

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Regular/Workshop Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2020
6:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Library/Remote

CALL MEETING

The special workshop 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 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Dave Cowing
 Shauna Howe
 Eric Isham (remote)
 Deann Maynard (remote)
 Mary Crowl (remote)
 John Wayne Stewart
 Bud Fifield

Members absent: None

Administrator(s)
present: Jeff Manthei, Superintendent
 Scott Powers (remote)
 Todd Gonser (remote)
 Connie Gonzalez (remote)
 Andrea Roach (remote)
 Rob DeSmith (remote)
 Troy James (remote)
 Travis McComb (remote)
 Anita Strong (remote)
 Greg Pscodna (remote)

Others: Dave Medcoff (remote)
 Pam Beagle, (remote)
 Alexa Hayes (remote)
 Alison Morrison (remote)
 Andrea Weaver (remote)
 John Weaver (remote)
 Anne Ribby (remote)
 Betsy Waldofsky (remote)
 Brooke Stahle (remote)
 Christine Brawner (remote)
 Colleen Hart (remote)
 Deb Jansen (remote)
 George Manson (remote)
 Holly Baily (remote)
 JoAnn Isham (remote)
 Kristen Ambroggio (remote)
 Kristin Phillips (remote)
 Lee Stineman (remote)

Marcella Thayer (remote)
Pat James (remote)
Patricia David (remote)
Rebecca Clark (remote)
Tucker Surbrook (remote)
Andrea Smolinski (remote)
Jamie Ries (remote)
Laura Fenger (remote)

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:

Deann Maynard, 4747 Jackson Road thanked the district for their efforts on graduation for our 2020 seniors. Board members D. Cowing and M. Crowl also thanked the district.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

A. 2019-2020 Budget Amendment

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 budget amendment #3 for the General Fund. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

B. 2020-2021 Budget

Superintendent Manthei briefed the board on the status of next year's budget. If the board approves it, a Voluntary Severance Plan will be offered to administrators and teachers. There is a possibility of layoffs for next year. Devices need to be included for distance learning for students.

C. 2020-2021 High School Handbook

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by S. Howe that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 High School Student Handbook as introduced at the May 11th regular board meeting. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

D. Voluntary Severance Plan

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by S. Howe that the Board of Education approve the 2020 Voluntary Severance Plan for Teachers and Administrators. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, B. Fifield & J.W. Stewart, Nays: Deann Maynard & Mary Crowl, absent 0, abstention 1 (E. Isham) His mom is part of the bargaining unit. Motion carried.

E. August 2020 Bond Update

The bond committee has been formed with positive energy towards the bond. The committee is looking for a person to spearhead the drive.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Isham", with a long, sweeping underline.

Eric Isham, Secretary
Leslie Public Schools