

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 9, 2015  
7:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Board Room

A regular 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 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mary Crowl  
Bud Fifield  
Eric Isham  
John Wayne Stewart  
Deann Maynard  
Tim Carroll  
James Wood (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

Members absent:

Administrator(s)  
present: Jeff Manthei, Superintendent  
Others: Kim Lindsay  
Troy James  
Pat James  
Rob DeSmith  
Jim Dell  
Scott Powers  
Travis McComb  
Carol Franz  
Scott Cousineau

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:  
None.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart to approve the March 9, 2015 agenda; Minutes of February 9, 2015 regular meeting (open and closed); Minutes of February 25, 2015 regular/workshop meeting; The bills in the amount of \$209,126.18 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement (February 2015); General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Fund Budget Report as of 2/28/15. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (J. Wood), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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CORRESPONDENCE:

School Law Notes; ISD Board Briefs; Letter from Pupil Accounting Auditor; and Letter from a parent were distributed as informational items.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

1) Woodworth Bottom 30% Report  
Woodworth Elementary Principal Jim Dell said even though Woodworth is no longer a focus school, their staff wants to continue focus on the bottom 30%. 97 students are enrolled in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, of which 36 are identified in the bottom 30%. According to the AIMS screening scores, there has been growth in reading. In addition, according to AIMS screening scores, there has also been growth in math.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1) Budget Information  
Lewis & Knopf Accountant Kim Lindsay gave an update on the budget. Accounts are up-to-date through the end of February. Best Practices Resolution will be an action item on the April 20, 2015 agenda. Currently, fund equity is at 1%.

2) Enrollment  
Supt. Jeff Manthei reported that enrollment is 1,398 as of Mar. 4, 2015. This number includes Ingham Virtual, GSRP and drive-in students.

3) Board Retreat  
Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Wild 100 Nature Center has been set for the Board Retreat.

4) Potential Overnight Forensics Trips  
Supt. Manthei informed the Board there are two potential overnight forensics trips in May.

5) Middle School Football

Proposed changes to bring 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade football under the umbrella of the Leslie Youth Association was discussed. This proposed alignment would allow more games in a season. An action item will be on the April 20, 2015 board agenda.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education approve budget adjustments for the General Fund as outlined in Enclosure #7. Roll Call Vote: ayes 7 (M. Crawl, E. Isham, J.W. Stewart, B. Fifield, D. Maynard, T. Carroll, J. Wood); nays 0; absent 0; abstention 0. Motion carried.

**BUDGET  
ADJUSTMENTS**

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by M. Crawl that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Anthony Foster as Leslie Middle School Counselor. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**ACCEPT  
RESIGNATION**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education hire Tammie Doane as Middle School Head Track Coach per the recommendation of Middle School Athletic Director Tom Shafer. Vote: ayes 5, nays 2 (M. Crawl, T. Carroll), absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE MIDDLE  
SCHOOL HEAD  
TRACK COACH**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by J. Wood that the Board of Education hire Grady Doane as 1<sup>st</sup> Middle School Assistant Track Coach per the recommendation of Middle School Athletic Director Tom Shafer. Vote: ayes 4, nays 3 (M. Crawl, T. Carroll, D. Maynard), absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE 1<sup>st</sup> MIDDLE  
SCHOOL ASST  
TRACK COACH**

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education hire Lee Stineman as 2<sup>nd</sup> Middle School Assistant Track Coach per the recommendation of Middle School Athletic Director Tom Shafer. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE 2<sup>nd</sup> MIDDLE  
SCHOOL ASST  
TRACK COACH**

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Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education hire Jacob Alvarado as JV Girls Soccer Coach per the recommendation of High School Athletic Director Scott Cousineau. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE JV GIRLS  
SOCCER COACH**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (215 days per year) to Carol Franz as Middle School Principal which would extend her contract to June 30, 2017. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**CONTRACT  
EXTENSIONS**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (215 days per year) to Scott Powers as High School Principal which would extend his contract to June 30, 2017. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by T. Carroll that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (210 days per year) to Scott Cousineau as High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director which would extend his contract to June 30, 2017. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (215 days per year) to James Dell as Elementary School Principal which would extend his contract to June 30, 2017. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (210 days per year) to Rob DeSmith as Special Education Director which would extend his contract to June 30, 2017. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

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Moved by T. Carroll, supported by D. Maynard that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Troy James as Leslie Public School's Transportation Director/Working Maintenance Supervisor which would extend his contract to June 30, 2017. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion Carried.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by T. Carroll that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (210 days per year) to Kristen Hawkins as Leslie Public School's Food Service Director which would extend her contract to June 30, 2017. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by B. Fifield that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Loretta Vince as Leslie Public School's Executive Secretary which would extend her contract to June 30, 2017. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by J. Wood that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Cindy Farley as Leslie Public School's State Reporting/Data Specialist which would extend her contract to June 30, 2017. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by T. Carroll to convene into closed session pursuant to Subsection 8 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing teacher contract negotiations. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 1 (E. Isham). Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Due to conflict of interest, President E. Isham abstained from voting and left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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The Board entered Closed Session at 8:50 p.m.

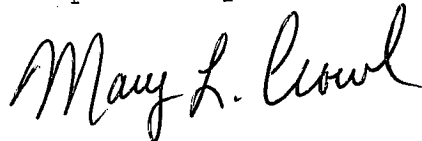
Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart  
that the Board of Education re-enter regular  
Session at 9:18 p.m. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0,  
absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion  
carried.

**OPEN SESSION**

Vice President Carroll adjourned the meeting  
at 9:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary L. Crowl". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Mary Crowl, Secretary  
Leslie Public Schools