

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Annual Organizational Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2022
7:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Library

CALL MEETING

The annual organizational meeting of the Board of Education of the Leslie Public Schools, Ingham and Jackson Counties, Michigan, was called to order by Dave Cowing at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Dave Cowing
 Shauna Howe
 Deann Maynard
 Eric Isham
 Mary Crowl
 Bud Fifield
 Elisabeth Yeider

Members absent: None

Administrator(s)
present: Scott Powers, Superintendent
 Andrea Roach
 Connie Gonzalez
 Pat Weber
 Dave Medcoff
 Travis McComb
 Julie Fletcher
 Kara Mowers
 Rob DeSmith
 Kristen Hawkins
 Greg Pscodna

Others: Marcella Thayer
 Lindsay Waldron
 Amy Dunlap
 Jessica Lightner
 Evan Bennehoff
 Lance Woodland
 Kelly Woodland
 Lynn Hubbard
 Jessica Dexter
 Dominic Ambroggio
 Hattie Dornbush
 Ken Weinstein

Pledge of Allegiance given.

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COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT

Lance Woodland, Styles Road Pleasant Lake. He shared concerns about mask mandates and the possibility of vaccine mandates.

JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Superintendent Scott Powers thanked the school board members for their time spent working on school issues. On behalf of the administrators and staff, the school board members are appreciated for all they do.

ANNUAL BOARD ORGANIZATION

A. Appointment of a Temporary Chairperson

Moved by M. Crowl, supported by S. Howe that Dave Cowing be appointed temporary Chairperson to serve until the election of a President.

Roll Call Vote that Dave Cowing be appointed as temporary Chairperson:

ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, B. Fifield and E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Election of Officers

(President)

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by D. Maynard to nominate Dave Cowing as President.

Moved by E. Isham, supported by B. Fifield to close nominations for the office of President.

Roll Call Vote to close nominations:

ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, B. Fifield and E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Dave Cowing as President.

ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, B. Fifield and E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Dave Cowing voted as President until January 9, 2023.

(Vice-President)

Moved by E. Isham, supported by M. Crowl to nominate Shauna Howe as Vice-President.

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard to close nominations for the office of Vice-President.

Roll Call Vote to close the nominations:

ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, B. Fifield and E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Roll Call Vote for Shauna Howe as Vice-President.

ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, B. Fifield and E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Shauna Howe voted as Vice-President until January 9, 2023.

(Treasurer)

Moved by M. Crawl, supported by E. Isham to nominate Deann Maynard as Treasurer.

Moved by E. Isham, supported by M. Crawl to close nominations for the office of Treasurer.

Roll Call Vote to close the nominations:

ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, B. Fifield and E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Deann Maynard as Treasurer:

ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, B. Fifield and E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Deann Maynard voted as Treasurer until January 9, 2023.

(Secretary)

Moved by M. Crawl, supported by S. Howe to nominate Eric Isham as Secretary.

Moved by M. Crawl, supported by D. Maynard to close nominations for the office of Secretary.

Roll Call Vote to close the nominations:

ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, B. Fifield and E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Eric Isham as Secretary:

ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, B. Fifield and E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Eric Isham voted as Secretary until January 9, 2023.

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**C. Appointment of Board Committee Memberships
Building and Grounds Committee**

Committee of the Whole

Finance/Budget Committee

Committee of the Whole

Superintendent Evaluation Committee

Committee of the Whole

Health Committee

Elisabeth Yeider

Alternate: Mary Crowl

District Advisory Team

Mary Crowl

Alternate: Deann Maynard

Alternate: Shauna Howe

Leslie Public Schools Foundation Member

Shauna Howe

Alternate: Dave Cowing

Alternate: Bud Fifield

Ingham School Officers Association (I.S.O.A.) Representative

Mary Crowl

Alternate: Shauna Howe

Alternate: Dave Cowing

Positive Culture Committee

Eric Isham

Alternate: Dave Cowing

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by E. Isham to approve the January 10, 2022 Agenda; Minutes of the December 6, 2021 regular meeting (open and closed); Minutes of the December 13, 2021 Special Meeting; Minutes of the December 14, 2021 Special Meeting (open and closed); Minutes of the December 20, 2021 Special Meeting; Minutes of the January 5, 2022 Special Meeting; Officially designate Cindy Farley to implement public notice requirements of the Open Meetings Act; Officially designate Julie Fletcher to assume specified responsibilities of Treasurer as outlined in Board By-Law 0154G; Officially designate Julie Fletcher as Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO) in accordance with Policy #6144; bills in the amount of \$154,829.57 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 12/31/21.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

December 14, 2021 IISD Board Briefs and December 16, 2021, School Law Notes were distributed as informational items.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

A. Middle School Wrestling

Athletic Director Greg Pscodna presented rationale to provide Middle School Wrestling as a club sport.

B. Bus Fleet Update

Transportation Supervisor Kara Mowers provided an update on the current bus fleet and pricing for leasing/purchasing options for new school busses.

C. Budget Update

Business Manager Julie Fletcher provided an update on the 2021-22 budget.

D. New Middle School Curriculum

Pat Weber and Andrea Roach shared the proposed new Middle School curriculum which is based on student interest.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. Committee Reports - DAT Committee

Superintendent Scott Powers presented an update on DAT. The committee discussed ESSER III Funds and Middle School Curriculum.

B. District Update

Superintendent Scott Powers presented an update on staffing changes in the district to include the new Middle School Principal and Middle School Secretary as well as building floating subs. He shared that he is looking for ways to engage families in the community more with the use of social media.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

A. Approve Middle School Curriculum

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve the new Middle School curriculum as presented.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

B. NEOLA Fall (September 2021) Policy Updates

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by E. Isham that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the NEOLA Volume 36, No. 1 Policies Revisions - Fall (September 2021 Updates as presented.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

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C. Accept Resignation

Moved by S. Howe, supported by E. Yeider that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Elizabeth Rieman as Leslie Middle School Teacher effective December 31, 2021.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

D. Middle School Wrestling

Moved by S. Howe, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve Middle School wrestling as a club sport per the recommendation of the athletic director.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

E. Resolution to set Regular Meeting and Workshop Meeting Dates for 2022 and January 2023

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by E. Yeider that the Resolution to Set Regular Meeting and Workshop Meeting Dates for 2022 and January 2023 as shown in enclosure 9 be approved and attached with the minutes of this meeting.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

F. Resolution Authorized Signers - Bank Accounts

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by E. Isham that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to change the authorized signers on the LPS bank account as outlined in Enclosure 10.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion Carried.

G. Retain Thrun Law Firm

Moved by S. Howe, supported by M. Crowl to retain Thrun Law Firm (general counsel) for the 2022 calendar year.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Isham, Secretary
Leslie Public Schools