

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, October 12, 2020  
6:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Library/Remote

**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 Dave Cowing at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Dave Cowing  
Shauna Howe  
Eric Isham  
Deann Maynard  
Mary Crowl  
John Wayne Stewart  
Bud Fifield

Members absent: None

Administrator(s)  
present: Jeff Manthei, Superintendent  
Scott Powers  
Todd Gonser  
Connie Gonzalez  
Rob DeSmith  
Andrea Roach  
Travis McComb  
Anita Strong (Remote)  
Dave Medcoff  
Kara Mowers (Remote)

Others: Haylie Holley  
Rob Atkins  
Christen Martinson (Remote)  
Leslie staff and community members (remote) a complete list of remote attendees is available at the Superintendent's Office.

Pledge of Allegiance given.

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

The board and Mr. Powers discussed various compensation packages. The board recommended that Mr. Powers and President Cowing finalize the negotiations and bring a recommendation back to the board for approval.

**COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT - CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN**

None

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT

Amanda Caudill, Meridian Road, Leslie discussed the recent positive COVID test. She also shared her concern that there were no hand sanitizer stations in the hallways at Woodworth. President Cowing and Principal Gonzalez advised her that there is hand sanitizer available in individual pumps in every classroom. Principal Gonzalez also shared that there are protocols in place for washing hands and sanitizing when students transition from room to room.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by S. Howe that the Board of Education approve the October 12, 2020 Agenda; Minutes of the September 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting; Minutes of the September 21, 2020 Special Board Meeting; bills in the amount of \$200,293.387 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 9/30/20. Vote: ayes: 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

September 15, 2020 ISD Board Briefs and September 24, 2020 School Law Notes were distributed as informational items. President Cowing shared the thank you letter to Leslie United Methodist Church with the board.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

**A. Sinking Fund**

Jeff Manthei provided the board with handouts detailing possible future Sinking Fund Projects. The board discussed the below Sinking Fund Projects:

- Underground Tank removal
- Replacement of Woodworth Ventilation Controls
- Baseball and softball bleachers
- Relocating the long jump and pole vault
- High school roof
- Limestone under the bleachers
- Paving of lots and drives

**B. Childcare Update**

Woodworth Principal Connie Gonzalez briefed the board on Wednesdays Child Care Data and the CARES Act.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

**A. Committee Reports**

- Superintendent Manthei updated that the Leslie Public Schools Foundation turned the Halloween light pole decorating contest over to the City and Chamber of Commerce

- Superintendent Manthei shared that the first DAT Committee meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2020.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION (Cont.)

**A. Accept Resignation**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Alexa Hayes-Murray as the High School English teacher. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**B. Hire High School English Teacher**

Moved by S. Howe, supported by E. Isham that the Board of Education hire Christen Martinson as the High School English Teacher per the recommendation of the interview committee. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**C. NEOLA Spring (February 2020) Policies Updates - First Reading**

Moved by E. Isham, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the (February 2020) NEOLA Spring Updates as presented. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried

Revised Policy 2210	Curriculum Development
Revised Policy 2412	Homebound Instruction Program
Revised Policy 2414	Reproductive Health and Family Planning
Revised Policy 3362.01	Threatening Behavior toward Staff Members
Revised Policy 4162	Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Drivers and Other Employees who Perform Safety-Sensitive Functions
Revised Policy 5200	Attendance
New Policy 5335	Care of Students with Chronic Health Conditions
Revised Policy 6107	Authorization to Accept and Distribute Electronic Records and to Use Electronic Signatures
Revised Policy 8210	School Calendar
Revised Policy 8400	School Safety Information
Revised Policy 8462	Student Abuse and Neglect
Revised Policy 8600	Transportation

**D. NEOLA Special Update (July 2020) Title IX Regulations - First Reading**

Moved by S. Howe, supported by M. Crowl the Board of Education approve the first reading of the 2020 NEOLA Special Update (July 2020) Title IX Regulations as presented. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

New Policy 2266

Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex  
in Education Programs or Activities

**E. NEOLA Fall (August 2020) Policies Update First Reading**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the fall (August 2020) NEOLA Updates as presented. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Revised Policy 4362.01

Threatening Behavior toward Staff  
Members

Revised Policy 5610

Emergency Removal, Suspension and  
Expulsion of Students

Revised Policy 5611

Due Process Rights

Revised Policy 7440

Facility Security

New Policy 8450.01

Protective Facial Coverings During  
Pandemic/Epidemic Events

**F. Continuity of Learning**

Andrea Roach presented the Continuity of Learning Plan to the Board. The Board and Administration discussed their concerns regarding the number of online learners who are failing classes. Discussion was held regarding the difficulties of providing both face-to-face and online learning. The Board discussed options to provide additional resources to help alleviate the extra workload the staff and teachers are experiencing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by J.W. Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham, Secretary  
Leslie Public Schools