

Ludington Area Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes April 17, 2023

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.

REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call ~ The meeting was held in OJ DeJonge Middle School, 706 East Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Michigan, 49431. The meeting was called to order by Board President Steve Carlson at six o'clock p.m.
 - Members Present: Steve Carlson, Mike Nagle, Stephanie Reed, Leona Ashley, Sarah Lowman
 - Members Absent: Dr. Bret Autrey, Scott Foster
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Agenda Modifications - None to report.
- IV. Special Presentations
 - A. Mike Hart, OJ DeJonge Middle School Principal presented information on student achievement.
- V. Citizen Participation – One citizen addressed the Board. Dr. Kyle Corlett introduced the new Chief of Ludington City Police Department, Chris Jones, who addressed the board.
- VI. Consent Agenda
 - A. Ratification of Bill Payment Per Summary dated April 17, 2023 was approved by consent.
 - B. Minutes for March 20, 2023 were approved by consent.
 - C. Hiring Approvals for the following positions were approved by consent:
 - Wayne Dewyer, Bus Driver
 - Heather Rose-Wickham, Assistant Track Coach Split Position
 - Deb Stephens, Assistant Track Coach Split Position
 - Stacy Sutton, Bus Driver
 - D. Resignation Acceptances were approved by consent for Deb Daugherty and Betty Price. Motion by Reed, supported by Nagle, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.
- VII. Board Committee Reports
 - A. Mike Nagle presented the Personnel Committee Report.
 - B. Stephanie Reed presented the Finance Committee Report.
 - C. Stephanie Reed presented the Building & Site Committee Report.
- VIII. Superintendent Report and Comments
 - A. Dr. Kyle Corlett shared the Soaring Oriole Award which was presented to the OJ DeJonge Middle School teacher Eileen Kline.
 - B. Dr. Kyle Corlett shared the monthly construction update for the middle and high school complex.
- IX. Discussion Items
 - A. The bond project certificate for payment application in the amount of \$1,833,805.73 was presented.
 - B. West Shore Educational Service District General Fund Operating Budget Resolution was discussed.
 - C. The purchase of three additional sets of bleachers under the current bid pricing is recommended for approval.
 - D. Social Media Litigation was discussed. The same law firm representing the JUUL case is covering the social media litigation. There was not enough information regarding the topic to make an informed decision regarding the litigation. The law firm has offered zoom sessions with any

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district to further study the case. Board members would like to schedule a zoom meeting session with the attorneys to get more information on the case.

E. Neola Policy Updates Volume 37 Number 2 as listed were discussed:

- **Policy 2623 - Student Assessment (Revised)**
These revisions reflect MDE and State Board of Education rules regarding student assessment and should be adopted in order to maintain accurate policies.
- **Policy 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)**
This revision reflects current EDGAR provisions and should be adopted to maintain accurate policies.
- **Policy 8390 - Animals on District Property (Revised)**
This policy has been revised at the request of clients wanting to provide some structured options regarding therapy/comfort animals. Note: Neola does not recommend including such animals, given the liabilities and complexities of such approval. However, given the widespread nature of the request, optional language providing structure to such approval is offered for use at the discretion of client districts. It is strongly recommended that such a provision be thoroughly explored with the district's legal counsel and authorization sought from the Board.
- **Policy 8400 - School Safety Information (Revised)**
These revisions are consistent with current state law and should be adopted.
- **Policy 7540.02 - Web Accessibility, Content, Apps, and Services (Revised)**
The proposed revised document is recommended but not required.
- **Policy 7540.03 - Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Revised)**
- **Policy 7540.04 - Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Revised)**
- **Policy 8300 - Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan (Revised)**
- **Policy 8305 - Information Security (Revised)**
- **Policy 8315 - Information Management (Revised)**
- **Policy 9700.01 - Advertising and Commercial Activities (Revised)**
These revisions are recommended but not required.

X. Action Items

- A. Motion by Ashley, supported by Reed, to approve the Bond Project Application and Certificate for Payment #36 in the amount of \$1,833,805.73 as presented.
Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.
- B. Motion by Nagle, supported by Reed, to approve the West Shore Educational Service District 2023-2024 General Fund Operating Budget as presented.
Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.
- C. Motion by Ashley, supported by Lowman, to approve the purchase of three sets of bleachers under the current bid pricing from Sightlines Athletic Facilities, LLC in the amount of \$33,164.00 as presented to include delivery and setup.
Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.

XI. Other Items of Business and Announcements ~ None reported.

XII. Adjournment ~ Motion by Reed, supported by Ashley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.
Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.

Michael W. Nagle, Secretary, Board of Education

Approved _____

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