The Board of Education of the Loraine Independent School District met in Regular Session on February 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Loraine Public School.

MINUTES

I. Officers and Members Present:
   Ron Gibson, President
   Frank Garcia, Jr, Vice-President
   Duane Linam, Secretary
   John Chaney
   Joe Lujan

   Members Absent:
   Brian Butler
   Dwayne Smith

II. School Officials Present:
    Dustin Anders, Superintendent
    Mason Kyle, Principal
    Debbie Finley, Business Manager
    Kayla Epperson, Secretary

III. Guests:
    Jacob Popham    See attached list.

IV. Open Forum:
    Christian Sanchez-Davila, representing the Senior Class of 2020, presented plans for the senior trip. The dates of the trip are planned for May 18-21 around the Austin area, pending approval. They will rent a 6 bedroom, 4 bath condo which is located in Austin just a few minutes from downtown for a cost of $1,695.00. Seniors estimate costs of housing ($1,700), gas ($500), food ($1,000) and activities ($2000). An itinerary for the three days was presented with final day estimating time of leaving Austin at 1:15 pm. Nine of twelve seniors and two sponsors (1 female and 1 male) will be going on the trip. Seniors are requesting the use of 2 school suburbs. The three seniors not going on the trip will receive their part of the class funds.

    Coach Popham reported on the beginning of the track season. Junior high had 11 boys and 2 girls to report for practice and high school has 13 boys and 6 girls. Mr. Lujan inquired about offering powerlifting. Coach Popham said that it did coincide with basketball season and most meets happened on the weekend.

V. Principal Report:
   • Attendance report is 94.18% through February 3-24, 2020.
   • A waiver will be filed for January 17 on the low attendance.
   • Enrollment stands at 156.
To increase attendance, a competition among the classes will be held in the 5th six weeks.

Attendance committee has met and students have been identified that need to make up attendance hours. Students have already begun attending Saturday school and after school with Mrs. Anders to make up time.

Results of the benchmark testing show that Loraine ISD is on track to being A B. Intervention plans are being used to address weaknesses.

High school UIL has about 20-25 students involved. One Act Play will compete on March 2 at Westbrook.

VI. Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Anders presented information to the board regarding the Summer Leadership Institute conference scheduled for June 17-20 or June 24-27.
- The plan for the bad weather make up days was presented to the board. Staff will need to make up 2 days for contractual pay to be correct. To ensure that students meet the 75,600 required minutes, students will only make up one day. The adopted calendar showed April 13 and May 18 as bad weather days. The plan will be that April 13 will be a normal school day for students and staff. May 18 will be an In-Service day for staff and no school for students.
- The bond payment of $665,835.01 was made on February 12.
- Graduation date is May 22.
- The district has received a $25,000 Safety Grant. There are specific guidelines to the grant. Considerations to use the money will be to upgrade security cameras, purchase/install bullet proof film for the front glass entrance.
- The district will be having an upcoming Safety Audit. Administrators are walking around the building and checking for locked doors. They are also cautioning staff and students to not allow people into the building from any outside door. All visitors must come through the front entrance and receive a visitor's pass.
- Representatives from Western Bank visited with Mr. Anders and stated that a donation will be made to the district for the football scoreboard.
- Mr. Barrientez has presented a diagram and costs for the soccer goals to be placed on the enclosed area for the elementary students to use.

VII. Action Items:

A motion was made by Mr. Chaney to approve the minutes of January 21, 2020 as printed and Mr. Garcia seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Linam to approve the expenditures and financial statements as presented and Mr. Chaney seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
A motion was made by Mr. Lujan to approve the Senior trip as presented and Mr. Linam seconded. The motion passed with Mr. Garcia, Mr. Linam, Mr. Lujan and Mr. Gibson voting yes and Mr. Chaney abstaining from the vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Linam to approve the renewal of property, liability, auto and Workers Comp insurance with TASB and Mr. Garcia seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Chaney to approve the cancellation of the May 2 School Board Trustee Election and Mr. Garcia seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Linam to accept the donation of $2,339.71 from Loraine Athletic booster Club to Loraine ISD for purpose of contributing towards the football scoreboard and Mr. Garcia seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Exited open session.
Entered into executive session at 7:38 pm.
Exited executive session.
Reconvened into open session at 7:47 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Chaney to extend the Principal's contract one year and 3 months and increase salary by 2.5% and Mr. Garcia seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Garcia to extend the Business Manager's contract for one year and to increase salary by 5% and Mr. Chaney seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Linam to accept the resignation of Cheryl Warren and Mr. Chaney seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Linam to adjourn and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

These minutes are hereby approved as written, any additions, deletions or corrections have been stated and will reflect on next month's items of corrections.

Ron Gibson, President
Duane Linam, Secretary
Loraine ISD
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Please Sign In

Allen Smith

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Tony Williams

Christian Sanchez-Davila

Alexis Lara

Tiffany Rawlins

Ryan Smith