

Ludington Board of Education  
Public Meeting Notice

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Mission: The Ludington Area School District, in partnership with parents and community, will educate and empower students to adapt and succeed in their future.

Finance Committee Meeting

Date: June 22, 2018

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Ludington Area School District Administration Office  
809 East Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Michigan

- 1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL  
 Kelly Thomsen    Steve Carlson    Bret Autrey
- 2) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- 3) AGENDA MODIFICATION
- 4) DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - a) Contract Negotiations - LESPA Tentative Agreement
  - b) Contract Negotiations - LEA Verbal Agreement
  - c) Curriculum Director's Position
  - d) 2018 - 2019 Fiscal Year Budget
  - e) New General Fund Interest Bearing Savings Account
  - f) Updated Pro Forma Financial Data / Capital Improvement Funding Options
    - i. Additional Facilities Update Scenario
    - ii. Community Forum on Facilities: June 27, 2018 at 6:30 PM - Foster
- 5) OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 6) ADJOURNMENT

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## **Memorandum - Office of the Superintendent**

**TO:** Board of Education ☐  
**FROM:** Jason Kennedy, Superintendent  
**RE:** Finance Committee Meeting ~ Agenda Notes

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### **Contract Negotiations - LEA / LESPA Agreements**

We will discuss the tentative agreement between the Board and the LESPA group, and will include this as an action item to approve the contract at our Board meeting on Monday. Details of the Agreement will be presented at the committee meeting.

We will also discuss the verbal agreement between the Board and the LEA group. We are optimistic that we will finalize the Tentative Agreement with the LEA at noon on Friday following our committee meetings. Should we reach agreement, I would like to propose a special meeting to approve the contract so that we do not have to wait until July to approve it. The LEA has a wait period of three business days before their membership can ratify the contract, which is necessary before the Board votes to approve. This is why we would not be able to approve the LEA contract on Monday should we reach a Tentative Agreement on Friday with the LEA.

### **Curriculum Director's Position**

Two budget scenarios will be presented to the Board pertaining to this position. While both scenarios will present a budget that results in a surplus for next school year, they also relate directly to the final compensation that we will be able to offer to the bargaining groups. We will discuss these scenarios and a recommendation will be presented to the committee.

### **2018 - 2019 Fiscal Year Budget**

Bruce will present the 2018 - 2019 fiscal year budget to the committee and to the Board at our regular meeting on June 25th as a part of the required budget hearing. Again, while the final budget will be based upon decisions made regarding the curriculum director's position, all scenarios that we will present to the Board will result in a surplus budget for next year.

### **New General Fund Interest Bearing Savings Account**

Bruce will discuss the opening of a new interest bearing savings account through West Shore Bank that will allow us to capture a greater interest rate on the money that we have in our general fund sweep account. The General Fund Checking Account is attached to a sweep account, which is currently paying 0.25% interest. We can add a public funds managed

checking account; which currently would pay as high as 3.0%. We would move money over to the regular general fund checking on a monthly basis. The current checking account would be used as it is today; the only change would be that excess funds would be invested at a higher rate.

**Updated Pro Forma Financial Data / Capital Improvement Funding Options**

An updated series of data will be discussed with the committee from Umbaugh and Associates (Public Finance Management Company) regarding an analysis of any potential bond that the Board may consider for capital improvements in the future. As a result of the taxable value growth rate for the most recent year being finalized, a 1.5 mil increase will now generate \$100 million, as opposed to \$96 million as previously presented. We will also discuss additional scenarios that have been developed by GMB and Christman.

**Community Forum on Facilities: June 27, 2018 at 6:30 PM - Foster Elementary**

The next community forum to discuss the facilities assessment and additional scenarios being developed with the community will take place on June 27, 2018 at 6:30 PM at Foster Elementary School. This has already appeared in the Ludington Daily News.