

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2016
7:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Board Room

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 Crawl at 7:00 p.m.

CALL MEETING

Members present: Mary Crawl
Bud Fifield
Eric Isham
John Wayne Stewart
Deann Maynard
Tim Carroll
James Wood

Members absent:

Administrator(s)

present: Jeff Manthei, Superintendent

Others: Rob DeSmith Kristen Hawkins
Jim Dell Anita Strong
Pat James Scott Cousineau
Troy James John Weaver
Scott Powers Carol Franz
Travis McComb

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:

None.

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by J.W. Stewart to amend the Consent Agenda to insert "Hire Head Junior Varsity Baseball Coach" as Action Item D. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

AMEND AGENDA

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by B. Fifield to approve the March 14, 2016 amended agenda; Minutes of February 8, 2016 regular meeting (open and closed); Minutes of March 2, 2016 regular/workshop meeting; the bills in the amount of \$199,221.74 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Fund Budget Report as of 2/29/16. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE:

School Law Notes; ISD Board Briefs; and a Thank You letter to Parker Hannifin Corporation were distributed as informational items.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

1) Focus School

Leslie Middle School Principal Carol Franz shared news from the Dept. of Education that Leslie Middle School and Woodworth Elementary School are no longer Focus Schools. The achievement gap between the bottom 30 students and the top 30 students has closed. Because this requirement has been met, the two schools were removed from Focus School status.

2) High School Drug Summit

High School Principal Scott Powers reported on the positive feedback and many posts on Facebook after the Drug Summit held on March 8, 2016. Several keynote speakers gave many examples of changes in family dynamics caused by the destruction and sadness when a family member has an addiction. The high school student council plans to hold this drug summit again in a few years.

3) Finance Report

Business Manager Anita Strong reported on the budget adjustment which is on the agenda for board action. She gave explanations for the few line items where changes have recently been made.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1) Enrollment

Supt. Jeff Manthei reported that enrollment is 1,404 as of March 8, 2016. This number includes students in Ingham Virtual, GSRP and drive-ins.

2) 2016 Touchstone Energy Technology
Classroom Grants

Supt. Manthei said a middle school teacher received a grant for \$1,500 to purchase Chromebooks. Another middle school teacher received a grant for \$700.48 for photon solar racer kits. The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel donated \$300 to the high school choir for their upcoming New York City trip. Independent Bank donated \$5,000 to Woodworth Elementary School for educational materials. In addition, the Michigan Dept. of Education awarded a grant for \$6,639.26 for the Acceptable Assessment Tools for Early Literacy Educators Grant.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve budget adjustments for the General Fund as outlined in Enclosure #7. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**BUDGET
ADJUSTMENTS**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (215 days per year) to Carol Franz as Middle School Principal which would extend her contract to June 30, 2018. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**CONTRACT
EXTENSIONS**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board 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, 2018. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by J. Wood, supported by D. Maynard that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (210 days per year) to Scott Cousineau as High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director which would extend his contract to June 30, 2018. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

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Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J. Wood that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (215 days per year) to James Dell as Elementary School Principal which would extend his contract to June 30, 2018. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by E. Isham that the Board 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, 2018. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Troy James as Leslie Public School's Transportation Director/ Working Maintenance Supervisor which would extend his contract to June 30, 2018. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion Carried.

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (210 days per year) to Kristen Hawkins as Leslie Public School's Food Service Director which would extend her contract to June 30, 2018. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by D. Maynard that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Loretta Vince as Leslie Public School's Executive Secretary which would extend her contract to June 30, 2018. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by D. Maynard that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Cindy Farley as Leslie Public School's State Reporting/Data Specialist which would extend her contract to June 30, 2018. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

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Supt. Jeff Manthei gave a brief overview of the discussions and work being done by the Leslie Residents for the Growth of Leslie Public Schools. T-shirts, banners, school district tours, and Leslie Fire Department activities were discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leslie Fire Barn.

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by T. Carroll to hire Jeremy Hatherly as Head JV Baseball Coach per the recommendation of Athletic Director Scott Cousineau. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE HEAD JV
BASEBALL COACH**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by T. Carroll to 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Due to conflict of interest, Secretary E. Isham abstained from voting and left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

The Board entered Closed Session at 8:07 p.m.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by T. Carroll that the Board of Education re-enter regular Session at 8:46 p.m. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

President Crawl adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham, Secretary
Leslie Public Schools