

**LUDINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION - LUDINGTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**809 E. Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Michigan 49431 – Phone 231-845-7303**

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**Mission:** The Ludington Area Schools, in partnership with the community, will achieve excellence in a positive environment where motivation and quality instruction ensure learning and equip students for success in society.

**MEETING:** Special Meeting  
**DATE:** August 28, 2019  
**TIME:** 7:30 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Ludington Area Schools Administration Office  
809 E. Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Michigan

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL  
☐ Steve Carlson ☐ Bret Autrey ☐ Mike Nagle ☐ Stephanie Reed ☐ Josh Snyder ☐ Leona Ashley ☐ Scott Foster
- II. AGENDA MODIFICATION
- III. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- IV. CLOSED SESSION - REINSTATEMENT HEARING
- V. ACTION ITEMS
  - A. Reinstatement Request 2019-2020-3
  - B. Foster School Dean of Students Non-Union Contract Approval
  - C. OJ DeJonge Middle School At-Risk Interventionist Non-Union Contract Approval
- VI. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

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# Memorandum - Office of the Superintendent

**FROM:** Jason Kennedy, Superintendent

**RE:** Special Meeting ~ Agenda Notes

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## Special Meeting

### **Closed Session - Reinstatement Hearing**

We will have a closed session hearing for a student reinstatement request. The student was expelled from the District last year, per state mandated guidelines for student discipline. State law requires that at least a committee meets to review the reinstatement within 10 days of the request. As a result, we will need to schedule a special meeting to do so, as our next board meeting is outside of the 10 day window. Any action will be in open session.

### **Action Items**

#### **Foster School Dean of Students Contract Approval**

I will have a recommendation to hire Tim Hansen to serve Foster School as Dean of Students for the 2019-2020 school year. Tim is currently the Dean of Students at Spitler Elementary in Hart, and is a graduate of Ludington Area Schools. Tim has children in the District, and has worked with many of our kids as a coach of youth sports in Ludington.

Tim received his Bachelor of Arts degree in physical education from Calvin College. He later went on to receive his Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration from Central Michigan University. Tim proved to the interview team that he had the knowledge and the experience to start without hesitation with a week to go before school starts. Tim is well versed in researched-based PBIS initiatives, experienced in writing behavior intervention plans (BIP) and functional behavior assessments (FBA), and he has attended the trauma training at the ESD. He is also very knowledgeable on state-mandated restorative practices. Tim will be a great addition to the team!

#### **OJ DeJonge Middle School At-Risk Interventionist Contract Approval**

I will have a recommendation to hire Matt McDonald to serve OJ DeJonge Middle School as an At-Risk Interventionist for the 2019-2020 school year. Matt will support the middle school in much the same manner that Mark Boon supports the high school. This position will be funded by Section 31a, at-risk dollars. To ensure that an equitable allocation of resources was distributed amongst each of our buildings, the District needed to increase its at-risk spending at the middle school by approximately \$30,000.

Matt is retired, most recently as the high school principal from Hart Public Schools, but also spent time as an assistant principal and athletic director in Hart. Prior to that, Matt had a very successful career with McBain Public Schools, Byron Center Public Schools, and Orchard View Public Schools. Matt has a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Athletic Administration from Central Michigan University. Matt has been a very successful athletic coach, having won multiple state championships in football. He also played Division I baseball at Central Michigan University (CMU) and has served as a coach on the baseball staff at CMU. Matt's experience in building relationships, while focusing on high expectations, will assist him in his role of supporting student behavior at our middle school.