

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Workshop/Community Forum Meeting  
Tuesday, June 5, 2018  
7:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Auditorium

**CALL MEETING**

The workshop/community forum meeting of the Board of Education of the Leslie Public Schools, Ingham and Jackson Counties, Michigan, was called to order by President Mary Cowl at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Mary Cowl  
John Wayne Stewart  
Eric Isham  
Tim Carroll  
Dave Cowing  
James Wood  
Deann Maynard

Members absent:

Administrator(s)  
present: Jeff Manthei, Superintendent  
Scott Powers  
Todd Gonser  
Jim Dell  
Rob DeSmith

Others:  
Melissa Caulk  
Carrie Pierce  
Kristy Caretti  
Alison Morrison  
Sarah Chapel  
Darcey Thilo  
Chassidy Fogg  
Sarah Ceffmeyer  
Shanna Messner  
Jordon Neuland  
Beth Lawrence  
Steve Lawrence  
Christine Gariel  
Sarah Abbey Ebauch  
Richelle Anderson  
Melissa Banghart  
JoAnn Isham  
Erica Suarez

Ronda Kuntas  
Ted Furply  
Brandy Tinkey  
Gay Hamilton  
Cindy Bean  
Deb Abbott  
Robin McCann  
Vicki Jacobs  
Kelly Sundeen  
Katie Robinson  
Katie Atwood  
Kyra Thibault  
Susie Gray  
Lauren Dodson  
Travis' McComb  
Brian Fletcher  
Steve Adams  
Kathy Thomas  
Keri Foster  
Brian Foster  
Laura Kien  
Autumn White  
Angie Filice  
Dianne Jefferson  
Beth Grimshaw  
Paula Barbour  
Sandra Dieter  
Ashli Everett  
Scott Everett  
Kristi Weber  
Gabe Weber  
Sandy Kreps  
Heidi Dietz  
Wendy Wyrick  
Kellie Connor  
Bill Allender  
Corey Petee  
Ashley Hollister  
Nichole Wartella  
Lacy Boyers  
Shauna Howe  
Justin Howe  
Holly Adams  
David Prater  
Jeannie Fox

Eric Hanes  
Kathryn Wright  
Misty L. Pierce  
Brittany Pierce  
Amanda Adams  
Danielle Gibbs  
Holly Bailey  
Danielle Stofer  
Ryan Okley  
Danielle Okley  
Jamie Ries  
Casey Sterle  
Renee Warren  
Aaron Warren  
Anne Walker  
Jamie Fletcher  
Megan Wartella  
Lori Orrin  
Josh Gibbs  
Jeff Antaya  
Deanna Perleberg  
Betsy Monroe  
Tom Ziegler  
Josh Kaimon  
Michelle DeShano  
Kenzie March  
Lee March  
Jenny Prater  
Jason Ferguson  
Greg Harris  
Evan Bennehoff  
Trisha Poe  
Kara Procopio  
Rebecca Clark  
Monica Mays  
Jamie Pennell  
Hannah Spaulding  
Zachary Spaulding  
Deb Jansen  
Katie Rivest  
Lisa Feighner  
Pam Kunkel-Chappel  
Steed Scutt  
Alysha Fata  
Lacey Leonard

Hannah Holliday  
Megan Cowing  
Neil Coatsworth  
Krayton Coatsworth  
Sam Hayner  
Scott Farley  
Jessica Lightner  
Jamie Hardesty  
Kyle Fogg  
Wendy Lippe  
Jennifer Rogers  
Alexis Rogers  
Cara Place  
Chris Place  
Hattie Dornbush  
Bob Whipple  
Jenn Shook  
Tiffany Doolittle  
Chelsea Oxbrough  
Jason Carter  
Mary Riehl  
Theresa Putnam  
Toby Teague

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:  
None.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

**A. School Safety**

Rev. Beth Grimshaw, Leslie Congregational United Church of Christ welcomed the group and laid out the ground rules for speaking. She also shared the plan to establish a School Safety Taskforce including parent volunteers, school administrators and a board member.

