

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2020
7:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Library/Remote

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 President Dave Cowing at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members absent:

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

Others: Robert L. Atkins
 Kerry J. Frey
 Jessica Dexter
 Todd McDonald
 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:

JoAnn Isham, Race Street, Leslie shared her concerns regarding the preschool, GSRP and Head Start Programs being able to meet the LARA guidelines of less than ten students and distancing six feet apart.

Jessica Dexter, Simpson Road, Eaton Rapids thanked the District for offering face-to-face as well as virtual instruction. Her children will be attending Leslie under School of Choice and will be attending face-to-face.

Pam Chappel, Kinneville Road, Onondaga shared her support of face-to-face instruction.

Kristi Caretti, Edgar Road, Mason, shared her concerns regarding quarantine area, social distancing, drop off, supplies and proper sanitation. Has the district hired any additional cleaning staff?

Barb Eilf, Stone Road, Onondaga, questioned whether the virtual zoom classroom could run concurrently with the in-person classes. Possibly save time for the teachers.

Desiree Smith, Churchill Road, Leslie, shared that she has heard that the basics of the programs are being offered for students. Were teachers given an option of in-person or online?

Ranee Bradish, DeCamp Road, Stockbridge, questioned whether students who have chosen the online option if it will continue after October 1?

Superintendent Manthei shared that as long as a student meets the 50D requirements they can remain online for the entire school year.

Jason Tello, State Road, Leslie, questioned why a hybrid plan was not offered; are Ipads and Chromebooks available for students; what the transition plan would look like if online turns into in-person learning.

Jane Weck, Covert Road, Leslie shared she has four children in the school district and they have chosen online learning due to significant family health concerns. She also questioned if the parent surveys could be shared.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by S. Howe that the Board of Education approve the August 10, 2020 Agenda; Minutes of the July 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting; Minutes of the July 28, 2020 Special Board Meeting; bills in the amount of \$419,102.63 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 7/31/20. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

June 21, 2020 ISD Board Briefs and July 30, 2020 School Law Notes were distributed as informational items.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

Survey Results

Survey results were shared with the board. The district is anticipating 1150 students returning in the fall with approximately 39.2% choosing online and 60.8% face-to-face learning.

A. Return to Learn - High School

Principal Scott Powers reviewed the Return to Learn procedures for the High School

B. Return to Learn - Middle School

Principal Todd Gonser reviewed the Return to Learn procedures for the Middle School.

C. Return to Learn - Woodworth

Principal Connie Gonzales reviewed the Return to Learn procedures for Woodworth.

D. Bond

The Committee reported that although the bond failed, that most the committee members would like to return to serve and to pursue the bond again. The Board thanked the members for their efforts.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

A. Accept Resignation

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Andrea Weaver as the High School German Teacher. 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. Hire Transportation Supervisor

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education hire Kara Mowers as the Transportation Supervisor per the recommendation of the interview committee. 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.

C. Resolution Hull Road Walking Path

Moved by S. Howe, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education agrees to contribute 1/3 of the \$9,249 or 10% of the project cost dollars to the development of the Hull Road Walking Path at a cost of \$3,083. 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. Return To Learn Plan/Instructional Options

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by M. Crowl to begin school on August 24, 2020 and approve the District's Return to Learn Plan which offers two options: Option #1 Face-to-Face and Option #2 Online Learning Instruction. Roll Call Vote: ayes: D. Cowing, S. Howe, D. Maynard, M.

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Crowl, J.W. Stewart & B. Fifield, nays 1 (E. Isham - health and safety of students and staff should be number one concern, start the year 100% online and see how the year plays out), absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

E. Superintendent Interviews

The superintendent interviews will be held on September 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 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