

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2025
7:00 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 Dave Cowing at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members absent: None

Also present: Scott Powers, Superintendent

Pledge of Allegiance given.

Recognition of Underclassmen 3.5 GPA, Band and Choir Awards

The board recognized underclassmen with a 3.5 GPA or higher, band and choir group and individual awards.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board of Education received no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by D. Ambroggio, supported by B. Fifield to approve the April 14, 2025 Agenda (Amend to Remove item D-Hire Basketball Coach); Minutes of the April 14, 2025 Regular and Closed Meetings; Bills in the amount of \$1,075,228.67 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 4/30/2025.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

April 8, 2025 Ingham ISD Board Briefs: No discussion.
April 24, 2025 School Law Notes: No discussion.
Thank You Note - Independent Bank
Thank You Note - Riding Towards Success
Thank You Note - Cate Cooke - Easter Baskets

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Reaching Higher - Kristen Ambroggio

Kristen gave an update on the NASA project Reaching Higher had been working on.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

School Resource Officer Recognition

Scott had Thank-you notes to our SROs as part of police week.

Projected Enrollment for Next Year

Superintendent Powers presented that enrollment looks to be down for next year with a 1048 student enrollment projected.

Present Handbook changes for 2025-2026 School Year

Superintendent Powers presented the handbook changes for next school year.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

Retirement - Kathy Wright

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Yeider that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Kathy Wright as Leslie Learning Center Teacher, effective June 9, 2025."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0.
Motion carried.

ISD Support or Disapproval of General Fund Budget

"Moved by B. Fifield, supported by B. Yeider to approve the proposed ISD budget as per the enclosed Resolution."

Roll Call Vote for Approval

Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, E. Isham, D. Maynard, B. Yeider. Nays: none. Absent: B. Fifield
Motion carried.

NEOLA Spring (February 2025) Policy Updates
Volume 39, No. 2 Update - Spring 2025

Revised Policy 0131.1	Bylaws and Policies
Revised Policy 2266	Nondiscrimination
Revised Policy 4430	Leaves of Absence
Revised Policy 5320	Immunization
Revised Policy 5330	Use of Medication
Revised Policy 5330.01	Epinephrine Auto-Injectors
Revised Policy 5350	Student Health, Well-Being, and Suicide Prevention

Revised Policy 8320	Personnel Files
Revised Policy 8500	Food Services
Revised Policy 8510	Wellness
Rescind Policy 2264	Old Title IX

"Moved by B. Fifield, supported by B. Yeider that the Board of Education approve the NEOLA Spring - February 2025 - Volume 39, No. 2 Update as presented in Enclosure 12."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0.
Motion carried.

~~Hire Varsity Girls Basketball Coach~~

~~Moved by _____, supported by _____ that the Board of Education hire Rick Saldana as the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach as recommended by Athletic Director Johns.~~

~~Vote: ayes _____ nays _____ absent _____ abstention _____
Removed from the agenda because the candidate took another position.~~

High School Overnight Summer Athletic Trips

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve the High School athletic team trips as stated in Enclosure 14 per the recommendation of Athletic Director Johns."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0.
Motion carried.

**Leslie Board of Education Representative
and Alternate to ISD Board of Election and Directive**

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Dunlap that E. Isham is designated as the representative of this Board to elect candidates to vacancies on the ISD Board on June 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. B. Fifield is designated as alternate in case E. Isham is unable to serve in this capacity. It is the directive of this Board that the ballot be cast for Michael Flowers and Erin Schor for the two (2) open six-year terms. It is also the directive of this Board that the ballot be cast for Caitlyn Salow for the one (1) open partial two-year term. The attached resolution will be completed with the intention of this motion."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, 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 6, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 1 (D. Ambroggio).
Motion carried.

The board entered closed session at 8:04 p.m.

Open Session

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by D. Dunlap that the Board of Education ratify (*Board Member*) D. Cowing's, declaration that the board re-enter regular session."

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

The board entered open session at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

"Moved by B. Dunlap, supported by B. Fifield to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m."

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DC' or 'D. Cowing', written in a cursive style.

Dave Cowing
President,
Board of Education
Leslie Public Schools