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SMALL TOWN: BIG DATES

- 3-1 State Girls Basketball
- 3-1 Big Kid/Little Kid Day, Grades K - 12
- 3-2 State Girls Basketball
- 3-4 Prom Work Night for Juniors
- 3-5 FFA District Career Development Event #4
- 3-5 Building, Grounds & Transportation Meeting
- 3-6 State Boys Basketball
- 3-6 Preschool Applications Due
- 3-7 State Boys Basketball
- 3-7 Americanism Committee Meeting
- 3-7 Agri Science Field Trip
- 3-8 End of 3rd Quarter
- 3-8 State Boys Basketball
- 3-9 State Boys Basketball
- 3-11 Prom Work Night for Juniors
- 3-11 School Board Meeting
- 3-12 Grade 2nd & 3rd Field Trip
- 3-12 District Speech
- 3-12 High School Quiz Bowl
- 3-14 No School - Spring Break
- 3-15 No School - Spring Break
- 3-16 Wrestling Tournament
- 3-18 School Nurse Visit
- 3-18 High School Quiz Bowl
- 3-18 Prom Work Night for Juniors
- 3-20 Junior High Quiz Bowl
- 3-20 FKC Music Contest
- 3-20 Elementary Quiz Bowl
- 3-21 High School Quiz Bowl
- 3-21 Golf @ Overton
- 3-22 State Speech
- 3-22 Track @ Wilcox
- 3-24 Baseball/Softball Fundraiser
- 3-25 Grade 5th & 6th Volleyball Practice
- 3-25 Prom Work Night for Juniors at the Balcony
- 3-25 FFA Meeting
- 3-26 Juniors take ACT
- 3-26 Prom Work Night for Juniors at the Balcony
- 3-27 Grade 5th & 6th Volleyball Practice
- 3-27 Prom Work Night for Juniors at the Balcony
- 3-28 Track @ Elwood
- 3-28 Prom Work Night for Juniors at the Balcony
- 3-29 No School - Good Friday
- 3-30 Community Club Easter Egg Hunt
- 3-31 Easter

Straight from the Wolf's Den

Sam Dunn



Warm weather is upon us! Don't be fooled! We live in Nebraska and as we know things can and do change rapidly. March also brings testing time for our students, NSCAS and ACT. Quality sleep and good nutrition play a huge part in student success in school.

The spring also brings concerns of severe weather across Nebraska. Loomis Public School will practice our tornado drill in accordance to the state-wide Severe Weather Awareness Day at 10:00 a.m. on March 27th.

Our spring break hit in the middle of March this year and I hope all were able to relax and regenerate for the push to the end of the school year on May 16th. The next two months will be extremely busy as we attempt to get all loose ends tied up before the end. Graduations, promotions, concert, prom and the awards banquet share the spring calendar dates with golf and track meets.

Best of luck to all test takers in the coming months as well as to all participants in our spring activity season. The student athletes and coaches work hard to make Loomis proud.



The Head Honcho's Highlight Reel

Nate Weaver

Hello Wolves!

March is here! I am hoping that temperatures start to climb and that we get rid of the cold. We need rain and sun to make things green and beautiful for the spring.

I would like to thank the patrons, alumni and fans that followed Loomis during the winter activities season. The number of supporters was impressive. This speaks volumes for the quality school support that this district continues to have! Our students do not understand how lucky they are to have such a supporting fan base. This also gives them an excellent experience. I look forward to seeing our students compete in the spring. It is always valuable to their experience to have strong supporters!

It is out that I will be moving across the hall to the Superintendent's office effective July 1 st . I look forward to the challenges and helping this district continue to grow. I have always believed that this district is special and offers students so many different opportunities that may not be available in other places. We have a warm, caring staff and great students that make this district a wonderful place for education. I am honored to be able to continue being a part to the student's journey and the staff's experience and growth.

NSCAS and MAPS are up next with testing being done in April. We will also have track, golf and Quiz Bowl going on in the month of April. This makes time fly by quickly. While the Spring season isn't long, it does jam pack many things in a short period of time. With Maps and state testing right around the corner, please, make sure your students are getting sufficient sleep, and are rested up. While you may hear some moans and groans from your students, it is important and has been an area that LPS has done well.