Sandra Dieter spoke regarding bus safety.

Laura Kien spoke regarding school safety and the presence of counselors.

Chelsea Oxbrough spoke regarding district safety issues.

Shaunna Howe spoke regarding an anonymous okay to say and safety issues.

Justin Howe spoke regarding district safety.

President Crowl shared that Superintendent Manthei is the Board's only employee.

Steve Adams stated that change is needed and starts with leadership.

Nichole Wartella spoke regarding Woodworth's safety issues.

President Crowl shared that every parent or visitor should be buzzed in and ask his or her business in the building.

Britney Pierce ask the amount of training teachers have had regarding safety and Title 9.

Superintendent Manthei shared that diversity training is one of the professional developments that teachers will have next school year. He also shared that the teachers have had ongoing suicide prevention, CPR, and trauma situational training.

Kristy Caretti shared the need for honest open communication between the school and the parents.

Melissa Caulk spoke regarding safety at Woodworth Elementary.

Holly Adams spoke regarding open communication.

Sam Hayner shared he works with at risk kids at Michigan Youth Challenge which is run by the Michigan National Guard. He spoke regarding the need to identify kids at risk and intervention available to them.

Josh Kaimon spoke regarding the safety at Woodworth Elementary.

Bill Allendar spoke regarding safety issues that were of issue when he taught at Leslie and the goal to make Leslie solid. He volunteered to be on the Safety Task Force.

Casey Sterle spoke regarding open communication and the need for counselors at all the schools.

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Tiffany Doolittle spoke regarding a community mental health movie entitled Resilience.

Matt Chamberlain spoke regarding safety at Woodworth Elementary and open communication.

Kerrie Foster spoke regarding open communication and safety at Woodworth Elementary.

Desiree Smith spoke regarding open communication and safety at Woodworth Elementary.

Patty Dornbos spoke regarding open communication and district safety.

Ashley Everett spoke regarding record keeping and safety policies.

Jamie Pennell spoke regarding district safety.

Katie Atwood spoke about school safety and trust.

Shauna Howe spoke regarding safety at Woodworth Elementary and communication.

Danielle Stover spoke regarding district safety and thanked the board for the forum.

Superintendent Manthei shared the parents in attendance that were interested in participating on the task force to give their contact information to Marcy Best or Cindy Farley.

Kerrie Foster spoke with regard to District Safety.

Misty Pierce spoke regarding school safety and open communication.

Secretary Eric Isham addressed the Forum thanking everyone for coming and engaging; apologized on behalf of the Board of Education and the Administration on how the Woodworth safety issue was handled and communicated.

He shared a summary of what was shared tonight at the forum:

- Everything that is suggested by the group and the task force probably all can't occur
- The Schools add an intervention specialist
- Counseling for children affected by the situation
- Door locks
- Communication policy
- Dean of Students and counselor at each building
- Task Force stay committed
- Okay to Say
- Apps to share information
- Youth challenge or at risk
- Help for parents - how to talk to their children
- Improved communication
- Police contact for all threats
- Acknowledgement from District how situation was handled
- Movie Resilience
- Letter to every citizen acknowledging the situation

Secretary Eric Isham then polled the group asking for what they want by way of communication. The large majority of the group want all three means of communication, i.e., phone call, text, and email. The overwhelming response was all three avenues of communication

Jamie Fox spoke regarding an instant emergency alert.

Jamie Hardesty spoke regarding Woodworth Elementary safety.

Sara Chappel spoke regarding those not having email addresses.

Gabe Weber spoke regarding availability of counselors and district safety.

Sarah Ebaugh spoke regarding district safety.

Desire Smith spoke regarding communication issues.

President Mary Crowl Shared the timeline of events with the audience.

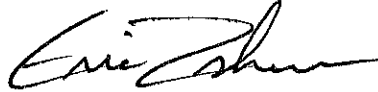
President Crowl thanked everyone for coming.

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ADJOURNMENT:

President Crowl adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Isham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "I".

Eric Isham, Secretary  
Leslie Public Schools