

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Truth in Taxation Public Hearing and  
Regular/Workshop Meeting  
Wednesday, June 24, 2020  
6:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Library/Remote

**CALL MEETING**

The Truth and Taxation Public Hearing was called to order by President Dave Cowing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Members absent: Shauna Howe

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

Others: Jennifer Darling  
Shanna Messner  
Pam Beagle (remote)  
Brooke Stahle (remote)  
Casey Sterle (remote)

Pledge of Allegiance given.

The regular/workshop meeting of the Board of Education of the Leslie Public Schools, Ingham and Jackson Counties, Michigan commenced immediately following the Truth and Taxation Public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

**COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:**

Shanna Messner, Elk Ridge Drive, Eaton Rapids shared her concerns with the restart of school in August.

Dave Medcoff, Territorial Road, Rives Junction advised the board on the status of the construction projects in the District.

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

**A. Hire High School/Middle School Counselor**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education hire Jennifer Darling as the High School/Middle School Counselor per the recommendation of the interview committee. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**B. Hire Middle School Football Coach**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education hire Tyler Holtz as the Middle School Football Coach per the recommendation of Athletic Director Greg Pscodna. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**C. Middle School Elective Course Curriculum-First Reading**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the Middle School Elective Course Curriculum as outlined in the attachment. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, Mary Crawl, J.W. Stewart, B. Fifield, Nays: 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**D. 2020-2021 Woodworth Elementary School Student Handbook**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Woodworth Elementary Student Handbook as introduced at the June 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**E. 2020-2021 Middle School Student Handbook**

Moved by M. Crawl, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Middle School Student Handbook as introduced at the June 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**F. Chrome Books Purchase**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 97 ChromeBooks from Sehi Computer Products in the amount of \$18,491.11 using authorized Title IV grant funds per the recommendation of Network Administrator Travis McComb. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**G. Resolution for 80/20 Insurance**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to comply with the Publicly Funded Health Contribution Act for 80/20 medical benefit plans. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 1 (E. Isham - Mom is member of the union). Motion carried

**H. 2019-2020 Budget Amendments**

**1) General Fund**

Moved by M. Crowl, supported by E. Isham that the Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 final budget amendment for the General Operating Fund. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried

**2) Food Service**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 final budget amendment for the Food Services Fund. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried

**3) Special Revenue Fund**

Moved by J. W. Stewart, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 final budget amendment for the Special Revenue Fund. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried

**I. Tax Levy**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve the L4029 Tax Levy. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried

**J. 2020-2021 Budget**

**1) General Fund**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by E. Isham that the General Operating Fund appropriation for the Leslie Public School District for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, which includes 17.9782 mils of Ad Valorem property taxes to be levied on all non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property be adopted. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crowl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried



**2) Food Service**

Moved by M. Crawl, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Food Service Fund appropriation for the Leslie Public School District for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be adopted. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried

**3) Special Revenue Fund**

Moved by J. W. Stewart, supported by M. Crawl that the Special Revenue Fund appropriation for the Leslie Public School District for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be adopted. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried

**K. Resolution Authorizing 2020 Short Term Borrowing**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Notes in anticipation of State School Aid (August 2020 Borrowing through the Michigan Finance Authority) for the 2020-2021 school year. Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried

**L. Superintendent Succession Plan**

The board discussed their options for filling the Superintendent vacancy upon the retirement of Superintendent Manthei in June 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, E. Isham, D. Maynard, M. Crawl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield; nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham, Secretary  
Leslie Public Schools