

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.

Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting

Date: November 11, 2020

Time: 7:00 a.m.

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

- 1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
 Stephanie Reed Mike Nagle Leona Ashley
- 2) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- 3) AGENDA MODIFICATION
 - a) Planning for Retirement of Food Service Director
 - b) Retirement Notification Received: Jennie Vandervest
- 4) MEETING PARTICIPANT CONTROLS
- 5) DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a) First Reading - NEOLA Special Policy Update: EDGAR Revisions
 - b) First Reading - Social Media Policy Update
 - c) Update on Extended COVID-19 Continuity of Learning Plan
 - d) Thrun Law Firm - Review of School Law Notes
 - e) Updates from other committees
- 6) OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 7) ADJOURNMENT

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Memorandum - Office of the Superintendent

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Jason Kennedy, Superintendent
RE: Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting ~ Agenda Notes

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Review Board Policy 0167.3: Public Participation at Board Meetings

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on District matters.

To permit fair and orderly public expression, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every regular meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings. The rules shall be administered and enforced by the presiding officer of the meeting.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business, or at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- B. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- C. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration.
- D. No participant may speak more than once.
- E. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.
- F. The presiding officer may:
 1. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
 2. request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 3. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
 4. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
 5. waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.
- G. The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes, but the timeframe will be extended, if necessary, so that no one's right to address the Board will be denied.

- H. Tape or video recordings are permitted. The person operating the recorder should contact the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting to review possible placement of the equipment, and agrees to abide by the following conditions:
 - 1. No obstructions are created between the Board and the audience.
 - 2. No interviews are conducted in the meeting room while the Board is in session.
 - 3. No commentary, adjustment of equipment, or positioning of operators is made that would distract either the Board or members of the audience while the Board is in session.
- I. Each Board agenda will include the following statement, "Public participation shall be permitted only as indicated on the order of business."

Revised: January 21, 2019

Legal: M.C.L.A. 15.263(4)(5)(6), 380.1808

AGENDA MODIFICATION

Planning for Retirement of Food Service Director

We have received the retirement notice for Donna Garrow, the District's Food Service Director, effective at the end of December 2020. We will discuss options for replacing this position

Retirement Notification Received: Jennie Vandervest

The District has received notification that high school secretary, Jennie Vandervest, will be retiring effective March 5, 2020.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

First Reading - NEOLA Special Policy Update: EDGAR Revisions

In December 2014, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) released the newly updated Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR). This major rewrite of the regulations was issued after nearly 40 years of very little change in the compliance measures that federally funded programs must meet. The regulations covered the application process, financial management, procurement, inventory management, time and effort accountability, cost allowability, record retention, and program oversight.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has now revised sections of OMB Guidance for Grants and Agreements, also known as Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG). Proposed changes to 2 C.F.R Part 200 were published in the Federal Register in January 2020, comments closed on March 23, 2020, and Final Revisions were published in August 2020. Despite the intervening pandemic, OMB released its final revisions to the Uniform Grants Guidance (2 CFR Part 200) on schedule. The revisions continue the OMB's push for results-oriented accountability for grants, significantly rewrite the sections on procurement, and attempt to clarify prior requirements, including provisions related to the period of performance and indirect costs. NEOLA released the special policy update for schools on October 27, 2020, as the revised rules take effect on November 12, 2020.

These revisions reflect changes outlined in the President's Management Agenda (PMA). This guidance is intended to focus on improved stewardship and ensuring that the American people are receiving value for funds spent on grant programs. The revisions are limited in scope to support implementation of statutory requirements, alignment of these provisions with other Federal requirements, and clarification of existing requirements to minimize risk in financial transactions.

These new regulations will require some revision to current policies. Neola has conducted a thorough review of policy and administrative guidelines templates and has provided appropriate revisions and additions in this special update to ensure that the District meets the compliance standards put forth by EDGAR. Policy documents in this special update have been reviewed by Brustein & Manasevit, PLLC Attorneys at Law and by Varnum LLP for consistency with Federal and State law, respectively.

The special update includes revisions to the following District policies:

- Policy 6114 - Cost Principles - Spending Federal Funds (Revised)
- Policy 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)

First Reading - Social Media Policy Update

We will review a first reading of a draft social media policy that has been developed by Thrun Law and enacted by many school districts throughout the State.

Update on Extended COVID-19 Continuity of Learning Plan

On August 20, 2020, Governor Whitmer signed House Bill 5913 into law as Public Act 149. Section 98a states that in order to receive state aid for 2020-2021, districts must provide for instruction under an extended COVID-19 Learning Plan ("Plan") that has been approved by an intermediate district or authorizing body. The Plan does not replace the District's/PSA's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, it is an additional plan that includes new assurances and sections on educational goals, instructional delivery, grading, and equitable access.

Section 98a(1)(c) states, "Thirty days after the approval of the plan under subsection (2), and every 30 days thereafter, the district must, at a meeting of the board or board of directors, as applicable, of the district, reconfirm how instruction is going to be delivered during the 2020-2021 school year. Public comment must be solicited from the parents or legal guardians of the pupils enrolled in the district during a meeting described in this subdivision." Section 98a(1)(i) states, "The district shall publicly announce its weekly interaction rates under this subdivision at each reconfirmation meeting described in subdivision (c) and make those rates accessible through the transparency reporting link located on the district's website each month."

We will review the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan Reconfirmation Meeting template and reconfirm how instruction is going to be delivered during the 2020-2021 school year, accept public comment during the meeting from parents and/or guardians on the Extended Learning Plan, and review weekly 2-way interaction rates. We will also discuss any changes to the plan. We will also

complete each of these tasks at the Board meeting on Monday so that the Board can reconfirm the District's Extended Continuity of Learning Plan.

Thrun Law Firm - Review of School Law Notes

We will discuss the most recent school law notes with the committee. This will provide the committee with the most recent developments in school law with regard to policy development.

Updates from Other Committees

We will review updates from each of the other committees in preparation for the Board meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020.