

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 28, 2020
6:00 p.m. - High School Library/Remote

CALL MEETING

The special 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
 Deann Maynard
 Mary Crowl
 John Wayne Stewart
 Bud Fifield

Members absent: none

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

Others: Terry Weber
 Kristi Weber
 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:

Brooke Stahle, 1109 Sleeping Meadow Lane, Mason expressed support to start school online then move to a hybrid, then face to face instruction by the end of the school year.

Elise Harper, 401 Doty Street, Leslie, expressed support for school to start 100% online.

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Ranee Bradish, 1539 Decamp, Stockbridge, expressed that she is not comfortable sending her children back to school.

Kristi Weber, 12625 Walker Road, Leslie, expressed that she would have answered the parent survey differently had she known temperature checks will not be done at school and is now leaning toward online instruction.

Heather Munro, 2733 Eden Road, Leslie, expressed concern regarding how online instruction will work with children that have an IEP.

Katie Robinson, 2355 Lansing Ave., Jackson, expressed concerns regarding social distancing in the classroom as it relates to evidence-based practices.

Kellie Connor, 310 Armstrong Street., Leslie, expressed concerns about online learning as she and her husband both work full time as well as children needing social skills.

Barbara Eilf, 4436 Stone Road, Onondaga, expressed concern about students returning to school.

Wendy Lippe, 4527 Petoskey Drive, Williamston, expressed that teachers want to be back in school but do not feel like they are ready.

Julie Tobin, 1187 Baseline Road, Stockbridge, expressed concern that support staff were not included in the staff survey regarding going back to school. She also expressed that she does not feel comfortable returning to face-to-face instruction, at least at the beginning of the school year.

Shelby Fleury, 122 Spring Street, Leslie, expressed that she is not comfortable with students returning to school until things get back to almost normal.

Matt Chamberlain, 307 Washington Street, Leslie expressed concerns about protocols if a child or substitute tests positive and whether or not online learning would then become available.

Brad Krabel, 12864 Peacock Road, Leslie commended the teachers for their hard work and expressed support for face-to-face instruction.

Hattie Dornbush, 4645 E. Berry Road, Pleasant Lake, expressed concern that the distance learning will not be good enough if it is like it was last Spring.

Melissa Hanson, 410 Meeker Street, Leslie, expressed that in person learning is best for her child and she supports whatever decision is made.

Kelly Sundeen, 760 Winding River Dr., Williamston, expressed concerns about face-to-face instruction and that she is confident that she is prepared for online teaching but she feels she is being asked to do two full-time jobs while compromising the health of families.

Robin Soles, 4281 Kinneville Road, Leslie, expressed that with precautions put in place face-to-face instruction can work.

Jane Weck, 1555 Covert Road, Leslie, expressed that the survey was too generic, with no protocols given. She expressed that she has several questions regarding the sick policy, how the school will enforce temperature checks and how the district will fund needed supplies.

Amanda Caudill, 4505 Meridian Road, Leslie, expressed questions regarding what resources the school will have available if face-to-face. She expressed that online will be tough but would worry more about staff if going back face to face.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

A. Return to Learn Plan/Instructional Options

The Return to Learn Plan, different instructional options, and the first day of school were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by E. Isham, supported by J.W. Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 p.m. 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham, Secretary
Leslie Public Schools