

LUDINGTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes December 11, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Steve Carlson Board President called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at this month's meeting location at Pere Marquette Early Childhood Center, 1115 S Madison Street, Ludington MI 49431.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Steve Carlson, Kelly Thomsen, Mary Jo Pung, Mike Nagle, Stephanie Reed and Josh Snyder.

Board Members absent: Brett Autrey.

Also present: Administrators: Jason Kennedy, Superintendent; Bruce Doggett; Brian Dotson; Steve Forsberg; Randy Fountain; Mike Hart; Jan Jackoviak; Andy Klevorn; Amber Kowatch; Julie Marshall; Dan Mesyar; Kristi Zimmerman. Others present: Bruce Mangum (WSESD); Sarah Cooper (PMECC); Andy Hamilton (Ludington Daily News); Kaye Ferguson Holman (Mayor, City of Ludington); Adam Morris, Katrina Morris, Jordan Morris (LHS student and parents); Laura Kassanos (recording secretary).

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized LHS senior Jordan Morris for his academic achievement of earning an Associate of Science degree from West Shore Community College while simultaneously enrolled at LHS and participating in a variety of co-curricular activities. Congratulations to Jordan.

The Board recognized Amber Kowatch, Principal at Lakeview Elementary who was identified by the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association as an "Outstanding Practicing Principal of the Year". LASD is located in the eight county area identified as MEMSPA Region 12.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Steve Carlson stated there would be one modification to the agenda moving the Neola Policy Update from Discussion Items (A) to Action Items (C). Mr. Carlson stated there would be no Principal reports heard as written reports were previously provided to the Board members and are included in their Board packets.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Andy Klevorn speaking on behalf of the Shoreline Cycling Club thanked the Board for the use of the school forest. The Club grooms the trails that are enjoyed by cyclists, skiers and hikers.

Kaye Ferguson Holman spoke in support of Action Item 11b, possible approval of a full-time School Resource Officer. Ms. Holman spoke of the benefits she feels this position will provide to our students and community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Mary Jo Pung and supported by Stephanie Reed to accept the items listed in the Consent Agenda. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

* **RATIFICATION OF BILL PAYMENT** - Bills ratified by consent as per summary dated December 11, 2017 for the period of November 14, 2017 through December 8, 2017.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

General Operating Funds \$1,675,828.26
Total Athletic Fund \$1,262.99
Total Lunch Fund \$40,923.10
Grand Total All Funds \$1,718,014.35

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular, Special and Closed Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2017 were approved by consent.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
No verbal report.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS
Written reports were submitted to the Board.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

Bruce Doggett directed the Board to the report prepared by Consumers Energy titled "Top Ten Recommendations for Energy Efficiency Impact". Mr. Doggett thanked LASD Administrators, staff, members of the Board of Education and the greater community for supporting the District in the work towards continuous energy efficiency. Additionally, Mr. Doggett thanked Erik Bratschi (Building/Grounds/Maintenance) for Erik's efforts and attention with these tasks.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- A. Mr. Kennedy extended invitations to the Board to attend the next regular meeting of the WSCC Board scheduled December 18, 2017. Please respond to Penny Schultz before December 15, 2017.
- B. Mr. Kennedy thanked OxyChem for their donation of Peladow Premier Snow and Ice Melter with an estimated value of \$2500.
- C. Mr. Kennedy discussed his role representing nearly 550 school superintendents on the Assessment RFP Workgroup. The group's task is to review potential vendors for the MDE in search of acceptable assessments to be used throughout the state.
- D. Mr. Kennedy shared card received from the Food Service Department thanking the Board for the recent purchase of stove and "hot boxes".
- E. Mr. Kennedy gave a report on his recent trip to California sponsored by Code.org which recognized school districts for their successful implementation developing computer science coding programs for students.
- F. Kristi Zimmerman and Bruce Mangum gave a District Network Team update.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Neola Policy Updates were moved to Action Items per Agenda Modification.
- B. MDE Grant Award –LASD has been awarded \$8,236.98 for use in the administration of a qualified tool to monitor the development of early literacy and reading skills of students in kindergarten through grade 3.
- C. Mowing/Plowing Bid award has been postponed until January in order to provide the committee time to obtain clarification on bids received.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

- D. Mason County Promise Zone Authority resolution has been prepared with the Mason County Administrator and will be considered by the Mason County Board. If approved a letter of intent will be filed with MDE and then County Board of Commissioners will authorize the development of an authority board and plan to be submitted to the Department of Treasury.
- E. 21st Century Education Study and Facilities Improvement Planning a review of the November 29, 2017 meeting and a review of the December 13, 2017 agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. CBD Transformation Think Tank Facilitation Motion by Josh Snyder with support from Mike Nagle. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- B. Approval of a Full Time School Resource Office – Motion by Kelly Thomsen supported by Stephanie Reed. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- C. Neola Policy Updates – Motion to approve Neola Policies 1421/3121/4121; 1439/3139/4139; 2414; 2418; 5630.01; 8142; 8321 and to approve Policy 2410 with a delay of implementation until July 1, 2019. Motion by Mike Nagle supported by Mary Jo Pung. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS OR BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other items of business or announcements were heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Steve Carlson supported by Mike Nagle to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM.

Mary Jo Pung, Secretary, Board of Education

Approval Date _____