

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, May 10, 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 Dave Cowing at 7:01 p.m.

Members present: Dave Cowing
Shauna Howe
Deann Maynard
Eric Isham (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)
Mary Crowl
John Wayne Stewart
Bud Fifield

Members absent: None

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

Others: Hannah Dunham
Leslie staff and community members (remote) a complete list of remote attendees is available at the Superintendent's Office.

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT - Reconfirmation of Learning Plan - None

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CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by S. Howe to approve the May 10, 2021 Agenda; Minutes of the April 12, 2021, regular board meeting; Minutes of the April 21, 2021, regular/workshop board meeting; Officially designate Julie Fletcher to assume specified responsibilities of Treasurer as outlined in Board By-Law 0154G; Officially designate Julie Fletcher as Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO) in accordance with Policy #6244; the bills in the amount of \$607,423.15 be approved for payment as presented, Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 4/30/2021. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

April 29, 2021 School Law Notes and April 13, 2021 IISD Board Briefs were distributed as informational items.

President Cowing shared the Family & Consumer Science Educators of Michigan's (FCSEM) letter recognizing Anne Ribby for her continued years of service and her concern for other teachers and students in the State of Michigan.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

K-6 ELA Curriculum (Core Knowledge Language Arts-CLKA/Amplify)

Andrea Roach shared that they have been researching a new ELA Curriculum to replace Reading Street, which expires June 2022. They have narrowed it down to one which is phonics based with online components. The CLKA/Amplify will be piloted with selected grades next year. If the pilot is successful, it will be brought before the board for approval.

Committee Reports

Ingham School Officers Association (I.S.O.A)

Mary Crawl mentioned other schools and how they are handling students face-to-face and online. Superintendent Powers shared that Leslie's plan for 2021-22 is to return face-to-face five days a week with masks restrictions.

District Advisory Team (DAT)

Superintendent Powers advised the DAT team will be discussing the ELA proposed curriculum. He also advised that state testing has been occurring. COVID-19 tests are done weekly on our athletes.

Leslie Public School District Foundation

Superintendent Powers shared the below from the last Foundation meeting:

- They have a new trustee, Beth Yeider
- Geocaching at Wild 100

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

ISD Budget

Superintendent Powers advised that the Ingham ISD budget was provided to the board on April 14 from Barbara Weathers. Each district's board acts on approving the ISD Budget. A motion to act on the ISD budget follows under Board actions.

ESSER II Funds

Superintendent Powers shared that approximately 43.6% of the ESSER II funds has been released to the schools. Leslie's funds was used on three on-line teachers.

Introduce Woodworth's Student Handbook

Superintendent Powers introduced Woodworth's Student Handbook to the board for review. The board will vote to approve the changes at their June 7 board meeting.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

A. 2021-2022 High School Student Handbook

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 High School Handbook as introduced at the April 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

B. Hire Business Technician

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by S. Howe that the Board of Education hire Melissa Fauser as the Business Office Technician per the recommendation of Superintendent Powers. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

C. Hire High School Special Education Teacher 2021-2022 School Year

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education hire Hannah Dunham as a High School Special Education Teacher beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

D. Hire High School Special Education Teacher 2021-2022 School Year

Moved by S. Howe, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education hire Kaitlyn Kowalkowski as a High School Special Education Teacher beginning with the 2021-2022 school year per the recommendation of Special Education Director Rob DeSmith. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

E. 2021-2022 School of Choice Resolution

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 School of Choice Resolution as detailed in enclosure #8. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0.

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Motion carried.

F. Support or Disapproval of ISD's General Fund Budget

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education approve the proposed ISD budget as detailed in Enclosure #9 Resolution. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, J.W. Stewart & Bud Fifield, Nays 0, Absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

G. Reconfirmation of Learning Plan

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve the April reconfirmation of the Leslie Public Schools Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

H. Sinking Fund/Millage

Superintendent Powers updated the board as listed below:

Sinking Fund:

- Preconstruction/paving meeting went well - starting week of June 14th - end date August 8-9
- County drain permit applied for
- There will be access to the building with minimal disturbance

Operating Millage:

- Completed three community forum meetings
- Educational mailing has gone out
- Filmed some short videos - will be released later this week
- Pamphlets being developed to distribute explaining the difference between the Operating Millage and the Bond
- Superintendent has presented at all three schools

Bond:

- Bond committee has been meeting
- Will present to the board at the May Workshop
- Promoting some positive videos with what is going on in our schools

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by J.W. Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham, Secretary
Leslie Public Schools