

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Regular/Workshop Meeting  
Monday, October 26, 2020  
6:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Library/Remote

**CALL MEETING**

The regular workshop 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  
                              Bud Fifield  
                              John Wayne Stewart

Members absent:        None

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

Others:

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:  
None

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

**A. New Superintendent's Contract**

Moved by S. Howe, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve the new Superintendent's contract as presented, effective upon retirement of the current Superintendent Jeff Manthei through June 30, 2023. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**B. NEOLA Resolution-The Open Meetings Act (Amended)**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by S. Howe that the Board of Education approve the Resolution regarding the Opens Meetings Act (Amended) as presented. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

### **C. Sinking Fund**

Superintendent Manthei provided handouts to the Board with possible 2021 Sinking Fund Projects. The Board discussed the Sinking Fund projects for 2020-2021, which include completing the work on the football bleachers, fencing, sidewalk, stone, pavement projects at the high school and middle school, removing the underground fuel tanks, Woodworth ventilation controls, softball and baseball bleachers and relocation of the field events. The Board discussed the recent bond vote and the possibility of putting the bond back on the ballot in August 2021. The paving projects will be sent out for bids. Once those bids are returned the Board will readjust the remaining projects.

### **D. Possible Way to Aid Teachers**

High School Principal Scott Powers is chairing a committee that is looking into ways to alleviate the stress and workload that teachers are experiencing. The following list of ideas was shared with the Board:

- Staff member dedicated to uploading documents
- Staff member dedicated to transferring documents into a google document
- Tech support for google classroom
- Tier One help desk
- Online teacher for every grade level
- Two ½ days Thanksgiving week dedicated to teachers catchup on grading
- Rotating subs for additional time dedicated to catchup
- Dedicated staff member to call on missing assignments
- Dedicated staff member to log the two way contacts
- Second monitors
- Increase number of walk throughs
- Additional cleaning staff

### **E. Review of Budget Revision**

Business Manager Anita Strong reviewed the Budget Revision with the Board. The new state formula for student count was favorable for LPS. Our budget was based on 1,179 students and our student count came in at 1,181. We budgeted an anticipated cut of \$650 per student and the actual funding there was no cut in state funding. The administration added the purchase of a needed school bus. The Board will vote on this revised budget at their November 9, 2020 meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by E. Isham to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric Isham, Secretary  
Leslie Public Schools