

Ludington Board of Education
Public Meeting Notice

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Mission: The Ludington Area School District, in partnership with parents and community, will educate and empower students to adapt and succeed in their future.

Finance Committee Meeting

Date: September 17, 2020

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Ludington Area School District Administration Office
809 E. Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Michigan

- 1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
 Josh Snyder Steve Carlson Scott Foster
- 2) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- 3) AGENDA MODIFICATION
- 4) DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a) Elementary Bond Project Application and Certificate for Payment #5
 - b) Update on Bid Process - Vacant Elementary School Buildings
 - c) Update on District Goals and Extended COVID-19 Continuity of Learning Plan
 - d) Coronavirus Relief Funding and Accounting Implications
 - e) Updates from Other Committees
- 5) OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 6) ADJOURNMENT

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Memorandum - Office of the Superintendent

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Jason Kennedy, Superintendent
RE: Finance Committee Meeting ~ Agenda Notes

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Review Board Policy 0167.3: Public Participation at Board Meetings

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on District matters.

To permit fair and orderly public expression, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every regular meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings. The rules shall be administered and enforced by the presiding officer of the meeting.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business, or at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- B. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- C. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration.
- D. No participant may speak more than once.
- E. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.
- F. The presiding officer may:
 1. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
 2. request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 3. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
 4. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
 5. waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.
- G. The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes, but the timeframe will be extended, if necessary, so that no one's right to address the Board will be denied.
- H. Tape or video recordings are permitted. The person operating the recorder should contact the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting to review possible placement of the equipment, and agrees to abide by the following conditions:

1. No obstructions are created between the Board and the audience.
 2. No interviews are conducted in the meeting room while the Board is in session.
 3. No commentary, adjustment of equipment, or positioning of operators is made that would distract either the Board or members of the audience while the Board is in session.
- I. Each Board agenda will include the following statement, "Public participation shall be permitted only as indicated on the order of business."

Revised: January 21, 2019

Legal: M.C.L.A. 15.263(4)(5)(6), 380.1808

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Elementary Bond Project Application and Certificate for Payment #5

We will need an action item at the Board meeting on Monday to approve the certificate for payment on the elementary school bond project and to authorize the District to pay **\$1,165,386.28**, as certified by the architect and construction manager, and as outlined in the Certificate for Payment. The District received the authorized documents on September 2, 2020.

Update on Bid Process - Vacant Elementary School Buildings

We will review and discuss the bid process pertaining to the sale of the vacant school buildings (Foster, Franklin, and Lakeview) that was developed by Gordon VanWieren at Thrun Law Firm and provide an update on this process with the committee.

Update on District Goals and Extended CoVID-19 Continuity of Learning Plan

On August 20, 2020, Governor Whitmer signed House Bill 5913 into law as Public Act 149. Section 98a states that in order to receive state aid for 2020-2021, districts must provide for instruction under an extended COVID-19 Learning Plan ("Plan") that has been approved by an intermediate district or authorizing body. The Plan does not replace the District's/PSA's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, it is an additional plan that includes new assurances and sections on educational goals, instructional delivery, grading, and equitable access.

District/PSA educational goals written for all students and all subgroups must be established no later than September 15, 2020, and submitted in their Plan to the ISD or Authorizing Body, as applicable, no later than October 1, 2020, for approval. ISDs and PSAs will transmit the approved plan to the superintendent of public instruction and the state treasurer.

We will review the goals that have been established by the District to comply with the legislation, as well as the Extended CoVID-19 Learning Plan, the reconfirmation meeting template, and the data that is required to be collected and documented.

Coronavirus Relief Funding and Accounting Implications

The Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund, which was signed into law on July 31, 2020 has finally resolved the 2019-2020 state budget shortfall, after much discussion and consideration. These new federal funds provide a one time restricted revenue to all districts, which equates to \$350

per pupil; \$756,812 for the district. This one time revenue is offset by a one time per-pupil reduction in the amount of \$175 per pupil; \$378,406. The net result is that the district is receiving an additional \$378,406 in new restricted revenue (new revenues of \$756,812 less the per-pupil reduction of \$378,406) to be used for compliance with the new public health requirements, staff costs for developing online learning capabilities, and other related expenditures resulting from the pandemic. Although this information has been available since early August, MDE has provided more specific guidance related to appropriately accounting for these funds in relation to the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The most critical guidance released by MDE results in a negative impact to every district in the state. We are required to include the \$175 per-pupil reduction of \$378,406 as lost revenue for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Additionally, we are required to not recognize the offsetting revenue of \$756,812 until the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This will have a substantial impact on our year-end financial statements both for this year, and also for next year. We will discuss the more specific details of this.

Updates from Other Committees

We will review updates from each of the other committees in preparation for the Board meeting on September 21, 2020.