

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Annual Organizational Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023
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
 Dominic Ambroggio
 Brad Dunlap
 Bud Fifield
 Eric Isham
 Deann Maynard
 Elisabeth Yeider

Members absent: None

Administrator(s)
present: Scott Powers, Superintendent

Others: Dave Medcoff

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT

The board received public comments from Lance Woodland.

JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

ANNUAL BOARD ORGANIZATION

Appointment of a Temporary Chairperson

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by D. Maynard that Scott Powers be appointed temporary Chairperson to serve until the election of a President.

Roll Call Vote that Scott Powers be appointed as temporary Chairperson:

Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham,
D. Maynard, E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

(President)

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

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

Roll Call Vote to close nominations for President:
Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham, D. Maynard, E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Dave Cowing as President.
Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham, D. Maynard, E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Dave Cowing voted as President until January 15, 2024.

(Vice-President)

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard to nominate Bud Fifield as Vice-President.

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

Roll Call Vote to close the nominations for Vice-President:
Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham, D. Maynard, E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Bud Fifield as Vice-President.
Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham, D. Maynard, E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Bud Fifield voted as Vice-President until January 15, 2024.

(Treasurer)

Moved by D. Cowing, supported by B. Fifield to nominate Deann Maynard as Treasurer.

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Cowing to close nominations for the office of Treasurer.

Roll Call Vote to close the nominations for Treasurer:
Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham, D. Maynard, E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Deann Maynard as Treasurer:
Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham, D. Maynard, E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Deann Maynard voted as Treasurer until January 15, 2024.

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(Secretary)

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by D. Maynard to nominate Eric Isham as Secretary.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by E. Yeider to close nominations for the office of Secretary.

Roll Call Vote to close the nominations for Secretary:

Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham, D. Maynard, E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Eric Isham as Secretary:

Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham, D. Maynard, E. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Eric Isham voted as Secretary until January 15, 2024.

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: Bud Fifield

District Advisory Team

Deann Maynard

Alternate: Brad Dunlap

Alternate: Dominic Ambroggio

Leslie Public Schools Foundation Member

Bud Fifield

Alternate: Brad Dunlap

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

Dominic Ambroggio

Alternate: Brad Dunlap

Positive Culture Committee

Dominic Ambroggio

Alternate: Dave Cowing

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CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Ambroggio that the Board of Education approve:

The January 9, 2023 Agenda; Minutes of the December 12, 2022 regular meeting (open and closed) Officially designate Joan Beachey 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; The bills in the amount of \$266,076.04 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 12/31/2022.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

December 20, 2022 IISD Board Briefs and December 22, 2022, School Law Notes were distributed as informational items.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

Maintenance Updates—Dave Medcoff

Dave presented updates on the roof and the tennis courts.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Sinking Fund Update

Superintendent Scott Powers presented the signs that will be used for communicating what the sinking fund is being used for. One sign will also be displayed in each school.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

NEOLA Fall (September 2022) Policy Updates

Moved by E. Isham, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the NEOLA Volume 37, No. 1 Policies Revisions - Fall (September 2022) Updates as presented.

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

Resolution to Set Regular Meeting and Workshop Meeting Dates for 2023 and January 2024

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by E. Yeider that the Resolution to Set Regular Meeting and Workshop Meeting Dates for 2023 and January 2024 as shown in enclosure 4 be approved and attached with the minutes of this meeting.

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

Retain Thrun Law Firm

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by E. Yeider to retain Thrun Law Firm (general counsel) for the 2023 calendar year.

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

Resolution Authorized Signers - Bank Accounts

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to continue using the account/services with Independent Bank and approve the authorized signers on the LPS bank account as outlined in Enclosure 6.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 1 (E. Yeider). Motion Carried.

Accept Resignation

Moved by E. Yeider, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Andrea Lowder as High School Spanish teacher.

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

Teacher Contract Negotiations

Closed Session:

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield to convene into closed session pursuant to Subsection 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing teacher negotiations."

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 2 (D. Ambroggio, E. Isham)
Motion carried.

The board entered closed session at 7:44 p.m.

Open Session

"Moved by E. Yeider, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education ratify (*Board Member*) D. Cowing's, declaration that the board re-enter open session."

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 2 (D. Ambroggio, E. Isham), abstention 0.
Motion carried.

The board entered open session at 8:16 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by D. Cowing supported by D. Maynard to adjourn the meeting at
8:16 p.m."

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 2 (D. Ambroggio, E. Isham), 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, Board of Education
Leslie Public Schools