is an issue in the classroom. Therefore, teachers are to make contact by phone or email when writing a behavioral log or a discipline referral. They are required to log contact made.
   2. Vaping
      1. 9 Parkview students have been caught vaping at Parkview this year. Mr. Reider and myself are working on revising the handbook to address this situation. Mr. Reider, Mrs. Hoke, and myself are currently working on an all-school assembly focused around vaping.

1. 10/15 through 11/4 – 8 referrals
   1. 2 out of school suspensions
      1. 3 days and 6 days
   2. 7 after school detentions
      1. Each one day only
   3. 1 bus suspension
      1. 5 days
2. Parkview Curriculum Updates
   1. Begin to develop School Improvement Plan based upon district goals.
   2. Alignment for Science curriculum. Science department hopes to pilot a program through FOSS curriculum 6-8 grade second semester. Goal is to revisit the curriculum after spring break to develop plan for 2022-2023 school year.
   3. Conversations have begun with each building regarding GoMath. Parkview and LHS math teachers are not in support of GoMath. In January, Parkview math department will begin to examine what is working and what is not working. This will drive the curriculum development within math at Parkview.
   4. Departmental curriculum development to begin in January.
   5. Mr. Reider organized and implemented an after school tutoring program for Parkview students. This initiative began on November 2. We are averaging 50% of the students we reached out to who were failing.
3. Upcoming Events
   1. November 15 – girls play at Palestine
   2. November 16 – girls play at Flora
   3. November 16 – boys play Mt. Carmel at home
   4. November 18 – girls play at home for 8th grade night against South Knox
   5. November 18 – boys play at Martinsville
   6. November 22 – boys play at Red Hill
   7. November 30 – boys play at Oblong
   8. Volleyball tryouts are November 29 and official practices begin that week.
4. Staffing Concerns/Needs
   1. 8th Grade Writing position will be vacant at the end of the semester.
5. Building Needs/Conditions
   1. Boiler was fixed on November 3. Huge thanks to Alan for working hard to get the part fixed and heat to return to our building.
   2. Flatrock telephone company will be coming in to fix five phones.
   3. Upgraded security system – added five new cameras – and upgraded our capabilities for storing data (we doubled our time where we could save videos).

***LHS report presented by Principal Paul Higgenbotham***

LHS administrative report

* LHS celebrated Red Ribbon week October 18th-22nd. Students participated in dress up days and a food drive.
* Congratulations to the LHS football team on their playoff season. Indians bowed out of the playoffs with a loss to a very good Johnston City squad.
* LHS Winter sports teams have started practice.
* On November 5th, LHS hosted a career/college day. Over 30 local businesses and colleges participated. I would like to thank Ladell Stewart for all of her hard work in preparing her final career/college day.
* On November 10th, LHS hosted a Veterans Day program for local veterans.
* On November 10th, the LHS band held their annual chili supper.
* On November 16th, the LHS freshman class is hosting a trivia night at 6:30 p.m. in the LHS cafeteria.
* On December 4th, LHS wrestling will host their annual Lawrence County Wrestling tournament.
* On Tuesday December 7th, the LHS Band and Choir will host their Christmas Program in the LHS Auditorium. 5th grade through 12th grade will participate.
* Semester Exams will be December 20th and 21st.
* LHS Choir had 8 students audition virtually for the ILMEA District 5 Festival. All 8 students were selected for the Senior chorus at the district festival. All 8 students have an opportunity to be selected for All State Honor or Concert Choir. This information will not be available until December.
* Band and Choir Christmas Concert is Dec. 7th at 7:30 p.m.

**Superintendent**

-All building have heat now and adjustments have been made in each building as needed.

***Action Items***

1. *Consideration and approval of the CUSD#20 Library Collection Management Policy*

*-Emily Adams presented a policy she put together of the books that are selected for Parkview. She stated a policy should have been in place already and had not been. She wanted to make sure parents, students, and the community understood how books were selected. She did put stickers with lets MA that had certain material that she felt needed to be marked.*

*A motion made by TJ Pargin, with a second by Dana Goodwin was made to accept; roll call was taken and all members voted aye. Motion carried.*

1. *Consideration and approval of annual school audit*

*A motion made by Mike Seitzinger, with a second by Kenny Waller to accept the annual school audit; roll call was taken and all members voted aye. Motion carried.*

1. *Consideration and approval to Adopt the Tentative Tax Levy*

*A motion made by Mike Seitzinger, with a second by Kyle Gray to accept the Tentative Tax Levy; roll call was taken and all members voted aye. Motion carried.*

***Executive Session***

A motion by Kenny Waller, second by Dana Goodwin, to go into executive session at 7:31pm to discuss personnel matters, employment of personnel, and approval to post positions as per 5ILCS 120/2 of the Illinois School Code. Roll call vote: K. Gray, aye; D. Goodwin, aye; T. Pargin, aye; M. Seitzinger, aye; R. Ivers, aye; R. Waldrop, aye; K. Waller, aye. Motion carried and the board went into Executive Session at 7:31pm.

***AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION…***

A motion by Ron Waldrop, seconded by Dana Goodwin, to reconvene to open session.  All members present voted aye, and the meeting reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

A motion by Mike Seitzinger, seconded by Kyle Gray, to approve the resignations of Jeff Perry, Junior High Girls’ basketball coach.   Roll call vote: Goodwin, aye; Gray, aye; Ivers, aye; Pargin, aye; Seitzinger, aye; Waldrop, aye; Waller, aye.  Motion carried

A motion by Mike Seitzinger, seconded by Ron Waldrop, to approve the separation agreement with Parkview Principal Amber Ochs, effective immediately.  Roll call vote: Goodwin, aye; Gray, aye; Ivers, no; Pargin, aye; Seitzinger, aye; Waldrop, aye; Waller, aye.  Motion carried

A motion by TJ Pargin, seconded by Kyle Gray, to approve the employment of Lyndel Fox as LHS custodian.  Roll call vote: Goodwin, aye; Gray, aye; Ivers, aye; Pargin, aye; Seitzinger, aye; Waldrop, aye; Waller, aye.  Motion carried

  A motion by Ron Waldrop, seconded by Kyle Gray, to approve the employment of Brittany Boldt as Parkview Interim Principal. Roll call vote: Goodwin, aye; Gray, aye; Ivers, aye; Pargin, aye; Seitzinger, aye; Waldrop, aye; Waller, aye.  Motion carried

A motion by Dana Goodwin, seconded by TJ Pargin, to approve the employment of Linda Phillippe as Parkside librarian. Roll call vote: Goodwin, aye; Gray, aye; Ivers, aye; Pargin, aye; Seitzinger, aye; Waldrop, aye; Waller, aye.  Motion carried

  A motion by Ron Waldrop, seconded by TJ Pargin, to approve the posting of Parkside cook.  Roll call vote: Goodwin, aye; Gray, aye; Ivers, aye; Pargin, aye; Seitzinger, aye; Waldrop, aye; Waller, aye.  Motion carried

A motion by TJ Pargin, seconded by Kenny Waller, to adjourn.  All members present voted aye.  Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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