

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Regular Board/Workshop Meeting  
Wednesday, October 28, 2015  
6:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Board Room

**CALL MEETING**

A regular board/workshop 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 6:07 p.m.

Members present: Eric Isham  
Tim Carroll  
Mary Crowl  
Deann Maynard  
James Wood (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)  
Bud Fifield  
John Wayne Stewart

Members absent:  
Administrator(s)  
present: Jeff Manthei, Superintendent

Others: Scott Powers  
Anita Strong  
Cindy Farley  
Alexa Hayes-Murray  
Molly Turner  
David Cowing  
Megan Cowing

Pledge of Allegiance given.  
COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:  
None.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:  
Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by T. Carroll that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the NEOLA Fall Updates as presented. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (J. Wood). Motion carried.

**NEOLA POLICIES  
FALL UPDATES/  
FIRST READING**

Supt. Jeff Manthei reported that the District Advisory Team has held two readings of two potential new high school courses for the 2016-2017 school year. Alexa Hayes-Murray outlined

**INTRODUCTION/  
RECOMMENDATION  
FROM DAT  
PUBLICATIONS  
AP CHEMISTRY**

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her proposal for a Publications class. Molly Turner talked about the possibility of an AP Chemistry class. This will be an action item on the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board agenda.

State Reporting/Data Specialist Cindy Farley presented data on unfilled teacher substitute jobs for the last two years and the first two months of the 2015-16 school year. Board members expressed concern about too many staff members at the elementary school out of the building at one time on two days in particular. At this time, it does not appear that there is an issue with filling substitute positions, as our fill rate is high.

**SEMI-PERMANENT  
TEACHER SUBS**

Business Manager Anita Strong discussed budget revisions. Budget numbers are based on FTE of 1290.55. Budget numbers will be shared with administrators next week. Many questions were asked regarding revenue that has not been reported, in particular, revenue from sporting events. The Board was assured by Supt. Manthei that the day care managers would receive a monthly budget report. Budget adjustments will be an action item on the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board agenda.

**BUDGET REPORTS**

High School Principal Scott Powers outlined the 2015 ACT scores which showed five year trends. Mr. Powers also provided the Board with a graph showing the state averages of ACT testing and Leslie High School ACT testing averages. He also mentioned the State of Michigan has switched to SAT testing. Kahn Academy prepares students to take the SAT and is a free service.

**ACT/SAT SCORES**

Board member M. Crowl questioned if the two-hour delay was resulting in additional student achievement and growth. Supt. Manthei shared feedback on the two-hour professional

**FEEDBACK ON  
TWO-HOUR PD  
LATE STARTS**

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development late starts. Teachers were asked if the two-hours was an effective use of their time. The results are 90.6% agreed it was; 4.4% unsure; and 5% disagreed.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding a sinking fund ballot item. Board consensus to put this issue on the August 2016 ballot asking for 3 mils for 10 years. A "Leslie Residents for Community Growth" meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Leslie Fire Barn. This committee will report at all board meetings and workshops.

**SINKING FUND  
DISCUSSION**

Supt. Manthei reported that a name has been chosen for the district newsletter. "The Blackhawk Bulletin . . . Futures Taking Flight" is a combination of names submitted by three students. These students will receive a gift card.

**DISTRICT  
NEWSLETTER**

President Isham adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Crowl, Secretary  
Leslie Public Schools