

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 8, 2017  
6:00 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 Crawl at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Mary Crawl  
John Wayne Stewart  
Eric Isham  
Tim Carroll  
James Wood (arrived at 6:55 p.m.)  
Dave Cowing (arrived at 6:27 p.m.)  
Tom Sears

Members absent:

Administrator(s)

present: Jeff Manthei, Superintendent

Others: Jim Dell Rob DeSmith  
Shanna Messner Anita Strong  
Anne Ribby Samantha C.  
Wendy Lippe Andrea Weaver  
Betsy Monroe John Weaver  
Scott Powers Colleen Reid  
Ken Weinstein Emily L.  
Kate T. Sophia C.  
Matthew A. Sarah K.  
Jaidyn S.

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:

Shanna Messner, 3044 Eden Road, Leslie expressed her displeasure of the Board.

Board recessed at 6:06 p.m. to the High School Auditorium for student recognition.

High School students (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades) with a grade point average 3.50 and above were honored for their academic achievements.

Board reconvened at 6:26 p.m. in the High School Board Room.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by E. Isham to approve the May 8, 2017 agenda; Minutes of April 17, 2017 regular meeting (open and closed); Minutes of April 19, 2017 special meeting (open and closed); Minutes of April 24, 2017 special meeting; Minutes of April 26, 2017 regular/workshop meeting (open and closed); Schedule B Resignations: Justin Houghton as Head Freshmen Boys Basketball Coach; Michael Brown as .50 JV Assistant Football Coach; the bills in the amount of \$1,602,171.83 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; and General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Fund Budget Report as of 4/28/17. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (J. Wood), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

School Law Notes; Grant Award Notification; Audit Results; MLive Article; Thank You Letter to the Knights of Columbus; and Thank You letters from the Woodworth Principal were distributed as informational items.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

**1) Big History Lesson**

Fourth Grade Teachers Wendy Lippe, Betsy Monroe and Technology Teacher Ken Weinstein asked six students to create a presentation about the Big History Lesson. They shared information and created a video about what they learned during this week-long lesson.

**2) Germany Trip**

High School German Teacher Andrea Weaver and a student gave highlights of the recent trip to Germany. Photos were shown in a Power Point presentation.

Colleen Reid, AYA-AIFS presented a grant to Ms. Weaver for \$1,000 to foster greater understanding between German and American youth. Ms. Reid further explained that this is a prestigious grant.

### **3) LINKS Update**

Special Education Director Rob DeSmith updated the Board on the progress of this program since it started second trimester of this school year. This program links a general education student to students who are on the Autism Disorder spectrum. Students and teachers have given positive feedback. Mr. DeSmith plans to expand this program next year.

### **4) Committee Reports**

#### **- District Advisory Team**

Supt. Manthei said the next meeting is Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Discussion will be about modifying the summer school program because it will be located at Leslie Middle School. The summer lunch program will also be at the middle school this year.

#### **- Leslie Public Schools Foundation**

Supt. Manthei said the next meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup>. They recently gave a check to support 9<sup>th</sup> grade students visiting the Holocaust museum.

### **5) Superintendent's Reports**

#### **- Enrollment as of April 12, 2017**

Supt. Manthei reported that enrollment is 1,365. This number includes students in Ingham Virtual, GSRP and drive-ins.

#### **- Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Participation numbers from parent/teacher conferences are stable. Discussions have begun about restructuring the timing of high school parent-teacher conferences.

**- Grants Received 2016-17 School Year**

A comprehensive spreadsheet was distributed showing grants applied for and received during the 2016-17 school year. They total over \$34,000 received this year.

**- Introduce Student Handbooks**

Student Handbooks will be an action item on the May 24<sup>th</sup> regular/workshop agenda.

**- Sinking Fund Discussion**

A Spreadsheet showing 2017 Woodworth Site Improvement Costs was distributed.

Trustee Dave Cowing left at 7:08 p.m.

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by J.W. Stewart to approve the proposed ISD budget as per the enclosed Resolution. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (D. Cowing), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**SUPPORT OF ISD  
GENERAL FUND  
BUDGET**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by T. Sears that the Board of Education approve a trip to Costa Rica from June 18-June 27, 2018 per the recommendation of High School Principal Scott Powers. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (D. Cowing), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIGH SCHOOL  
SPANISH CLASS  
TRIP TO COSTA  
RICA**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by J. Wood that the Board of Education hire Todd Anderson for the position of Varsity Assistant Football Coach per the recommendation of Athletic Director Scott Cousineau. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (D. Cowing), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE VARSITY  
ASST FOOTBALL  
COACH**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by J. Wood that the Board of Education accept a bid from Johnson Sign Company for a digital sign at Woodworth Elementary School in the amount of \$31,250.00 per the recommendation of Facility Director Troy James. Vote: ayes 5, nays 1 (T. Sears), absent 1 (D. Cowing), abstention 0. Motion carried.


**APPROVE  
WOODWORTH  
DIGITAL SIGN**

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President Crowl adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Isham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eric" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Isham".

Eric Isham, Secretary  
Leslie Public Schools