

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 18, 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 7:01 p.m.

CALL MEETING

Members present: Mary Crawl
Eric Isham (arrived at 7:43 p.m.)
John Wayne Stewart
Deann Maynard
Tim Carroll
James Wood

Members absent: Bud Fifield

Administrator(s)
present:

Jeff Manthei, Superintendent

Others:

Rob DeSmith	Kristen Hawkins	Camden Austin
Jim Dell	Anita Strong	Andrew Cowan
Jean Maiville	Samanthia Hampton	Justin Kaimon
Randy Maiville	John Weaver	Zach Latter
Scott Powers	Carol Franz	Dylan Patton
Travis McComb	Matt Johns	Tom Peterson
Melissa Latter	Jolene Caudill	Lisa Charles
Patrice Maier	Dayna Dishman	Graci Dack
Lauretta Gilliland	Pete Zamora	Cheyenne Maier
Rachel Gilliland	Chollada Neantasard	Alexa Wiljanen
Grady Doane	Tammie Doane	David Hill
Tom Kassab	Laura Kassab	Autumn Kassab
Justine Kassab	Jordan Pearsall	Carey Nichols
Rachel Gilliland	Katherine Maiville	Tom Ziegler
Brandon Penix-Bedell		Kyle Danko
Sofia Haegerstroem		Wyatt Wiljanen

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:

Mary Crawl, 1400 Baseline Road, Leslie urged high school students over 18 years old to register to vote.

The Board presented certificates of recognition to the:

- Boys Varsity Basketball Team;
- Competitive Cheer Team;

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- Individual Bowler from Boys Team;
- Career Center Students;
- Capital Area Poetry Competition winner;
- Ingham Art Exhibit winners.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart to approve the April 18, 2016 agenda; Minutes of March 14, 2016 regular meeting (open and closed); Minutes of March 24, 2016 special meeting; Schedule B resignations: 1) Tom Shafer as JV Head Football Coach, 2) Margaret Wagner as Varsity Volleyball Coach, 3) Todd Stern as Varsity Wrestling Coach; the bills in the amount of \$340,997.39 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Fund Budget Report as of 3/31/16. Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 2 (B. Fifield, E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE:

School Law Notes; ISD Board Briefs; and an e-mail from a patron at McDonald's were distributed as informational items.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

1) High School Update

Leslie High School Principal Scott Powers presented data on attendance, discipline, failure improvement, graduation and drop-out rates. This data showed trends over six years. He attributed the positive trends to many interventions and staff support working one-on-one with individual students.

2) Finance Report

Business Manager Anita Strong reported receiving a rebate check for \$849 from the purchasing card consortium. More bills will be paid with the pcard to receive larger rebates. Also, Supt. Manthei and Ms. Strong recently met with

the Department of Treasury. With the fund balance presently below 5%, Leslie Public Schools is in "Fiscal Stress." Ms. Strong will provide information regularly to the Department of Treasury for their guidance and to demonstrate that the fund balance is increasing. There is no cost for this service.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1) ISD Budget Information

Supt. Jeff Manthei reminded Board members that an action item will be on the May 9, 2016 agenda to approve/disapprove the proposed ISD 2016-2017 General Fund Budget.

2) Enrollment

Supt. Jeff Manthei reported that enrollment is 1,406 as of April 12, 2016. This number includes students in Ingham Virtual, GSRP and drive-ins.

3) Grants

The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel donated \$300 to the high school choir for their upcoming New York City trip and \$200 to Tammie Doane for science equipment. Free chocolate milk has been approved by ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously) for their annual one mile Blackhawk Run on May 4, 2016.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by J. Wood that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Julie Keat as a second grade teacher and thank her for her 17 years of service. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**ACCEPT
RESIGNATION**

Moved by E. Isham, supported by T. Carroll that the Board of Education accept the

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resignation of Kerry Samulak as a first grade teacher and thank her for her 20 years of service. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0.
Motion carried.

Moved by J. Wood, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education hire Tucker Surbrook as Junior Varsity Football Coach per the recommendation of Athletic Director Scott Cousineau. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0.
Motion carried.

**HIRE JV
FOOTBALL COACH**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education approve an overnight trip to Central Michigan University Friday, April 29-Saturday, April 30, 2016 for the Forensics Team for State Finals per the recommendation of High School Principal Scott Powers. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0.
Motion carried.

**OVERNIGHT
FORENSICS TRIP**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by T. Carroll that the Board of Education approve an overnight trip to Mackinac Island Friday, 20 through Sunday, May 22, 2016 for the Forensics Team for a tournament per the recommendation of High School Principal Scott Powers. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0.
Motion carried.

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Supt. Jeff Manthei reported on the fundraising activities planned by the Residents for the Growth of Leslie Public Schools for Saturday, May 7. The Kick-off is planned for Sunday, May 15. A video is now available on the LPS website and on Facebook. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

SINKING FUND

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart to convene into closed session pursuant to

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Subsection 8 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing teacher contract negotiations. Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 1 (E. Isham). Motion carried.

Due to conflict of interest, Secretary E. Isham abstained from voting and left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The Board entered Closed Session at 8:45 p.m.

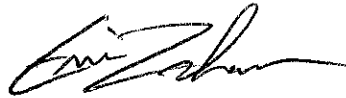
Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education re-enter regular Session at 9:00 p.m. Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 2 (B. Fifield, E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

President Crowl adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham, Secretary
Leslie Public Schools