

Ludington Area Schools
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 18, 2023

Regular Meeting

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call ~ The meeting was held in the Administration Office 809 East Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Michigan, 49431. The meeting was called to order by Board President Carlson at six o'clock p.m.
Members Present: Steve Carlson, Dr. Bret Autrey, Mike Nagle, Stephanie Reed, Sarah Lowman, Scott Foster
Members Absent: Leona Ashley
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Agenda Modification ~ Add Special Presentation Mike Hart's building report for the middle school.
- IV. Citizen Participation ~ Six citizens addressed the Board.
- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Ratification of Bill Payment Per Summary Dated September 18, 2023 was approved by consent.
 - B. Approval of Minutes Dated: August 21, 2023 Special & Closed, Regular & Closed were approved by consent.
 - C. Hiring Approvals approved by consent for the following positions:
 - Lavelle Jennings, Bus Driver
 - Rebecca Huffman, Food Service Aide
 - Chelsea Sobanski, Library Aide
 - Marla Turner, Food Service Aide
 - Troy Veeneman, JV Girls Basketball Coach
 - Jennifer Willis, Food Service Aide
 - D. Non-Union Contract approved by consent for Jessica Castonia serving as Special Services Coordinator.
 - E. Resignation acceptances were approved by consent for Krystal Austin and Lisa O'Connor. Motion by Reed, supported by Nagle, to approve the consent agenda as written and presented. Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.
- VI. Board Committee Reports
 - A. Mike Nagle presented the Personnel/Policy Committee Report.
 - B. Dr. Bret Autrey presented the Finance Committee Report.
 - C. Mike Nagle presented the Building & Site Committee Report.
- VII. Superintendent's Report and Comments
 - A. Superintendent Dr. Kyle Corlett presented the monthly Soaring Oriole Award to Randy Fountain.
- VIII. Discussion Items - The following topics were submitted for discussion:
 - A. Bond Project Application and Certification for Payment #41 in the amount of \$4,061,410.43
 - B. Purchase of a Kubota UTV to be used for landscaping needs, with the lowest quote and recommendation in the amount of \$37,594.62 from Freeman Creek.
 - C. Purchase of office and classroom furniture for the latest phase of construction in the amount of \$68,865.82.
 - D. The FOIA request made regarding information shared during a closed session at the August regular board meeting.
- IX. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Autrey, supported by Foster, to approve the certificate for payment on the school bond project and to authorize the District to pay \$4,061,410.43, as certified by the architect and construction manager, and as outlined in the Certificate for Payment #41 as presented. Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.

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B. Motion by Reed, supported by Autrey, to approve the purchase of a UTV Kubota RTV-X100 from Freeman Creek in the amount of \$37,594.62 as presented. Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.

C. Motion by Nagle, supported by Foster, to approve the furniture competitive bid contracts as written and presented in the amount of \$68,865.82 for the middle and high schools. Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.

D. Motion by Nagle, supported by Lowman, to approve Resolution for the Board to reenact its August 21, 2023, motion to enter closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(h), to consider a written legal opinion from its attorneys, for the reason that the written legal opinion is exempt from disclosure under state law due to the attorney-client privilege as written and presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.

The Board moved to closed session 6:59 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:01 p.m.

E. Motion by Reed, supported by Autrey, to approve the FOIA Appeal Resolution as written and prepared by Thrun Law Firm to uphold the denial of the FOIA request. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.

X. Other Items of Business and Announcements ~ None to report.

XI. Adjournment ~ Motion by Autrey, supported by Nagle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.

Michael W. Nagle, Secretary, Board of Education

Approved on _____

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