

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, March 10, 2025  
5:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Library

**CALL MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Leslie Public Schools, Ingham and Jackson Counties, Michigan, was called to order by Brad Dunlap at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Brad Dunlap  
Eric Isham  
Deann Maynard  
Dominic Ambroggio  
Bud Fifield  
Beth Yeider

Members absent: Dave Cowing (Excused)

Also present: Scott Powers, Superintendent

**Pledge of Allegiance given.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board of Education received public comments from Bill Whitbeck, Lance Woodland, and Robert Burke.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by D. Ambroggio to approve the March 10, 2025 Agenda; Minutes of the February 10, 2025 Regular and Closed Meetings; Minutes of the February 24, 2025 Special and Closed Meetings; Bills in the amount of \$247,585.71 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 2/28/2025.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (D. Cowing), abstention 0.  
Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

February 18, 2025 Ingham ISD Board Briefs: No discussion.  
February 27, 2025 School Law Notes: No discussion.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Sinking Fund Update - Dave Medcoff, Scott Powers talked about plans for future updates around the district.**

**SUPERINTENDENT' S REPORT**

**Bridge Care**

Superintendent Powers gave a presentation on Bridge Care. It will help our students who need someone to talk to when they don't know where to turn.

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

**Budget Amendment**

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by E. Isham that the Board of Education approve budget amendment #1 for the General Fund and Food Service Fund of the 2024-25 school year."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1(D. Cowing), abstention 0.  
Motion carried.

**Hire High School Softball Co-Head Coach**

"Moved by D. Ambroggio, supported by B. Yeider that the Board of Education hire JT Laraway as Leslie High School Softball Co-Head Coach, as recommended by Athletic Director Johns."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1(D. Cowing), abstention 0.  
Motion carried.

**Approval of Math Curriculum**

"Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve Envision Math curriculum for grades K - 8 as recommended by Curriculum Director Redman."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1(D. Cowing), abstention 0.  
Motion carried.

**Approval of Bleacher Handrails**

"Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve the purchase of bleacher handrails in the amount of \$36,106.00 per the recommendation of Superintendent Powers and Maintenance Supervisor Medcoff.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1(D. Cowing), abstention 0.  
Motion carried.

**Approval of Middle School Science Lab**

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Yeider that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the middle school science lab cabinets in the amount of \$79,764.00 per the recommendation of Superintendent Powers and Maintenance Supervisor Medcoff.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1(D. Cowing), abstention 0.

Motion carried.

**Approval of Purchase of two School Buses**

"Moved by B. Dunlap, supported by B. Yeider that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 2 school buses for a total of \$284,964.00 per the recommendation of Superintendent Powers and Maintenance Supervisor Medcoff.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1(D. Cowing), abstention 0.

Motion carried.

**Extension of Contracts**

**Andrea Redman, High School Principal/Curriculum Director**

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Yeider that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (215 days per year) to Andrea Redman as High School Principal/Curriculum Director, which would extend her contract to June 30, 2027."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1(D. Cowing), abstention 0.

Motion carried.

**Pat Weber, Middle School Principal**

"Moved by B. Fifield, supported by D. Ambroggio that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (215 days per year) to Pat Weber as Middle School Principal, which would extend his contract to June 30, 2027."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1(D. Cowing), abstention 0.

Motion carried.

**Kristin Phillips, Woodworth Elementary School Principal**

"Moved by D. Ambroggio, supported by B. Yeider that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (215 days per year) to Kristin Phillips as Woodworth Elementary School Principal, which would extend her contract to June 30, 2027."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1(D. Cowing), abstention 0.

Motion carried.

**Rob DeSmith, Special Education Director**

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Yeider that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (210 days per year) to Rob DeSmith as Special Education Director, which would extend his contract to June 30, 2027."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1(D. Cowing), abstention 0.

Motion carried.

**Kristen Hawkins, Food Service Director**

"Moved by D. Ambroggio, supported by B. Yeider that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (215 days per year) to Kristen Hawkins as Leslie Public School's Food Service Director, which would extend her contract to June 30, 2027."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1(D. Cowing), abstention 0.  
Motion carried.

**Dave Medcoff, Maintenance Supervisor**

"Moved by B. Yeider, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Dave Medcoff as Leslie Public School's Maintenance Director, which would extend his contract to June 30, 2027."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1(D. Cowing), abstention 0.  
Motion carried.

**Chad Kaufman, Network Specialist**

"Moved by D. Ambroggio, supported by B. Yeider that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (220 days per year) to Chad Kaufman as Leslie Public School's Network Specialist, which would extend his contract to June 30, 2027."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1(D. Cowing), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**Julie Fletcher, Business Manager**

"Moved by B. Yeider, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Julie Fletcher as Leslie Public School's Business Manager, which would extend her contract to June 30, 2027."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1(D. Cowing), abstention 0.  
Motion carried.

**Joan Beachey, Executive Secretary/Pupil Accountant/Homeless Liason**

"Moved by E. Isham, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract (230 days per year) to Joan Beachey as Leslie Public School's Executive Secretary/Pupil Accountant/Homeless Liason, which would extend her contract to June 30, 2027."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0.  
Motion carried.

**Closed Session**

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Yeider to convene into closed session pursuant to Subsection 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing teacher negotiations."

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 1 (D. Cowing), abstention 1 (D. Ambroggio). Motion carried.

The board entered closed session at 5:47 p.m.

**Open Session**

"Moved by B. Yeider, supported by B. Dunlap that the Board of Education ratify (Board Member) B. Dunlap's, declaration that the board re-entered regular session. "

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 2 (D. Cowing) (D. Ambroggio), abstention 0. Motion carried.

The board entered open session at 6:08 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Yeider to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m."

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham  
Secretary,  
Board of Education  
Leslie Public Schools