

Ludington Area Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes May 10, 2023

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 Administration Office Boardroom, 809 East Tinkham Avenue, Ludington. The meeting was called to order by Board President Steve Carlson at five o'clock p.m.
Members Present: Steve Carlson, Dr. Bret Autrey, Stephanie Reed, Leona Ashley, and Sarah Lowman
Members Absent: Mike Nagle, Scott Foster
- I. Agenda Modification ~ None to report.
- II. Citizen Participation ~ One citizen addressed the board.
- III. Discussion
 - A. Social Media Litigation was scheduled as a closed session with legal counsel. A concern from a community member was raised regarding challenging the closed session for its listed purpose. Legal counsel weighed in and confirmed the closed session is for pending litigation allowed under the Open Meetings Act. They advised the board could remain in open session but some information regarding the case could not be shared in open session. Legal counsel indicated that general discussion could be held in open session regarding the litigation. The Board chose to remain in open session and keep the discussion and questions within the guidelines for open session. The attorneys presented information regarding the litigation process and the Board had the opportunity to ask questions. The deadline for joining the litigation has been extended which will give the Board time to study it further.
- IV. Closed Session
 - A. Motion by Autrey, supported by Reed, to go into closed session for the purpose of negotiation strategy of a collective bargaining agreement, as requested by the district pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.
Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 5-0.
The Board convened in closed session at 5:21 p.m.
The Board returned to open session at 6:07 p.m.
- V. Discussion
 - A. The board discussed the L4029 Tax Rate Request Form, after school daycare options and reviewed topics from the monthly board committee meetings.
- VI. Other Items of Business and Announcements ~ None to report.
- VII. Adjournment ~ Motion by Autrey, supported by Reed, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 5-0.

Michael W. Nagle, Secretary, Board of Education

Approved _____

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