

Ludington Area Schools  
Board of Education  
Meeting Minutes March 20, 2023

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

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REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call ~ The meeting was held in Ludington High School, Classroom 430, 508 North Washington Avenue, Ludington, Michigan, 49431. The meeting was called to order by Board President Steve Carlson at six o'clock p.m.  
Members Present: Steve Carlson, Dr. Bret Autrey, Mike Nagle, Stephanie Reed, Leona Ashley, Scott Foster, Sarah Lowman  
Members Absent: None
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Agenda Modifications - None to report.
- IV. Special Presentations
  - A. Ludington High School Business Professionals of America students Liberty Stevens earned a first place finish at state competition and Julia Haveman placed second each in their respective categories. The Ludington BPA Chapter was recognized as Chapter of the Year 2023 for the seventh consecutive year.
  - B. National Merit Scholar Finalist Sophia Grierson was recognized.
  - C. Youth Advisory Council students presented information on the council and their efforts for fundraising and how those funds are used. The Youth Advisory Council are the recipients of the Lake Jump proceeds this year and students are encouraging community members to participate to maximize the matching grant funds from Pennies from Heaven.
  - D. Ludington High School Principals Dan Mesyar and Steve Forsberg highlighted accomplishments of student groups and clubs at the high school in the LHS newsletter.
- V. Citizen Participation – One citizen addressed the Board.
- VI. Consent Agenda
  - A. Ratification of Bill Payment Per Summary dated March 20, 2023 was approved by consent.
  - B. Minutes for February 20, 2023 were approved by consent.
  - C. Hiring Approvals for the following positions were approved by consent:
    - JP Deines, OJ DeJonge Middle School Track Coach
  - D. Retirement Acceptances were approved by consent for Nita Larabee and Cindy Marker.
  - E. Resignation Acceptances were approved by consent for Joe Elenbaas.  
Motion by Autrey, supported by Reed, to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Foster, Ashley, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.
- VII. Board Committee Reports
  - A. Mike Nagle presented the Personnel Committee Report.
  - B. Bret Autrey presented the Finance Committee Report.
  - C. Stephanie Reed presented the discussion topics from the Building & Site Committee meeting.
- VIII. Superintendent Report and Comments
  - A. Dr. Kyle Corlett shared the Soaring Oriole Award which was presented to the OJ DeJonge Middle School MERT Team: Kris Anderson, JR Schoon and Karen Shineldecker.
  - B. Dr. Kyle Corlett shared the monthly construction update for the middle and high school complex.
  - C. Dr. Kyle Corlett shared that a letter of agreement was reached with the Ludington Educational Support Personnel Association allowing substitute bus drivers to pick up extra assignments for athletics.

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IX. Discussion Items

- A. The bond project certificate for payment application in the amount of \$1,788,439.40 was presented.
- B. WSESD Designation of Representative was discussed. It is required that a meeting be held to submit a proposed general operating fund budget of the West Shore Educational Service District (WSESD) to the constituent boards of education. Each board needs to designate a representative to attend this meeting. The budget proposal will be presented April 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m in the Mason-Lake Room of WSESD 2130 W US10, Ludington, Michigan. The recommendation is for Stephanie Reed to be appointed to serve in this capacity as part of her role as Treasurer.
- C. The recommendation from Thrun Law is to approve the settlement of Juul class action lawsuit. The settlement amount for Ludington Area Schools is \$37,499.
- D. The purchase of furniture, selection process and the proposal to approve \$1,243,642.52 in new furniture for the middle and high school was presented. All of the products were quoted using consortium pricing, which satisfies the bidding requirement for the state of Michigan.
- E. Two students were recognized as qualifying for the national competition that will be held in Anaheim, California. These students will need Board approval to travel out of state to the competition the week of April 26-30th.

X. Action Items

- A. Motion by Autrey, supported by Nagle, to approve the Bond Project Application and Certificate for Payment #35 in the amount of \$1,788,439.40 as presented.  
Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Foster, Ashley, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.
- B. Motion by Autrey, supported by Foster, to approve Stephanie Reed as the Ludington Designation of Representative that will attend the West Shore Educational Service District Proposed Budget Meeting on April 22, 2023 as written and presented.  
Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Foster, Ashley, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.
- C. Motion by Foster, supported by Reed, to approve the Juul Litigation Settlement Resolution as prepared and written by Thrun Law, P.C.  
Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Foster, Ashley, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.
- D. Motion by Nagle, supported by Autrey, to approve \$1,243,642.52 in new furniture from bond proceeds for the middle and high school as presented. All of the products were quoted using consortium pricing, which satisfies the bidding requirement for the state of Michigan.  
Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Foster, Ashley, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.
- E. Motion by Ashley, supported by Reed, to approve the Business Professionals of America students to travel out of state for national competition in Anaheim, California the week of April 26-30, 2023 as presented.

XI. Other Items of Business and Announcements ~ None reported.

XII. Adjournment ~ Motion by Autrey, supported by Foster, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.  
Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Foster, Ashley, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.

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Michael W. Nagle, Secretary, Board of Education

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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