## <u>Ludington Area Schools</u> Board of Education Meeting Minutes August 30, 2021

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.

## SPECIAL MEETING

 I. Call to Order & Roll Call ~ The meeting was held in the Ludington High School Peterson Auditorium, 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, Mike Nagle, Stephanie Reed, Josh Snyder, Leona Ashley and Scott Foster Members Absent: None

- II. Agenda Modification ~ None to report.
- III. Citizen Participation ~ Twenty-seven community members spoke. Of those most spoke in support of the right of individual choice regarding the wearing of masks. A few spoke of concerns about the presence of vaccination clinics in the schools during the school day and if the plan included making vaccines available to students during the school day without parent consent. Several speakers cited data and reports or legislation they feel disprove the value of mask-wearing. At least one parent spoke to concerns regarding the action of quarantining students. That parent felt that quarantined students were negatively impacted by the removal from the classroom and in-person instruction. Several current or past teachers spoke. Of this population three spoke in support of the protection that mandatory mask-wearing will provide to students, teachers and community.
- IV. Discussion Items ~ Superintendent Kennedy gave a detailed review of the hiring recommendations and COVID 19 Return to Learn Safety Mitigation Plan.
- V. Action Items

A. Motion by Reed, supported by Snyder to approve probationary teaching contracts to Scott Andersen, Jennifer MacDonald and Lindsey Delpiere-Luce, pending successful completion of all inservice requirements and background checks per Board Policy and Michigan law. Ayes: All. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries.

B. Motion by Nagle, supported by Snyder, to approve the COVID 19 Return to Learn Safety Mitigation Plan as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed. Nayes: Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Motion: Carries.

- VI. Other Items of Business and Announcements ~ None to report.
- VII. Adjournment ~ Motion by Nagle, supported by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Ayes: All. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries.

Michael W. Nagle, Secretary, Board of Education

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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