

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, June 8, 2020  
7:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Library/Remote

**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 Dave Cowing at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Dave Cowing  
Shauna Howe  
Eric Isham (remote)  
Deann Maynard (remote)  
Mary Crawl  
John Wayne Stewart (left 7:38 p.m.)  
Bud Fifield

Members absent:

Administrator(s)  
present: Jeff Manthei, Superintendent  
Scott Powers  
Scott Cousineau  
Todd Gonser  
Connie Gonzalez  
Rob DeSmith  
Andrea Roach  
Anita Strong  
Travis McComb  
Greg Pscodna  
Dave Medcoff

Others: Shanna Messner  
Marcey Thayer  
Kristen Ambroggio  
Tucker Surbrook  
Brooke Stahle

Pledge of Allegiance given.

**COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:**

Eric Isham, 206 Armstrong Street shared that his daughter is an American Girl Doll fan and nominated her teacher, Mrs. Fenger, for the Heroes with Hearts and shared that letter with the board.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by S. Howe that the Board of Education approve the June 8, 2020 Agenda; Minutes of the May 6, 2020 Special/Workshop Board Meeting; Minutes of the May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting; Minutes of the May 20, 2020 Regular/Workshop Meeting; Membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for Leslie High School

and Leslie Middle School for 2020-2021; bills in the amount of \$205,412.96 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 5/31/20.

Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

May 19, 2020 ISD Board Briefs and May 28, 2020 School Law Notes were distributed as informational items. President Cowing shared a thank you note from Lisa Lutchka stating her appreciation for all the board does.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

**A. Introduce Woodworth School Student Handbook**

The 2020-2021 Woodworth Elementary School Student Handbook was introduced to the board. It will be voted on at the next board meeting.

**B. Introduce Middle School Student Handbook**

The 2020-2021 Middle School Student Handbook was introduced to the board. It will be voted on at the next board meeting.

**C. Leslie Return to Athletics**

Athletic Director Greg Pscodna updated the board on Leslie athletes returning to workouts.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**A. Truth and Taxation Public Hearing - June 24 at 6:00 p.m.**

Superintendent Manthei reminded the board that the Truth and Taxation hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library and remote access. Following the hearing will be a Board/Workshop.

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

**A. MASB 2020-2021 Membership Renewal**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by M. Crawl that the Board of Education approve the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) 2020-2021 membership dues for \$3,397.00 Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**B. Adidas Agreement**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve the Adidas Agreement for purchase of team merchandise for Jul 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**C. Modification of Graduation Requirements for the graduating Classes of 2021, 2022, and 2023.**

Moved by S. Howe, supported by B. Fifield that the Board approve the modifications of graduation requirements for the graduating classes of 2021, 2022 and 2023 as presented by High School Principal Scott Powers. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl & B. Fifield, nays 0, absent 1 (J.W. Stewart), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**D. 2020-2021 Budget**

Superintendent Manthei updated the Board with estimates for the 2020-2021 budget. He shared that some staff had inquired about the severance package, cuts are going to be made, possible job sharing and layoffs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by S. Howe to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (J.W. Stewart), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham, Secretary  
Leslie Public Schools