

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, September 13, 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 President Dave Cowing at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members absent: Bud Fifield

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

Others:	Lindsay Waldron	Debbie Carlson
	Dustin Howe	Jaimee Boyer-Morton
	Amy Dunlap	Shelby Fleury
	Brooke Stahle	Lynn Hubbard
	Libby Rieman	LHS Student
	Shanna Messner	Jessica Dexter
	Lance Woodland	Hattie Dornbush
	Kelly Woodland	Ken Weinstein
	Ron Jacobs	Shanna Cole
	Deb Jansen	Ashley Wing
	Duane McMichael	Jessica Lightner
	Rachel Gibson	

Pledge of Allegiance given.

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COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:

Shelby Fleury, Spring Street, Leslie shared her concerns regarding the mask mandate and feels that wearing a mask should be an option. She also thanked the Board for their hard work.

Ashley Wing, Wright Road, Leslie shared her concerns about the mask mandate.

Lance Woodland, Styles Road, Pleasant Lake, shared his concerns about the mask mandate.

Shana Cole, Washington Street, Leslie shared her concerns about the mask mandate.

Duane McMichael, Harper Road, Mason shared his concerns about the mask mandate.

LHS Student, shared that he had collected 109 signatures from students in the High School that are against the mask mandate.

Hattie Dornbush, East Berry Road, Pleasant Lake expressed her thanks for everything that has been done in the last year and a half to keep students in school. She also offered to praise to Katie Dimas, Kindergarten teacher, and Andrea Roach, Middle School Principal for their efforts on behalf of her children.

Jessica Dexter, Stimson Road, Eaton Rapids shared her concerns about the mask mandate and would like it to be an option again as it was at the beginning of the school year.

Jaimee Boyer-Morton, State Road, Leslie expressed concerns about the mask mandate and feels parents should have a choice on whether or not their child wears a mask.

Dave Cowing, Searle Street, Leslie expressed that he shares many of the same feelings as those who oppose the mask mandate, but the board needs to follow the Ingham County Health Department guidelines and the board is doing everything we can to keep students in school.

Deann Maynard, Jackson Road, Leslie, expressed that the board is doing what is necessary to keep students in school.

Rob Darling, Rives Eaton Road, Rives Junction expressed his concerns about the mask mandate.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard to approve the September 13, 2021 Agenda; Minutes of the August 9, 2021 regular board meeting; Minutes of the August 25, 2021 regular workshop board meeting; the bills in the amount of \$228,114.94 as presented; Pcard statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 8/31/2021. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

August 26, 2021 School Law Notes, and August 17, 2021 IISD Board Briefs were distributed as information items. President Cowing shared thank you letters to Ann Adams, Chamberlain Farms and Leslie United Methodist Church for various donations to the Middle School. President Cowing shared information regarding a MACUL grant awarded to Marcy Thayer for the purchase of Edison Robots

INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

Athletic Update

Athletic Director Greg Pscodna shared the following:

- Big Teams is now being used for 7-12 grade athletes
- Video cameras are now located in the High School Gym and at the Football field for broadcasting athletic events through the NFHS Network

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ingham County Health Department Update

Superintendent Powers shared the updated guidance from the Ingham County Health Department regarding quarantine and COVID testing procedures for schools. He shared how each building is conducting testing and logging the information.

LPS Foundation Report

Superintendent Powers shared that the LPS Foundation met and is exploring various fundraising options.

NEOLA EDGAR, Spring (February 2021), and Nondiscrimination/Anti-Harassment Policies Update - Introduction

Superintendent Powers introduced the NEOLA EDGAR, Spring Updates, and Nondiscrimination/Anti-Harassment Policies to the Board. The first and second readings of the updates will be action items at the next two regular board meetings.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

A. Hire Title I Intervention Coordinator/Instructional Coach

Moved by S. Howe, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education hire Rachel Gibson as the Title I Intervention Coordinator and Instructional Coach at Woodworth Elementary per the recommendation of Woodworth Principal Connie Gonzalez. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

B. Hire Middle School Head Football Coach

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education hire Travis McComb as the Middle School Head Football Coach per the recommendation of Athletic Director Greg Pscodna. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

C. Hire High School Head Girls Tennis Coach

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education hire Amanda Shellhart as the High School Head Girls Tennis Coach per the recommendation of Athletic Director Greg Pscodna. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

D. Hire Middle School/Elementary Special Education Teacher

Moved by S. Howe, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education hire Jessica Fisher as the Middle School/Elementary Special Education teacher per the recommendation of Special Education Director Rob DeSmith. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

E. Accept Resignation

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by S. Howe that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Marcy Russell as Executive Secretary. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

F. Accept Resignation

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Emily Montroy as Kindergarten teacher. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifleld), abstention 0. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Isham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eric" being more prominent than the last name "Isham".

Eric Isham, Secretary
Leslie Public Schools