

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, March 14, 2022  
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 Dave Cowing at 7:00 p.m.

Members present:        Dave Cowing  
                              Shauna Howe  
                              Deann Maynard  
                              Eric Isham  
                              Mary Crowl  
                              Bud Fifield  
                              Beth Yeider

Members absent:        None

Administrator(s)  
present:                 Scott Powers, Superintendent  
                              Andrea Roach  
                              Pat Weber  
                              Dave Medcoff  
                              Travis McComb  
                              Julie Fletcher  
                              Kara Mowers  
                              Rob DeSmith  
                              Kristen Hawkins

Others:

Darcey Thilo	Lance Woodland	Andrea Smolinski
Angela Kemp	Evan Bennehoff	
Courtney Kemp	Jessica Lightner	
Amy Dunlap	Lindsay Waldron	
Dominic Ambroggio	Shanna Messner	
Andrea Mayes	Hattie Dornbush	
Kelly Woodland	Casey Sterle	

Pledge of Allegiance given.

**COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT**

Casey Sterle, 12985 Dutch Road, Leslie, discussed her concerns with student trauma and asked the district to consider adding a Dean of Students or discipline staff member and a full-time counselor at each building.

Shanna Messner, 4011 Elkridge Drive, Eaton Rapids, gave an update on the Woodworth PTO organization that will be starting back up after being in

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hiatus due to COVID. The Girls on the Run program will also be starting back up after a COVID hiatus.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard to approve the March 14, 2022 Agenda; Minutes of the February 9, 2022 special meeting (open and closed); Minutes of the February 14, 2022 regular/workshop meeting; bills in the amount of \$121,350.26 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 2/28/22.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

February 15, 2022 IISD Board Briefs and February 24, 2022, School Law Notes were distributed as informational items.

#### **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

##### **A. Sinking Fund Update**

Dave Medcoff gave an update on the track renovation project. The bid process has started and the project is on schedule to begin later this spring.

##### **B. Certificate Spanish Class**

Rob DeSmith gave an update on the new Certificate Spanish class offering for the 2022-23 school year. The course will be taught by one of our existing Special Education teachers who has a Spanish endorsement.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

##### **A. Enrollment Update**

Superintendent Powers gave an update on enrollment numbers from fall to spring pupil membership count.

##### **B. ESSER III Grant Award Notification**

Superintendent Powers gave an ESSER III update. The district has received the grant award letter from the Michigan Department of Education, so the items/projects funded with the ESSER III grant can move forward.

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

##### **A. Accept Resignation - Ryan Duff**

"Moved by S. Howe, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Ryan Duff as Leslie High School German Teacher, effective April 15, 2022.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

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**B. Accept Resignation - Chris Bondsteel**

"Moved by B. Fifield, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Chris Bondsteel as Leslie High School Physical Education teacher and Student Council Advisor, effective March 16, 2022."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**C. Accept Resignation - Travis McComb**

"Moved by B. Yeider, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Travis McComb as Leslie Public Schools Network Specialist, effective April 8, 2022."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**D. Accept Resignation - Lisa Lutchka**

"Moved by S. Howe, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Lisa Lutchka as the Head Varsity Boys and Girls Track Coach."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**E. Hire Head Varsity Track Coach**

"Moved by E. Isham, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education hire Lee Stineman as the Head Varsity Boys and Girls Track Coach, per the recommendation of Athletic Director Greg Pscodna."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**F. CKLA/Amplify ELA Curriculum Purchase**

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the CKLA/Amplify ELA curriculum for the 2022-23 school year."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**G. Contract Extensions**

1. "Moved by D. Maynard, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (220 days per year) to Andrea Roach as High School Principal, which would extend her contract to June 30, 2024."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

2. "Moved by B. Yeider, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education approve a two-year contract extension (215 days per year) to Patrick Weber as Middle School Principal, which would extend his contract to June 30, 2024."

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Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

3. "Moved by E. Isham, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (210 days per year) to Rob DeSmith as Special Education Director, which would extend his contract to June 30, 2024."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

4. "Moved by S. Howe, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (210 days per year) to Kristen Hawkins as Food Service Director, which would extend her contract to June 30, 2024."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

5. "Moved by M. Crowl, supported by B. Yeider that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (205 days per year) to Kara Mowers as Transportation Director, which would extend her contract to June 30, 2024."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

6. "Moved by M. Crowl, supported by S. Howe that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Dave Medcoff as Maintenance Director, which would extend his contract to June 30, 2024."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

7. "Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Julie Fletcher as Business Manager, which would extend her contract to June 30, 2024."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

8. "Moved by B. Fifield, supported by S. Howe that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Cindy Farley, as Executive Secretary and Compliance Coordinator, which would extend her contract to June 30, 2024."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

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**H. Support Staff Negotiations**

**Closed Session**

"Moved by E. Isham, supported by M. Crowl, that the Board of Education convene into closed session at 7:32 p.m. pursuant to Subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing support staff contract negotiations.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**Open Session**

"Moved by E. Isham, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education reenter regular session at 8:06 p.m.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by E. Isham, supported by B. Fifield to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham, Secretary  
Leslie Public Schools