

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, June 13, 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
Bud Fifield
Eric Isham
Deann Maynard
Mary Cowl
Dominic Ambroggio (7:39 p.m.)

Members absent: Beth Yeider (Excused)

Also present: Scott Powers, Superintendent
Andrea Roach, Leslie High School Principal
Pat Weber, Leslie Middle School Principal
Matt Johns, interim Athletic Director
Marcy Thayer, Woodworth Elementary Teacher & Robotics Coach

Pledge of Allegiance given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The board received public comments from Brian Rogers, Jessica Dexter and Mary Cowl

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard to approve the June 13, 2022 Agenda; Minutes of the May 9, 2022 regular meeting; Minutes of the May 25, 2022 regular/workshop meeting (open and closed); bills in the amount of \$102,148.39 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 5/31/2022.

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 2 (B. Yeider & D. Ambroggio), abstention 0.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

May 17, 2022 IISD Board Briefs were distributed as an informational item.

Also distributed was a letter from Thrun Law Firm announcing long-time school attorney Martha Marcerro's retirement.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Elementary Robotics Update

Marcy Thayer and members of the elementary robotics team gave an update on the new elementary team. Students discussed what they learned and gave a demonstration of a motorized lego car they built. Mrs. Thayer is also looking at adding a middle school robotics team next year with available grant funding.

Character Strong Curriculum

Principal Roach presented the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum, Character Strong, that the district is looking at purchasing for grades K-12 next school year. SEL was a concern on the stakeholder surveys earlier this year. The district is able to use ESSER III funds to purchase the curriculum.

New Athletic League

Matt Johns discussed the Cascades Conference Athletic League. The conference is expanding and Leslie has been invited to join the league. The athletic department feels this league is a good fit for Leslie.

Continuity of Learning Plan

Principal Roach gave an update on Fastbridge and MStep data after Trimester 2. The third trimester had just ended and data was not yet available.

Woodworth Elementary 2021-22 Discipline Data

Superintendent Powers presented the Woodworth Elementary discipline data for the 2021-22 school year.

Leslie Middle School 2021-22 Discipline Data

Principal Weber presented the Leslie Middle School discipline data for the 2021-22 school year.

Leslie High School 2021-22 Discipline Data

Principal Roach presented the Leslie High School discipline data for the 2021-22 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

Superintendent Powers stated that the Truth in Taxation hearing is scheduled for June 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. followed by a regular/workshop board meeting.

Probationary Teacher Contracts

Superintendent Powers shared his 6/13/2022 memo advising which teachers are probationary and those receiving tenure. He thanked the teachers for the great job they did this year.

ESSER III - Woodworth Base Bid

Superintendent Powers discussed Centennial Electric's base bid for HVAC renovations at Woodworth Elementary.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Hire JV Volleyball Coach

"Moved by B. Fifield, supported by D. Ambroggio that the Board of Education hire Tari Reynolds as the J.V. Volleyball Coach for the 2022 volleyball season at Leslie Public Schools, per the recommendation of former Athletic Director Greg Pscodna."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

2022-2023 Leslie Middle School Student Handbook

"Moved by M. Crawl, supported by E. Isham that the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 Leslie Middle School Student Handbook as introduced at the May 9, 2022 Regular Board Meeting."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

NEOLA Spring (February 2022) Policy Updates

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by M. Crawl that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of the NEOLA, Volume 36, No. 2, Policy Revisions Spring (February 2022) Updates as presented."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

MASB 2022-23 Membership Renewal

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by D. Maynard to approve the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) 2022-2023 membership dues in the amount of \$3,259.00.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Hire Athletic Director

"Moved by D. Ambroggio supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education hire Matt Johns as the Athletic Director for Leslie Public Schools, per the recommendation of Superintendent Scott Powers."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Hire Physical Education/Health Teacher

"Moved by B. Fifield supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education hire Ken Bradley as the Physical Education and Health teacher for Leslie Middle School, per the recommendation of Principal Pat Weber."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Hire Varsity Head Football Coach

"Moved by D. Ambroggio supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education hire Ken Bradley as the Varsity Head Football Coach for Leslie High School, per the recommendation of Superintendent Scott Powers."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Purchase of Two School Buses Amendment

"Moved by D. Maynard supported by M. Crowl to amend the purchase amount of two school buses, as approved at the April 27, 2022 regular/workshop meeting, to \$101,464.00 for each bus for a total of \$202,928.00.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Woodworth Base Bid

"Moved by M. Crowl supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education award the 2022 HVAC and electrical base bid for Woodworth Elementary to Centennial Electric in the amount of \$625,500.00.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Accept Resignation - Woodworth Principal

"Moved by D. Ambroggio supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Connie Gonzalez as Woodworth Elementary Principal."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

MHSAA Membership Resolution

"Moved by E. Isham supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Membership Resolution for the 2022-2023 school year.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Resolution for 80/20 Insurance

"Moved by D. Maynard supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to comply with the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act for 80/20 medical benefit plans.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 2 (E. Isham and D. Ambroggio*). Motion carried.

*E. Isham and D. Ambroggio excused themselves and left the room during the discussion and vote. They have relatives who are instructional staff members.

Middle School Student 2020-21.2 Reinstatement Hearing

Closed Session:

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by D. Ambroggio to enter closed session at 8:38 p.m. at the request of the parents to protect the right of privacy as required by Federal Law for a discipline hearing.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Time entered closed session: 8:39 p.m.

Open Session:

"Moved by D. Maynard supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education ratify President Cowing's declaration that the board re-enter regular session at 8:55 p.m.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Reinstatement Motion:

"Moved by E. Isham supported by B. Fifield that after consideration by the Board of Education that Middle School Student 2020-21.2 be conditionally reinstate to Leslie Public Schools.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Yeider), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham, Secretary
Leslie Public Schools

