

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: May 17, 2018

Time: 7:00 a.m.

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

- 1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
 Kelly Thomsen Steve Carlson Bret Autrey
- 2) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- 3) AGENDA MODIFICATION
- 4) DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a) Contract Negotiations Process - LEA / LESPA Agreements
 - b) Review Facilities Assessment from Christman and GMB
 - c) Updated Pro Forma Financial Data / Capital Improvement Funding Options
 - d) Bus Purchase - Model Year 2018 Busses Available
 - e) Lakeview Roof Replacement
 - f) Approval of Pool Locker Purchase
 - g) Communication from Thrun Law
 - i. Calendar of Local District Deadlines for November 6, 2018 Election
 - ii. Election Responsibilities Guide
 - iii. L-4028, L-4034, and L-4029 Forms
- 5) OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS AND 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

Contract Negotiations Process - LEA / LESPA Agreements

We will review the negotiations process that is scheduled with each of the Associations (LEA and LESPA). The first negotiations dates with the LEA are scheduled for May 15th and 17th, and the first date with the LESPA group has been rescheduled from May 14th to May 23rd. The bargainer that the LESPA group uses had to postpone our first date because of a conflict in his schedule. Both initial proposals are all set and ready to be presented to each Association. They have also been through a complete legal review.

Review Facilities Assessment from Christman and GMB

We will discuss the facilities study that will be presented to the Board on May 21st by Christman and GMB and discuss recommendations for moving forward. We will propose a community forum on May 31st at 6:00 PM to continue collecting feedback from the community, so that we can continue to fine tune a final recommendation, which will need to be approved by the Board no later than September/October 2018, if we plan to seek support from the community through the issuance of bonds for capital improvement funding.

Updated Pro Forma Financial Data / Capital Improvement Funding Options

An updated series of data will be discussed with the committee from Umbaugh and Associates (Public Finance Management Company) regarding an analysis of any potential bond that the Board may consider for capital improvements in the future. We will discuss comparative data to similar school districts to LASD, an estimated millage study, and an annual tax bill increase chart based upon the scenarios presented by Jesse Nelson, a partner CPA at Umbaugh and Associates.

Bus Purchase - Model Year 2018 Busses Available

Previously, the Board approved the purchase of three buses, numbers 14 - 16 of our planned 20-bus rotation, which was comprised of one transit bus and two conventional buses. On April 27, Tom Hoekstra offered to substitute 2 demo-buses for the two conventional buses we previously ordered, to be delivered after June 30, 2018. These buses have 4,000 and 8,000 miles on them (approximately), and substituting them for the new ones we ordered (stock) will save us \$4,000, again, approximately.

This scenario may be worth consideration. The following is a summary of the differences between the demo and stock buses. The stock buses we ordered are 2019 models, and the demos are 2018. Furthermore, the demos have rear-view and front and side-view monitoring, a 210 amp alternator vs a 170 amp alternator, and a third battery. The demos are also wired for wifi, and have anti-rocking technology installed. Also, the demos have sway alarms which will alert you if you drift into the other lane. The demos also have tire pressure monitors, and adjustable brake/accelerator controls. These options on a new bus would cost the school district \$4,134 per vehicle.

Furthermore, our warranty for the demo buses would start the day we received them, not at zero miles. Deb Wilsey and our head mechanic, Rich Page, are interested in pursuing the demo models.

Lakeview Roof Replacement

The rubber membrane on the Lakeview roof over the gymnasium section has contracted, pulling away the metal trim from the wooden blocking. Water is getting under the current membrane, and is leaking through the original built-up roof underneath. G. Freeland Roofing has quoted us \$18,800 to replace the entire rubber membrane over the gymnasium, and \$7,100 to simply repair the outer perimeter of the gymnasium. Given the public interest in upgrading our facilities, a discussion with the Board seems appropriate.

Approval of Pool Locker Purchase

Last year, we obtained competitive pricing on metal and plastic lockers to replace the boys lockers. Also, we looked at refurbishing the girls lockers as well. We did not pursue this project due to lack of funds. The Board indicated that it may be something they came back to. Bruce Doggett checked, and the low bid for plastic lockers, Brainard Industries, is willing to honor their pricing for the boys locker room, in the amount of \$21,700. However, the low bid to completely refurbish the girls locker room was \$11,558, and we would still be left with metal lockers. The plastic lockers will last 30 years, in that they will not rust; therefore, I recommend that you authorize replacing both locker rooms with these plastic lockers, from the Sinking Fund, to occur after June 30, 2018.

Communication from Thrun Law

We will discuss a calendar of local district deadlines for the November 6, 2018 election, an election responsibilities guide, and the submission of forms L-4028, L-4034, and L-4029.