

Ludington Area Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes September 18, 2017

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
President Carlson called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m, in the OJ DeJonge Middle School Library, 706 E. Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Michigan.
Members Present: Steve Carlson, Kelly Thomsen, Mike Nagle, Stephanie Reed, Josh Snyder, Bret Autrey, Mary Jo Pung
Members Absent: None
- II. AGENDA MODIFICATION ~ Add Item C to Superintendent's Report for MSTEP Report.
- III. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ~ None heard.
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA
- A. Ratification of Bill Payment - Per Summary Dated August 21, 2017
1. General Operating Fund Total \$1,260,982.86
 2. Athletic Fund Total \$35, 888.59
 3. Lunch Fund Total \$29,384.82
 4. Total All Funds \$1,326,256.27
- B. Approval of Minutes August 21, 2017 Regular Meeting
Motion by Pung, supported by Autrey, to approve the consent agenda as written and presented.
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion: Carries.
- V. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
- A. The Finance Committee Report for September 13, 2017, was presented by Bret Autrey. The committee discussed the audited fund balance and the reduced enrollment. Opening enrollment was 2165 if those numbers remain we will need to add additional support staff at the lower levels. The exit conference for the audit will be presented at the October meeting. Bids were reviewed for the sale of buses, ovens and DRA kits. Life Insurance policies for administrative retirees was discussed. More information will be gathered on this topic.
- B. The Co-curricular Committee Report for September 15, 2017, was presented by Mike Nagle. The committee discussed the legal update from Thrun Law for their retainer clients.
- C. The Personnel/Negotiation Committee Report for September 15, 2017, was presented by Mike Nagle. The committee discussed the sinking fund projects and the resurfacing of our tennis courts, skunk removal at Franklin School and runoff at Foster School Elementary.
- VI. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
- A. The OJ DeJonge Middle School report was presented by Kristi Zimmerman and Mike hart. They acknowledged Enviroclean Staff present at the meeting and highlighted educational opportunities and instructional programming for middle school students.
- VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT & COMMENTS
- A. Mr. Kennedy stated that he was contacted by staff of the Office of the President for WSCC and they would like to hold their off-site board meeting in our district on December 18, 2017 and take our Board to dinner after this meeting. Mr. Kennedy reported that he contacted legal counsel to be sure we were in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on this event and it is permissible under the OMA 1626 #10 for social gatherings as long as there is no deliberations. Mr. Kennedy ask if board members would be able to attend. Affirmative responses were given by all.
- B. Mr. Kennedy discussed the Michigan State Police Bus Inspection Report for 2016-2017 school year that was just released and published in the media. He described the process and collaboration between the Michigan State Police and school districts to keep buses safe for students. All district buses were repaired, re-inspected by July 19, 2017. The bus fleet is safe. Our mechanics are top notch and do an excellent job maintaining the buses. Safety and security is a top priority.

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- C. Mr. Kennedy discussed the MSTEP results and gave a presentation showing how Ludington compares around the state and with comparison districts.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Mr. Kennedy reported the annual Audit Exit Conference will be presented at the October 16, 2017 regular board meeting. This was discussed in committee meetings and no further discussion was held.
- B. Mr. Kennedy gave an update on the community concern and requests for improvements to the grounds at Foster School. More research on synthetic surfaces will be explored and reports will be submitted to the board for review and consideration.
- C. Mr. Kennedy discussed the application process to the West Michigan Conference. He will keep the board apprised of the status of our application.
- D. Bruce Doggett gave an update on sinking fund projects including the pool, Franklin HVAC and auditorium restrooms.
- E. Mr. Kennedy gave a review of the bid tabulations for the sale of buses and food service ovens.
- F. Mr. Kennedy gave an update of opening day enrollment numbers which are increased from projected number of 2145 and currently are at 2170. There are increased numbers throughout the district which could result in added support staff time for extreme behaviors and help address issues with numbers.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion by Autrey, supported by Nagle, to designate Shannon Miller at the WSES D Parent Advisory Committee Representative for Ludington. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion: Carries.
- B. Motion by Nagle, supported by Autrey, to approve the purchase of scoreboards from the District funds which would be reimbursed by donated funds through the Oriole Foundation as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion: Carries.

X. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - No other items of business were heard.

XI. ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Autrey, supported by Thomsen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion: Carries.

Mary Jo Pung, Secretary, Board of Education

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Approval Date _____

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