

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2015
7:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Board Room

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Leslie Public Schools, Ingham and Jackson Counties, Michigan, was called to order by President Eric Isham at 7:02 p.m.

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

Members absent:

Administrator(s)
present: Jeff Manthei, Superintendent

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| Others: | Anita Strong | Scott Powers |
| | John Weaver | Scott Cousineau |
| | Jim Dell | Amy Johnson |
| | Troy James | Kim Harkness |
| | Pat James | Steven Harkness |
| | Travis McComb | Brian Ellis |
| | Alan Browne | Sam Avis |
| | Rob DeSmith | Patrick Gibson |
| | Nancy Lewis | Kristen Hawkins |
| | Aaron Desentz | |

Pledge of Allegiance given.

Congratulatory letters were mailed to spring sports athletes. These students received formal recognition for their outstanding accomplishments.

President Isham introduced Steven Harkness. He received recognition from the Board for donating his Ingham County 4-H proceeds to a scholarship fund. This fund provides scholarship money for future winners of livestock showmanship competitions.

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COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:
None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by J. Wood to approve the September 21, 2015 agenda; Minutes of August 10, 2015 regular meeting; Minutes of August 24, 2015 special meeting (open and closed); Minutes of August 26, 2015 regular board/workshop meeting; the August bills in the amount of \$391,272.21 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Fund Budget Report as of 8/31/15. Vote: ayes 6, nays 1 (M. Crowl), absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

School Law Notes; ISD School Board Briefs (August 18 and September 15); Lansing State Journal article; and a Thank You letter to the Knights of Columbus were distributed as informational items.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- 1) Introduce Leslie City Manager Aaron Desentz
Supt. Jeff Manthei introduced Leslie City Manager Aaron Desentz to the Board. Mr. Desentz is looking forward to continuing the good working relationship between the two entities.

- 2) Technology Update
Network Administrator Travis McComb updated the Board on projects finished during the summer. Due to the beginning of the school year, the number of work tickets is always high. Current and future projects include: IlluminateEd and student accounts; automatic print and copy auditing; and gmail migration for students.

3) Food Services Update

Food Service Director Kristen Hawkins reported numbers for the summer breakfast and lunch program. Meals were served Tuesday through Thursday for six weeks. Programs served were Middle School Reaching Higher, Woodworth Summer School, Woodworth Daycare and walk-ins. Ms. Hawkins said today (Monday, Sept. 21) was the first day of the after-school free meal program at Leslie High School. This program offers a free cold meal to any student involved in an after-school enrichment activity. This program starts Wednesday, Sept. 23 at Leslie Middle School.

4) Finance Report

Business Manager Anita Strong reported the auditors were here for four days in late August. They are e-mailing her with a few follow-up questions. Recently two pcards have been compromised. New cards have been issued. Ms. Strong also reported that due to a new Board policy, employee paychecks either be direct deposited into checking accounts or a payroll debit card will be issued. Communication efforts have begun with employees so that this change will be effective January 1, 2016.

5) Introduction/High School Choir Trip

High School Choir Director Nancy Lewis gave details about the upcoming trip to New York City in April 2016. Fundraisers will be held later this year and in January 2016. This will be an action item on the October 12th, 2015 agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1) Oil and Gas Rights/School Property
Alan Browne and Patrick Gibson from West Bay Exploration Company talked about the possibility of leasing 77 acres of school property to explore for oil and natural gas. This will be an action item on the October 12th, 2015 agenda.

2) Staffing Update
These open positions are currently posted: Middle School MTSS aide, High School lunch hour worker and JV girls basketball coach.

3) MASB Fall Conference
The MASB Fall Conference is scheduled Oct. 22nd through the 25th in Traverse City.

4) Enrollment
Supt. Manthei reported that enrollment is 1,382 as of Sept. 17, 2015. This number includes students in Ingham Virtual, GSRP and drive-ins.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education hire Amy Johnson as .80 GSRP Preschool Program Lead Teacher per the recommendation of Woodworth Elementary Principal Jim Dell. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE .80
GSRP PRESCHOOL
PROGRAM LEAD
TEACHER**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education hire Samuel Avis as 8th Grade English Teacher per the recommendation of Leslie Middle School Principal Carol Franz. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE 8th GRADE
ENGLISH TEACHER**

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Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education hire Alexa Hayes-Murray as High School Yearbook Advisor per the recommendation of High School Principal Scott Powers. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE YEARBOOK
ADVISOR**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Ashley Laverty as 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher and thank her for her two years of service. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**ACCEPT
RESIGNATION**

Eight community members met with Supt. Manthei on Sept. 14th to form a campaign committee. One topic of discussion was getting information out to the voters. Another topic was planning what needs to be done on a monthly basis. The next meeting has been scheduled for October 5th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school board room. The next district bus tour is scheduled for September 29th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. starting in the high school commons.

**SINKING FUND
DISCUSSION**

President Isham adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



For

Mary Crowl, Secretary
Leslie Public Schools