

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, November 8, 2021  
7:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Library

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 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Dave Cowing  
Eric Isham  
Deann Maynard  
Mary Crowl (Arrived at 7:08)  
John Wayne Stewart  
Bud Fifield

Members absent: Shauna Howe

Administrator(s)  
present: Scott Powers, Superintendent  
Travis McComb Greg Psconda  
Andrea Roach Kara Mowers  
Connie Gonzalez Kristen Hawkins  
Julie Fletcher Dave Medcoff

Others: Marcella Thayer Rachel Gibson  
Hattie Dornbush Amy Dunlap  
Dominic Ambroggio Andrea Mayes  
Mallory McCort Deb Jansen  
Lindsay Waldron

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:

Marcy Thayer, Woods Road, Leslie. She thanked the superintendent, Board of Education and the Bond Committee for all of their hard work. She noted that there were several opportunities provided for people if people wanted to be informed about the bond.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart to approve the November 8, 2021 Agenda; Minutes of the October 11, 2021 regular board meeting; the bills in the amount of \$122,740.53 as presented; Pcard statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 10/31/2021.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 2 (M. Crowl & S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

October 28, 2021 Thrun School Law Notes, and October 19, 2021 IISD Board Briefs were distributed as informational items.

From the Thrun School Law Notes, Superintendent Powers pointed out a change to the required Days and Hours for the 2021-22 school year. Last year, due to Covid, MDE made exceptions to the required Days and Hours. There are no exceptions expected for the current 2021-22 school year. Districts will need to take this into consideration when deciding to close from excess absences due to Covid.

INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

**Orton-Gillingham Training**

Woodworth Elementary Instructional Coach, Rachel Gibson, provided an update on the Orton-Gillingham & Michigan Dyslexia Institute training offered to Woodworth staff. Eleven Woodworth teachers and two aides participated in this training. The training took place on multiple Saturdays. Rachel pointed out that staff members gave up their own time to participate in these trainings. In addition to the training, eight teachers have signed up for additional training to become certified Orton-Gillingham classroom educators.

**Sinking Fund Update**

Business Manager, Julie Fletcher, provided an update on the Sinking Fund. Information was provided on the sinking fund balance, current expenses and expected levy amounts.

Committee Reports

**District Advisory Team (DAT)**

Superintendent Powers presented an update on DAT. The committee has been discussing district improvement reporting requirements for MICIP, the preparation of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment, and upcoming parent surveys. The possibility of offering high school Spanish credit at the middle school and individual building reports were also points of discussion at the meeting.

**Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA):**

Superintendent Powers presented an update on the recent ISOA meeting where district leadership, goals, and learning loss were discussed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**Parent Teacher Conferences**

Superintendent Powers gave an update on the recent parent teacher conference attendance at all three buildings.

**Principal Resignation**

Superintendent Powers informed the board that Leslie High School Principal, Todd Gonser, will be retiring in December. Current Middle School Principal, Andrea Roach, is interested in moving to the open high school principal position. Superintendent Powers, along with the board, support her move to that position. Due to that move, the middle school principal position will be posted.

**Bond Update**

Superintendent Powers shared an update on the Bond not passing. He thanked the bond committee for their time commitment and hard work.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

**A. Audit Report**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by D. Maynard to accept the 2020-21 financial audit report as presented by Bethany Verble of Maner Costerisan.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**B. Hire Leslie High School Robotics Coach**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education hire Marcy Thayer as the Leslie High School Robotics coach per the recommendation of Superintendent Powers.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**C. NEOLA EDGAR, Spring (February 2021), and Nondiscrimination/Anti-Harassment Policies Update - Second and Final Reading**

"Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve the second and final reading of the NEOLA EDGAR, Volume 35, No 2, and Nondiscrimination/Anti-Harassment Policies Revisions spring (February 2021) Updates as presented."

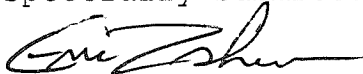
Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eric Isham, Secretary  
Leslie Public Schools