*Have a wonderful month!
Go Wolves!*



HELLO
SPRING



Counselor's Corner

Dana Meyer

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we end the month of March. As we transition into spring, there are several important updates and reminders I would like to share with you.

Completing Local Scholarships for Seniors

Attention all Seniors!!! Now is the time to prioritize the completion of your applications for local scholarships. These scholarships offer invaluable financial support for your continued education, and I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities. Remember, deadlines are approaching fast, so don't delay!!

Upcoming National Honor Society Applications

For those students who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, leadership, service, and character, we invite you to consider applying for membership in the National Honor Society. Applications will be available in April, and details on eligibility criteria and application procedures will be provided. Stay tuned for further announcements and prepare to showcase your achievements!

ACT Test for Juniors

The juniors are scheduled to take the ACT test on March 26th. This standardized test is an essential component of the college admissions process, and I encourage all juniors to prepare diligently. Remember to arrive well-rested and prepared on the day of the exam, and don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I will be providing breakfast and lunch on the day of the test.

2024 COMMUNITY PANCAKE FEED

Sunday, March 24th



Loomis School



4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

BINGO, PANCAKE FEED & REGISTRATION NIGHT



KINDERGARTEN-8TH GRADE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Board Meeting Notes

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Loomis School, Media Center, Rm 117
101 Bryan St
Loomis, NE 68958-0250

Monday, March 11, 2024 7:30 PM

Holdrege Daily Citizen Posted Date: 3-4-2024

Loomis Post Office, Loomis Village Office, Loomis Public School Posted Date: 2-26-2024

Kelly Anderson: Present, Allan Meyer: Present, Duane Schoff: Present, Scott Schukar: Present, Mike Szekely: Present, Luke Thorell: Present.

1. Call to Order

Motion to approve the meeting open and properly posted by advanced notice. Passed with a motion by Scott Schukar and a second by Duane Schoff.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen, the School District's designated method for giving notice, and posting at the Loomis Public Schools, Loomis Village Office and Loomis Post Office, a copy of the Affidavit of Publication being attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education, and a copy of their Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the members of this meeting. The President publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. All proceedings of the Board were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

2. Welcome Guests

3. Approval of Absent Board Members

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the bills, and authorize the Board President and Treasurer to sign and validate all the checks and warrants as presented Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Kelly Anderson.

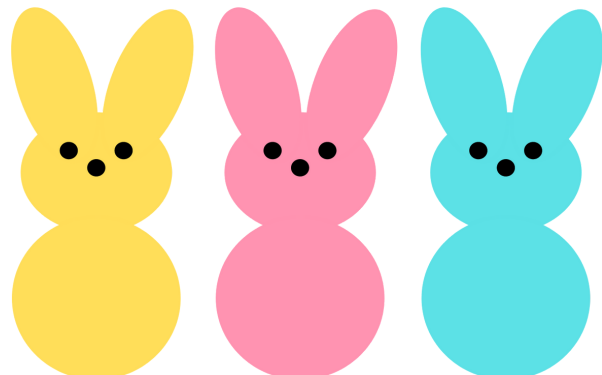
Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Reviewed the Bill Roster.

4.1. Agenda

4.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

4.3. Bill Roster



4.4. Financial Reports

4.4.1. General Fund Receipts \$416,506.29, expenses \$366,221.89, balance \$1,291,764.31

4.4.2. Investment Fund

Depreciation: Receipts \$161.87, expenses \$3,779.50, balance \$1,068,452.03

Bond: Receipts \$12,116.88, expenses \$0, balance \$219,689.51

4.4.3. Activities Fund Receipts \$37,828.71, expenses \$24,808.04, balance \$164,350.15

4.4.4. Nutrition Fund Receipts \$20,279.70, expenses \$20,293.36, balance \$94,986.80

4.4.5. Building Fund Receipts \$2,692.99, expenses \$0, balance \$106,229.10

5. Introduction of Speakers

6. Board Committee Reports

6.1. Negotiations

6.1.1. Attached Negotiations information

6.2. Americanism

6.2.1. Information and Update from Americanism Meeting on 3/7/24. Discussion included the following: 1) Reviewed Social Studies materials , 2) Veterans Day recognition- Presenters include; Jason Skallberg, or Casey Schoff, 3) The committee appreciates Mrs. Norris and her students providing the National Anthem at home contests and encouraged the music department to reach out and perform and State Competitions. Field trips for our Senior Government Class to included County Government Day, Visit the Unicameral, learning parliamentary procedures by attending Village Board meeting and School Board meetings and research the Army National Guards

