

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Annual Organizational Meeting  
Monday, January 11, 2021  
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  
                              John Wayne Stewart  
                              Bud Fifield

Members absent:        None

Administrator(s)  
present:                 Scott Powers, Superintendent  
                              Todd Gonser  
                              Andrea Roach  
                              Connie Gonzalez  
                              Dave Medcoff  
                              Travis McComb  
                              Anita Strong  
                              Rob DeSmith  
                              Kristen Hawkins  
                              Greg Pscodna

Others:                 Leslie staff and community members (remote) a complete list of remote attendees is available at the Superintendent's Office.

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT - Reconfirmation of Learning Plan - None

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Mary Crowl, Baseline Road, Leslie thanked the LPS Administrators, teachers and staff for stepping up and making our district better than it has ever been.

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 E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard 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, J.W. Stewart and B. Fifield. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**B. Election of Officers  
(President)**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by J.W. Stewart to nominate Dave Cowing as President.

Moved by E. Isham, supported by J.W. Stewart to close nominations for the office of President.

Roll Call Vote to close the nominations: ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, J.W. Stewart and B. Fifield. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Dave Cowing as President. ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, J.W. Stewart and B. Fifield. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Dave Cowing voted as President until January 10, 2022.

**(Vice-President)**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Cowing to nominate Shauna Howe as Vice-President.

Moved by E. Isham, supported by J.W. Stewart 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, J.W. Stewart and B. Fifield. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Shauna Howe as Vice-President. ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, J.W. Stewart and B. Fifield. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Shauna Howe voted as Vice-President until January 10, 2022.

**(Treasurer)**

Moved by M. Crowl, supported by S. Howe to nominate Deann Maynard as Treasurer.

Moved by E. Isham, supported by S. Howe, 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. Crowl, J.W. Stewart and B. Fifield. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Deann Maynard as Treasurer: ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, J.W. Stewart and B. Fifield. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Deann Maynard voted as Treasurer until January 10, 2022.

**(Secretary)**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by S. Howe to nominate Eric Isham as Secretary.

Moved by D. Cowing, supported by J.W. Stewart 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. Crowl, J.W. Stewart and B. Fifield. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote Eric Isham as Secretary: ayes: ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, J.W. Stewart and B. Fifield. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Eric Isham voted as Secretary until January 10, 2022.

**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**  
Eric Isham  
Alternate: Mary Crowl

**District Advisory Team**

Mary Cowl  
Alternate: Dave Cowing  
Alternate: Shauna Howe

**Leslie Public Schools Foundation Member**

Shauna Howe  
Alternate: Dave Cowing  
Alternate: Mary Cowl  
Alternate: Bud Fifield

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

Mary Cowl  
Alternate: Shauna Howe  
Alternate: Dave Cowing

**Positive Culture Committee**

Dave Cowing  
Alternate: John Wayne Stewart

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by E. Isham to approve the January 11, 2021 Agenda; Minutes of the December 7, 2020 regular meeting; Officially designate Marcy Russell to implement public notice requirements of the Open Meetings Act; Officially designate Anita Strong to assume specified responsibilities of Treasurer as outlined in Board By-Law 0154G; Officially designate Anita Strong as Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO) in accordance with Policy #6144; bills in the amount of \$284,966.89 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 12/31/20. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

December 15, 2020 IISD Board Briefs and December 17, 2020, School Law Notes were distributed as informational items.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

**A. Sinking Fund Projects Update**

Facilities Manager Dave Medcoff updated the board on the progress of the Sinking Funds projects; all ventilation controls updated in the Woodworth classrooms, new bleachers built at softball field and bids on paving parking lots due February 4.

**B. ELA Curriculum Update.**

Middle School Principal, Andrea Roach, provided an ELA curriculum update. She shared that they are looking for a new reading curriculum.



**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**A. Committee Reports - DAT Committee**

Superintendent Scott Powers reported that at the December DAT meeting there were updates regarding Title I, fast testing, changes to the child study team, academic response team, a mental health update PD, and that MICIP will be replacing the assist.

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

**A. Accept Resignation**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Jeff Manthei as the Superintendent of Leslie Public Schools effective December 18, 2020. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**B. Resolution to set Regular Meeting and Workshop Meeting Dates for 2020-21.**

Moved by E. Isham, supported by B. Fifield that the Resolution to Set Regular Meeting and Workshop Meeting Dates for 2021-22 as shown in enclosure #3 be approved and attached with the minutes of this meeting. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**C. Resolution Authorized Signers - Bank Accounts**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Change the Authorized Signers on the LPS bank account as outlined in Enclosure #4. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion Carried.

**D. Retain Thrun Law Firm**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by M. Crawl to retain Thrun Law firm (general counsel) for the 2021 calendar year. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Andrea Roach presented the Continuity of Learning Plan to the Board and updated them on any changes that were implemented since the last board meeting.

**E. Reconfirmation of Learning Plan**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by S. Howe that the Board of Education approve the January reconfirmation of the Leslie Public Schools Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**F. Communication of COVID Cases**

Superintendent Powers advised that the biggest concern in communicating the occurrence of a positive COVID-19 case with our stakeholders is the confidentiality piece.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Isham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Eric Isham, Secretary  
Leslie Public Schools