

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 14, 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 7:01 p.m.

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

Members absent: Shauna Howe

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

Others: Casey Sterle
 Jennifer Shook
 Deanna Perleberg
 Will Derr
 Grady Doane
 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:

Hattie Dornbush, East Berry Road, Pleasant Lake shared that she thought the start of school has gone great and thanked the staff for their handwork and dedication.

Shanna Messner, Elk Ridge Drive, Eaton Rapids shared her concerns that our teachers are being asked to clean their classrooms or contact their virtual learning students during their lunch period.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by E. Isham that the Board of Education approve the September 14, 2020 Agenda; Minutes of the August 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting; Minutes of the August 19, 2020 Special Board Meeting; Minutes of the August 26, 2020 Regular/Workshop Meeting (open and closed); bills in the amount of \$221,367.17 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 8/31/20. Vote: ayes: 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

August 18, 2020 ISD Board Briefs and August 27, 2020 School Law Notes were distributed as informational items. The MHSTeCA All Academic Award, which was awarded to the LPS Ladies Tennis Team, was shared in correspondence.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

A. Athletic Update

Athletic Director Greg Pscodna shared:

- the MHSAA guidelines for spectators attending sporting events
- There will be no concessions
- A live stream will be available for football and volleyball games
- Cheerleaders can attend games
- Band cannot attend games
- Band will be performing their half time and beginning performances at a separate date
- Fall season sports will end per their schedules
- Middle School Volleyball begin September 21

B. LPS Course Approval

High School Principal Scott Powers briefed the board on the LPS on-line course listings and requested their approval.

C. Blended Learning Discussion

A panel of teachers shared their thoughts and concerns regarding the on-line and face-to-face learning as well as continuing the Wednesdays with no face-to-face students to prepare and coordinate for their virtual instruction.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Manthei introduced the NEOLA Spring (February 2020), Special update (July 2020) and summer (August 2020) updates to the board. The first and second reading of the NEOLA Updates will be action items at the next two regular board meetings.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

A. Approval of LPS K-12 Courses

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve all courses offered by Leslie Public Schools that may be taught through an on-line platform. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Trustee M. Crowl requested the board to start talking about the Strategic Plan, evaluations and HS assistant principal.

Trustee D. Maynard inquired about the size of classes, virtual students wanting to return face-to-face and a waiting list.

Principal Gonzalez shared that based on the original survey replies, the administration team decided they would target a 70/30% split of face-to-face vs online instruction. In order to social distance in classrooms, they have to limit the number they can accept back face-to-face in the current COVID19 level.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by E Isham to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Roll Call Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham, Secretary
Leslie Public Schools