

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, March 11, 2019  
7:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Board Room

**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 President Mary Crowl at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mary Crowl  
Eric Isham  
John Wayne Stewart  
Deann Maynard  
Dave Cowing  
Shauna Howe  
Kevin McDaniel

Members absent: none

Administrator(s)  
present: Jeff Manthei, Superintendent  
Troy James  
Todd Gonser  
Jim Dell  
Scott Powers  
Rob DeSmith  
Travis McComb  
Kristen Hawkins

Others: Jennifer Shuster  
Pat James  
Kelly Sundeen  
Kathryn Wright  
Shanna Messner  
Ken Weinstein  
Kara Procopio

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by E. Isham to approve the March 11, 2019 Agenda; Minutes of the February 11, 2019 special meeting; Minutes of the February 11, 2019 regular meeting; Minutes of the February 27, 2019 regular/workshop meeting; bills in the amount of \$202,074.05 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 2/28/19. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ingham Intermediate School District Board Briefs and School Law Notes were distributed as informational items.

Mary Crowl shared a letter from State Representative, Kara Hope, introducing herself as our new representative.

Mary Crowl shared a thank you note from Alaiedon (Mason), Principal, Shana Barnum, thanking Molly Turner and high school students for helping with their STEAM night.

Results of the MASB Board of Directors Election we distributed.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

**A. Facilities Update**

Facilities Director Troy James updated the board with the status of the current facilities projects.

**B. Title I Update**

Kelly Sundeen shared results of the winter reading benchmark testing at Woodworth. There was growth at each grade level.

**C. Committee Reports**

**1) Ingham School Officers Association**

Topics discussed included: truancy; Literacy/Math coaching; substitute teacher shortage; Career Quest and Career Cruising. A Literacy calendar was shared which the district has ordered to give to every kindergarten and first grade parent.

**2) District Advisory Team**

Topics discussed included: Middle School Health curriculum; the Drug, Health, and Safety Forum scheduled for 3/11/19; and the rotation schedule for high school textbooks.

**3) Leslie Public School District Foundation**

The Foundation will be doing a fundraiser in the future and is considering helping fund a new sound system for the High School auditorium.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**A. Enrollment as of March 5, 2019**

Superintendent Jeff Manthei reported that enrollment as of March 5, 2019 is 1300.

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

**A. Hire Head Varsity Girls Tennis Coach**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Cowing that the Board of Education hire Dean Baker as the head varsity girls' tennis coach per the recommendation of High School Athletic Director Scott Cousineau. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**B. Resolution In Support of Participation in the Reading Now Network**

Moved by E. Isham, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education fully supports the Resolution in Support of Participation in the Reading Now Network and the goal of the Network and directs the Superintendent to collaborate in the work of the Reading Now Network for the support of students in the district and across the region. Vote ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**C. Second Reading Lucy Calkins' Writers Workshop Model**

Moved by E. Isham, supported by J. W. Stewart that the Board of Education approve the second reading of the Lucy Calkins Writers Workshop Model as previously presented. Vote ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**D. Extension of Contracts**

**1) Todd Gonser, Middle School Principal**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (220 days per year) to Todd Gonser as Middle School Principal which would extend his contract to June 30, 2021. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**2) Scott Powers, High School Principal**

Moved by K. McDaniel, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (215 days per year) to Scott Powers as High School Principal which would extend his contract to June 30, 2021. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**3) Scott Cousineau, High School Assistant Principal**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by E. Isham that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (210 days per year) to Scott Cousineau as High School Assistant Principal which would extend his contract to June 30, 2021. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**4) Rob DeSmith, Special Education Director**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by K. McDaniel 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, 2021. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**5) Troy James, Transportation Director/Working Maintenance Supervisor**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Cowing that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Troy James as Transportation Director/Working Maintenance Supervisor which would extend his contract to June 30, 2021. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**6) Kristen Hawkins, Food Service Director**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (215 days per year) to Kristen Hawkins as Food Service Director which would extend her contract to June 30, 2021. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**7) Travis McComb, Network Specialist/Computer Technician**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by K. McDaniel that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (220 days per year) to Travis McComb as Network Specialist/Computer Technician which would extend his contract to June 30, 2021. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**8) Marcy Best, Executive Secretary**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (240 days per year) to Marcy Best as Executive Secretary which would extend her contract to June 30, 2021. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**9) Cindy Farley, State Reporting/Data Specialist**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Cindy Farley as State Reporting/Data Specialist which would extend her contract to June 30, 2021. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**10) Anita Strong, Finance Director**

Moved by S. Howe, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Anita Strong as Finance Director which would extend her contract to June 30, 2021. Vote ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**E. Change Meeting Date**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart to change the date of the March Regular/Workshop meeting from March 27, 2019 to March 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**F. Closed Session**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education convene into closed session pursuant to Subsection 8 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing teacher contract negotiations. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 1 (E.Isham). Motion carried.

Due to a conflict of interest, Vice President E. Isham abstained from voting and left the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

The Board entered Closed Session at 8:25 p.m.

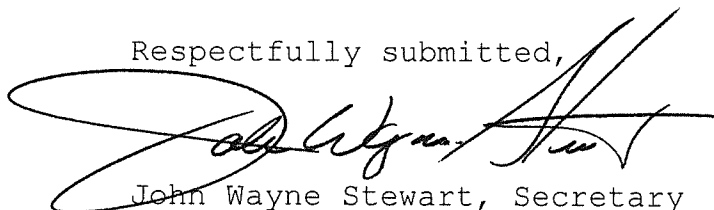
**G. Open Session**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education re-enter regular session at 9:11 p.m. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Crowl adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Wayne Stewart, Secretary  
Leslie Public Schools