

Ludington Area Schools
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 16, 2021

Regular Meeting

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call ~ The meeting was held in the Ludington High School Library, 508 North Washington Avenue, Ludington, Michigan, 49431. The meeting was called to order by Board President Carlson at six o'clock p.m.
Members Present: Steve Carlson, Bret Autrey, Stephanie Reed, Leona Ashley, Scott Foster
Members Absent: Josh Snyder, Mike Nagle
- II. Agenda Modification ~ 1.) Move the Return to School Planning and DHD10 COVID-19 Guidance and Protocols to Special Presentation, 2.) Add an Action Item for Superintendent Search Consultant Services: Michigan Leadership Institute
- III. Special Presentation ~ Return to School Planning and DHD10 COVID-19 Guidance and Protocols were presented by Superintendent Kennedy.
- IV. Citizen Participation ~ Numerous citizens addressed the Board regarding mask use in school. All but one were against masks in school. A letter from Tom Rotta was read during citizen participation also opposing masks in school. Board President Carlson thanked residents for respectfully and peacefully sharing their views and respecting the one opposing view.
- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Ratification of Bill Payment Per Summary Dated August 16, 2021, was approved by consent.
 - B. Approval of Minutes of the July 19, 2021, Regular & Closed Meetings were approved by consent.
 - C. 2021-2022 Student Handbooks were approved by consent.
 - D. K-12 Curriculum and Course Offerings were approved by consent.
 - E. Non-Union At-Will Annual Contracts were approved by consent:
 - Mark Boon, LHS Student Enhancement Intervention Specialist
 - Sarah Cooper, Director of PMECC
 - Misty Bolton, Preschool Teacher
 - Jasmine Mott, Preschool Teacher
 - Trish Forfinski, At-Risk Interventionist serving Foster School
 - Beth Gunsell, At-Risk Specialist serving Franklin/OJ
 - Michelle Holtrust, Director of Online Learning at Ludington High School
 - Michelle Kiessel, At-Risk Specialist serving Foster School
 - Matt McDonald, Dean of Students at OJ DeJonge Middle School
 - Melanie Tomaski - Director of Oriole Work Based Learning Academy
 - Kirk Walden, At-Risk Coordinator at Ludington High School
 - Dennis Genson, At-Risk Math Support at Ludington High School
 - Andrea Sargent, At-Risk Specialist at Ludington High School
 - Amy Wojcicki, District ELL Coordinator

Motion by Autrey, supported by Foster, to approve the consent agenda as written and presented.
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion: Carries.
- VI. Board Committee Reports
 - A. Scott Foster presented the Finance Committee Report.
 - B. Bret Autrey presented the Building and Site Committee Report.
 - C. Stephanie Reed presented the Personnel Committee Report.
- VII. Superintendent's Report and Comments
 - A. Superintendent Kennedy presented the following items: Owner, Architect, Construction Team Meeting Notes and Progress; and reported on the pool project equipment upgrades and made a recommendation to authorize the Board President to execute a proposal and contract with Michigan Leadership Institute, David Killips, for superintendent search consultant services contingent upon the Board of Education receiving a letter of resignation from Superintendent Jason Kennedy.
- VIII. Discussion Items - The following topics were submitted for discussion:

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- A. Elementary Bond Project Application and Certificate for Payment #16
 - B. Milk and Bread Bids
 - C. Transportation Department Truck Purchase
 - D. High Objective Uniform State Standards of Evaluation Option #3 Michigan Content Area Portfolio
 - E. West Shore Educational Service District Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Representative Designation
 - F. List of Annual Public Notices: NEOLA Policy
- IX. Action Items
- A. Motion by Autrey, supported by Reed, to approve the certificate for payment on the elementary school bond project and to authorize the District to pay \$1,854,414.10, as certified by the architect and construction manager, and as outlined in the Certificate for Payment #16 as written and presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion: Carries.
 - B. Motion by Ashley, supported by Autrey, to approve bid awards to Cedar Crest for the milk bid, and to Aunt Millie's for bread as presented. Cedar Crest was the lower bid. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion: Carries.
 - C. Motion by Foster, supported by Autrey, to approve the purchase of a new 2022 Chevrolet 2500 Heavy Duty plow truck at the price of \$39,700 from Hoekstra to support the operations department as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion: Carries.
 - D. Motion by Reed, supported by Foster, to approve the use of a High Objective Uniform State Standards of Evaluation Content Area Portfolio as evidence of practice needed for special education teachers to provide content level instruction to special education students as an additional option to help our special education staff, as recommended by the Michigan Department of Education as written and presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion: Carries.
 - E. Motion by Autrey, supported by Foster, to approve Shannon Miller as the Ludington Area School District representative to the West Shore Educational Service District Special Education Parent Advisory Committee for the 2021-2022 school year as written and presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion: Carries.
 - F. Motion by Autrey, supported by Reed, to approve the Shoreline Cycling Club Singletrack Showdown Race November 27, 2021. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion: Carries.
 - G. Motion by Autrey, supported by Foster, to authorize the Board President to execute a proposal and contract with Michigan Leadership Institute, David Killips, for superintendent search consultant services contingent upon the Board of Education receiving a letter of resignation from Superintendent Jason Kennedy as presented in the amount of \$6,500 plus an additional \$1,000 for travel expenses. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion: Carries.
- X. Other Items of Business and Announcements ~ Mr. Kennedy reported that the District has received a proposal for Pere Marquette School. The proposal will be vetted along with any other proposals received for buildings and discussed at the next regular board meeting.
- XI. Adjournment ~ Motion by Autrey, supported by Foster, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion: Carries.

Michael W. Nagle, Secretary, Board of Education

Approved _____

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