

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: October 13, 2017

Time: 7:30 a.m.

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

- 1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL  
 Mike Nagle    Stephanie Reed    Josh Snyder
- 2) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- 3) AGENDA MODIFICATION
- 4) DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - a) Request for Leave of Absence - Scott Preston
  - b) JV Basketball Coaching Recommendation
  - c) MASB Board of Education Governance Standards
  - d) Timeline for next NEOLA Policy Update - Volume 32, Number 1
  - e) Thrun Law Firm - Review of School Law Notes
- 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:** Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting ~ Agenda Notes

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### **Request for Leave of Absence**

We will review a request for a leave of absence from Scott Preston. Scott's father recently passed away, and his mother had an accident in Florida resulting in her breaking her hip. Scott will need to leave the state and care for his mother in Florida while she recovers. Scott is requesting a leave of absence from October 4, 2017 through December 19, 2017. This does not require approval of the Board of Education; however, I wanted you to be aware of this request.

### **JV Basketball Coaching Recommendation**

We will review the following recommendation from Head Boy's Basketball Coach Thad Shank:

"As the head boys basketball coach, I'd like to hire Dan Mesyar for the JV Boys coaching position. He is the very best option in the scenario we are in. He's been an assistant coach in our program for close to 15 years, he understands our system of play, and he has a great handle on our culture/purpose. There is no doubt in my mind that he's the most qualified candidate. The only other candidate on the list that has recent coaching experience near the JV level is Jason Porter (he'd be my second choice). The issue with Jason is that if he'd interview and accept the position, the girl's program would be losing its JV coach, and they'd be in a similar position that we are in.

I recognize this is not the ideal scenario, that Dan is a parent to one of the prospective JV players, and that he has an important job to do as one of the leaders in the high school. I trust Dan can make this work, and I believe with all my heart that he's the best option for the underclassmen of our program - the best scenario for our kids! I'd very much like to hire him for this position and interview the remaining candidates for the freshmen position. I appreciate you considering this."

We have provided a list of all of the applicants for the basketball coaching positions in the district below for your reference. As discussed, the district took additional time, placed ads in the Ludington Daily News, and this is the applicant pool that we have received.

Danny Dotson (Freshmen boys)

Jamie Sikon (All)

Sara Jeruzal, Kate Chaney (Freshmen Girls)

Dave Wright (JV or Freshmen Boys)

Jason Porter (JV Boys)

Adam and Les Johnson - (Freshmen boys)

Zachary Gerovac (Freshmen Boys)

### **MASB Board of Education Governance Standards**

The Michigan Association of Schools Boards (MASB) has adopted governance standards that the Association has asked local school boards to consider adopting. These standards outline the Association's guiding principles of the Board of Education, along with the guiding principles of the individual school board member. We will review these as the policy committee and determine next steps.

### **Timeline for next NEOLA Policy Update - Volume 32, Number 1**

Darlene Dongvillo, NEOLA Policy Representative, will be meeting with Jason on October 26, 2017. Darlene will review the policy changes in the next updated volume of policy revisions, and will provide guidance to the district on these changes. These changes will then be brought to the November policy committee meeting, and then to the full Board of Education for first and second reading review and approval.

### **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.