

Ludington Area Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes January 15, 2024

This is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

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

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call ~ The meeting was held in the Ludington Area Schools Administration Office, 809 East Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Michigan, 49431. The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairperson, Superintendent Dr. Kyle Corlett at six o'clock p.m.
Members Present: Dr. Bret Autrey, Mike Nagle, Stephanie Reed, Leona Ashley, Scott Foster, Sarah Lowman. Members Absent: Steve Carlson
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Election of Board President - Member Nagle nominated Dr. Bret Autrey for Board President. No other nominations were heard. Motion by Nagle, supported by Reed, to close nominations and elect Dr. Bret Autrey for Board President. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Foster, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0. Chairperson Corlett declared Dr. Bret Autrey President of the Board and the President assumed the chair.
- IV. Election of Vice President - Member Reed nominated Steve Carlson for Board Vice President. No other nominations were heard. Motion by Member Reed, supported by Member Nagle, to close nominations and elect Steve Carlson for Vice President. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Foster, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0. The President declared Steve Carlson Vice President of the Board.
- V. Election of Secretary - Member Ashley nominated Mike Nagle for Board Secretary. No other nominations were heard. Motion by Ashley, supported by Foster, to close nominations and elect Mike Nagle for Board Secretary. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Foster, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0. The President declared Mike Nagle Secretary of the Board.
- VI. Election of Treasurer - Member Foster nominated Stephanie Reed for Board Treasurer. No other nominations were heard. Motion by Member Foster, supported by Member Lowman, to close nominations and elect Stephanie Reed for Board Treasurer. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Foster, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0. The President declared Stephanie Reed Treasurer of the Board.
- VII. Appointment of Board Secretary - Member Reed, supported by Member Foster, moved to designate the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant, Laura Kassanos, as Board Secretary Designee, who will, in place of the Board Secretary, post all notices and take minutes of Board meetings. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Foster, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.
- VIII. Appointment of Board Members as ESD and MASB Representatives/Recreation Board & Committee assignments as designated by the Board President. (Chairperson denoted by *)
 - WSESD/WSASBA Representative: Scott Foster
 - MASB LRN Member (Legislative Relations Network): Mike Nagle
 - MASB Negotiations Liaison: Steve Carlson
 - Ludington Recreation Board Representative: Stephanie Reed
 - Building and Site Committee Members: *Scott Foster, Mike Nagle, Stephanie Reed
 - Finance/Negotiations Committee Members: *Stephanie Reed, Steve Carlson, Dr. Bret Autrey
 - Personnel Committee Members: *Mike Nagle, Leona Ashley, Sarah Lowman
 - Co-Curricular Committee Members: * Leona Ashley, Scott Foster, Dr. Bret Autrey
- IX. Adjournment of Organizational Meeting - Motion by Nagle, supported by Ashley, to adjourn the organizational meeting at 6:08 p.m. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Foster, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.

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REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order - The regular meeting was called to order by Board President Autrey at 6:08 p.m.
- II. Agenda Modifications - None to report.
- III. Special Presentations - Board Appreciation Month and Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday were acknowledged. Jack Jubar gave a student government update. Ludington Elementary School Principal, Katie Eisinger, presented the elementary school building report.
- IV. Citizen Participation - One citizen addressed the Board.
- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Ratification of Bill Payment Per Summary dated January 15, 2024 was approved by consent.
 - B. Minutes for December 11, 2023 were approved by consent.
 - C. Hiring Approvals: Ray Dill, Bus Driver; Carl Lindenau, Girls Middle School Basketball Coach; John Lipa, Girls Varsity Track Coach approved by consent.
 - D. The Non-Union Service Agreement for Kelly Carlsen, Student Success Coordinator at LHS, was approved by consent.
 - E. Resignation of Dylana Kelso, Aide, accepted by consent.
 - F. Thrun Law, P.C. Retainer Fee Agreement was approved by consent.Motion by Reed, supported by Nagle, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Foster, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.
- VI. Board Committee Reports
 - A. Dr. Bret Autrey presented the Finance Committee Report.
 - B. Stephanie Reed presented the Building & Site Committee Report.
 - C. Mike Nagle presented the Personnel Committee Report.
- VII. Superintendent Report and Comments
 - A. Dr. Kyle Corlett shared the Soaring Oriole Award was presented to Brandy Ruggero, Bus Driver.
 - B. Dr. Kyle Corlett gave a brief construction progress report at the secondary complex.
 - C. Dr. Kyle Corlett gave a brief report on the threshold for closing schools based on temperature and the windchill factor.
- VIII. Discussion Items
 - A. The bond project certification for payment application in the amount of \$2,753,542.14 was presented.
 - B. The amended budget for 2023-2024 was presented by Laura Jacobs, Director of Business Services.
 - C. NEOLA Policy Updates: The first reading of a group of policy revisions necessitated by recent legislation related to PERA (Public Employee Relations Act) was discussed.
- IX. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Reed, supported by Lowman, to approve the Bond Project Application and Certificate for Payment #45 in the amount of \$2,753,542.14 as presented. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Foster, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.
 - B. Motion by Ashley, supported by Foster, to approve the 2023-2024 Budget Amendment as written and presented. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Foster, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.
- X. Other Items of Business and Announcements ~ None heard.
- XI. Adjournment ~ Motion by Nagle, supported by Reed to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Foster, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.

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Michael W. Nagle, Secretary, Board of Education

Approved _____

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