

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Retreat  
Sunday, April 26, 2015  
1:30 p.m. Wild 100  
Russell Miller Nature Center  
2800 Perrine Road, Rives Junction, Michigan

**CALL MEETING**

The Retreat of the Board of Education of the Leslie Public Schools, Ingham and Jackson Counties, Michigan, was called to order by President Eric Isham at 1:33 p.m.

Members present: Eric Isham  
Tim Carroll  
Bud Fifield  
Deann Maynard  
Mary Crawl  
James Wood

Members absent: John Wayne Stewart  
Administrator(s)  
present: Superintendent Jeff Manthei

Others: Mike Duda, Haslett Public Schools Superintendent  
Kristin Beltzer, Haslett Board of Education President

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:  
None.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

**Team Building**

Haslett Superintendent Mike Duda and Haslett Board President Kristin Beltzer shared their ideas for positive board relationships. Much discussion ensued about positive relationships with the community, parents and staff. They outlined the strategy their district used for two successful sinking fund ballot issues.

**Sinking Fund**

The board previously decided to put a sinking fund issue on the November 2015 ballot. A list of needs was created by the administrators. The top three facility needs identified are roofs, parking lots

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and safety. Much discussion ensued regarding asking volunteers to serve on a campaign committee. Consensus of the Board to put 1.75 mills for 10 years on the ballot.

#### **Outcomes of Board for 2 years**

Proficiency target mapping reports were distributed to board members. After much discussion, it was decided to put these reports on a future workshop agenda for further review.

#### **2015-2016 Budget**

Supt. Manthei distributed an Estimated State Aid Report based on Governor Snyder's Recommendation, the Senate Proposal and the House Proposal. The 2015-16 proposed budget is based on 1,260 students. In the Governor's recommendation over \$311,000 would have to be cut to balance the budget; the Senate proposal, over \$279,600; and the House proposal, over \$178,900. An additional \$290,000 needs to be cut due to spending from the 2014-2015 budget fund balance. Supt. Manthei talked briefly about the proposed cuts in the budget. More budget information will be included in the May 11, 2015 Superintendent's Report.

#### **Superintendent Briefs**

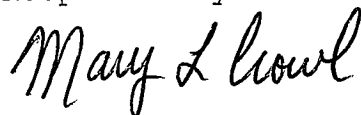
Consensus of the Board that the Superintendent Goals as presented are effective from August 2015 to August 2016.

Supt. Manthei talked briefly about possible scenarios for business office configurations. More details will be brought to the Board at a later date.

President Isham adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Crowl, Secretary  
Leslie Public Schools