6.3. Policy

6.3.1. Next Meeting April 4th at 7:30 am

6.4. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

6.4.1. Update from B/G & T Meeting on 3/5. Concrete area near the ditch will be addressed later this spring, FEMA grant is on hold, and welding plugs will be installed this summer. We are continuing to search for a minivan for a school vehicle, fencing, restroom, concessions and FB lights. I have submitted a grant for the fencing and fb lights. James B. will come bid the restrooms. We have another coming to bid the restrooms. Cody Linear and another person coming to bid on the project. East's plumbing and Sanford and Sons are interested in bidding the project. James will be here next week over spring break to install the band room windows. The shot clocks are on the Action Agenda items.

Sanford and Sons came today to bid restrooms at the football field. Morton bid for electrical work and Holdrege Electric will be coming to look at the project. Cody Linear will also be coming.

6.5. Preschool Advisory

6.5.1. Next Meeting Fall of 2024

20-21 applicants for preschool





7. Administrative Reports

7.1. Principal

7.1.1. Principal Notes 1) Potential Band Trip, 2) Kindergarten Round Up, 3) Big Kid- Little Kid, 4) Mental Health Speaker, 5) Curriculum, 6) Bus Update

Beginning to plan a music trip to Denver. We will possibly have 25-28 kindergarten students for 2024-2025 with only 2 that do not have siblings attending Loomis. Kearney Public may have a training session for Eureka Squared math curriculum. 40 students out for track, they will not all be able to attend meets. 4 people interested in becoming bus drivers.

7.2. Superintendent

7.2.1. Superintendent's Notes: 1) Non- Certified Wages, 2) Spring Break March 14 & 15, 3) Baseball/Softball Pancake Feed 3/24 3-7:00, 4) State Wide Severe Storm Drill 3/27, 5) EF Church Bus lease

8. Public Forum

Cheryl Orcutt asked what the average certified teacher base salary was, Mr. Dunn responded that in our array it is \$38,730.

9. Recess No recess taken.

10. Action Agenda Items

10.1. Superintendent Contract 2023-2024, Section 14e Vacation Days

The correct maximum vacation days is 15. Passed with a motion by Kelly Anderson and a second by Scott Schukar.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

What is the correct maximum number of vacation days?

10.2. Discuss and take appropriate action for the purchase of shot clocks for the East and West gyms

Motion to purchase the Daktronics System shot clocks for both east and west gyms Passed with a motion by Scott Schukar and a second by Luke Thorell.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

10.3. Discuss and take appropriate action for the purchase of Math Curriculum Eureka Squared for 6-7-8

Motion to approve the purchase of Eureka Squared curriculum for the 6-7-8th grade Passed with a motion by Kelly Anderson and a second by Luke Thorell.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

10.4. Discuss and take appropriate action on salary and wages of non-certified employees

Motion to approve discussed wages and salaries Passed with a motion by Kelly Anderson and a second by Luke Thorell.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Following Closed Session, action was taken on non-certified wages.

10.5. Discuss and take appropriate action on leasing the coach bus to E/F Church and Tom Thompson

Motion to approve leasing the coach bus at the rate of \$300 paid by June 15, 2024 to the E/F Church and driver Tom Thompson Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Kelly Anderson.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

10.6. Discus and take appropriate action on the principals contract for 2024-25

Motion to approve the hiring of Jeff Ellsworth as Principal beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Passed with a motion by Kelly Anderson and a second by Mike Szekely.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Discussion was held concerning some of the specifics of the 2024-2025 Principal's contract as well as the current Superintendent's contract.

11. Closed Session

Motion to enter closed session at 8:28 for the purpose of discussing and taking action on the salary and wages for non-certified employees Passed with a motion by Luke Thorell and a second by Mike Szekely.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Motion to come out of closed session at 9:25 pm Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Kelly Anderson.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

12. Next Meeting DateThe next Regular Meeting will be held April 8, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

12.1. April 8th 2024 at 7:30 pm

13. AdjournmentMeeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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Loomis Public Schools Mission Statement

In partnership with family and community, our mission is to prepare all students to succeed as responsible citizens in a changing world through evolving educational methods.