

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2018
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 6:59 p.m.

Members present: Mary Crowl
John Wayne Stewart
Eric Isham
James Wood
Dave Cowing
Deann Maynard
Kevin McDaniel (skyped in)

Members absent:

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

Others: Pat James
Shanna Messner
Shauna Howe
Steve Adams
Adrian Poullisse
Carrie Pierce
Sharon Sonnenberg
Jennifer Shuster
Julie Walczak
Travis Halsted

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:

Jennifer Shuster, 214 Butler Street, Leslie, Michigan addressed the Board regarding the poor condition of the Middle School band lockers.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By J.W. Stewart, supported by J. Wood to approve the September 10, 2018 Agenda; Minutes of the August 13, 2018 regular meeting; Minutes of the August 29, 2018 regular/workshop meeting; bills in the amount of \$315,046.33 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Fund Budget Report as of 8/31/2018.

Roll Call Vote: ayes: M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart, E. Isham, J. Wood, D. Cowing, D. Maynard and K. McDaniel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

August 21, 2018 IISD Board Briefs and August 30, 2018 School Law Notes were distributed as informational items.

President Crawl shared two thank you letters to the Congregational United Church of Christ and Leslie United Methodist Church for their donations of school supplies.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

A. Start of School Building Reports

High School

Principal Scott Powers briefed the Board on the successful start of the 2018-19 school year. He shared some of the highlights with the Board.

Middle School

Principal Todd Gonser informed the Board that the Middle School is off to a great start for the 2018-19 school year. He shared that the students are adjusting well to the schedule changes.

Woodworth

Principal Jim Dell shared that the start of school for Woodworth has been wonderful. He thanked everyone for helping to get the additional kindergarten classroom up and running.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. Enrollment as of September 5, 2018

Superintendent Manthei reported that enrollment as of September 5, 2018 is 1250 which is 20 students less than last year.

B. Property Update

Superintendent Manthei informed the Board that closing on both properties is scheduled for September 18, 2018.

C. Safety Task Force

Superintendent Manthei shared that he and President Crawl attended the Safety Task Force meeting on September 4, 2018. Some of their discussions were audits, substitute procedures, internal audit and surveys.

D. Safety Grant

Superintendent Manthei reported that Leslie is applying for the MSP Safety Grant.

E. Superintendents Conference

Superintendent Manthei informed the Board that he would be attending the Superintendents Conference September 19-21, 2018.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

A. Hire School Psychologist

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education hire Jamie Reynolds as the District's School Psychologist per the recommendation of Special Education Director Rob DeSmith. Roll Call Vote: ayes: M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart, E. Isham, J. Wood, D. Cowing, D. Maynard and K. McDaniel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

B. SmartBoot Discussion

The Board discussed the SmartBoot System that was presented at the August 29th Board meeting. There was interest by members to attend a demonstration of the SmartBoot System at a Williamston school where it has been installed.

ADJORNMENT:

President Crawl adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham, Secretary
Leslie Public School